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Comments: The Forest Service should prioritize preserving the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness over maintaining the Quinset hut.

The hut, a structure that degrades the wilderness area, is unnecessary for its administration. The Forest Service's own wilderness policy states that visitors must be prepared to handle the inherent risks of wilderness, including adverse weather, isolation, and potential delays in search and rescue.

Proposing to use helicopters and construct a new structure is counter to the principles of wilderness. It is a misinterpretation of the Wilderness Act to claim that such a structure is part of the wilderness character when the Act explicitly prohibits structures.

The Forest Service should adopt a more wilderness-compatible approach. They could either allow the metal remnants of the Quonset hut to naturally deteriorate over time or use non-motorized and non-mechanized tools to remove it. By doing so, they would ensure that Mount Timpanogos Wilderness remains a truly wild and unspoiled area.