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Comments: .S. Forest Service,

As specified in your commitment to preserving wilderness areas, your first responsibility is to protect the wild character of the wilderness.

Re the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, rather than any reconstructing any structures such as the Quinset hut, which degrades the area and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness, please stop plans for reconstruction through the destructive and disruptive means you propose.

The Forest Service's own wilderness policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, stating that visitors must be prepared on their own to 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 Forest Service's 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.

The Forest Service must adopt an alternative that lets the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness be wild by allowing the metal remnants of the Quonset hut to fade with time, or by using wilderness-compatible means, such as non-motorized/non-mechanized tools, to remove it.

Your attention to the serious concerns of the public regarding the above, would be very much appreciated. After all, preservation of the wilderness is the first priority. Your current plans for reconstruction efforts runs contrary to that promise you are asked to uphold.

Thank you.