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Comments: The Quinoset hut is not necessary to administer the Wilderness and should be allowed to degrade naturally. It is already in an unusable state.

The Forest Service already recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, saying visitors must face: "inherent risks of adverse weather conditions, isolation, physical hazards, and lack of rapid communications, and that search and rescue may not be as rapid as expected in an urban setting."

The proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is antithetical to Wilderness. It is a perversion of the Wilderness Act to declare such a structure is part of the wilderness character of the area when the Act clearly precludes structures.

Please do the most efficient, least costly, and most appropriate thing to help the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness be wild by allowing the metal remnants of the Quonset hut to fade with time. If it must be removed, use only wilderness-compatible techniques, such as non-motorized/non-mechanized tools.