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Comments: Dear USFS staff,

Please do not repair the Emerald Lake shelter in Mt. Timpanogos Wilderness. The 1964 Wilderness Act is among my favorite federal laws. This shelter is incompatible with the spirit and letter of wilderness and should be allowed to degrade. An acceptable alternative would be to pack out hardier materials like the corrugated roof via wilderness compatible means (pack animals). The concrete or rock could possibly be assisted with a sledgehammer if you were inclined to pack one in.

As a taxpayer, I think it would be a gross waste of resources to rebuild it. We have plenty of USFS recreational facilities outside of designated wilderness. I think you have over 80% of the forest system to work with there if you feel the need for additional shelters. I don't since all facilities require upkeep, and maintenance funds are a perennial uphill battle with Congress.