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Comments: The Forest Service's first responsibility is to protect and ensure the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness is preserved, rather than preserving any structures such as the Quinoset hut, which degrades the area and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness.

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." These "risks" are part and parcel of the true Wilderness experience and must be recognized AND accepted as psrt of that experience.

The Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is antithetical to Wilderness. It is a perversion of the legal and spirit aspects 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. As an alternative, using ONLY wilderness-compatible means, such as non-motorized/non-mechanized tools, to remove it.