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Comments: To whom it may concern,

It is the Forest Service's primary responsibility to protect the wilderness character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, as opposed to sustaining structures such as the quonset hut, which degrades the Wilderness. The Forest Service has acknowledged in its own wilderness policy that a structure isn't needed for visitor use, when it states that visitors should be prepared 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 proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is antithetical to Wilderness. It's a perversion of the Wilderness Act to declare that the structure is part of the wilderness character of the area when the Wilderness Act clearly precludes structures. It's imperative that the Forest Service adopt a plan that allows the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness to remain wild by either using wilderness-compatible methods (non-motorized/non-mechanized tools) to remove the structure or by letting the building degrade in place.