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Comments: I object to the Forest Service proposal to reconstruct a shelter at Emerald Lakes in the Mt. Timpanogos Wilderness. The 1964 Wilderness Act is specific that permanent structures are allowed under exceptional conditions which the Forest Service has not persuasively argued. Helicopter landings and construction, if allowed, will degrade the wilderness experience which recreationists such as myself expect in a designated Wilderness. The stipulations of the Wilderness Act need to be lawfully adhered to by Forest Service managers, or we risk ever increasing intrusions into our last truly wild areas.