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40 MILLION YEAR OLD WASP/BEE COCOONS DISCOVERED AT BRYCE CANYON NATIONAL PARK

Hymenoptera (wasp/bee) cocoons have been reported from the Claron Formation along the western margin of the Markagunt Plateau, but recent discoveries at Bryce Canyon National Park confirm an abundance of fossil cocoon localities on the Pansaugunt Plateau.

It would appear that 40 million years ago, this part of southern Utah was swarming with bees and wasps.

Utah truly is the "Beehive" state.