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Comments: The Emerald Lake Quonset hut with a cemented rock retaining wall was finished in 1960, and the Mount Timpanogos Scenic Area was established in 1961. In 1984, Congress designated the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. Once this designation occurred, the Forest Service became responsible for ensuring that the area remain wild and primarily shaped by nature.

The Wilderness Act prohibits structures, with a very narrow exception for those that are the minimum necessary to preserve Wilderness-a high bar to achieve. This out-of-place hut not only detracts from the Wilderness, but also fails to meet this Wilderness Act requirement.

Rather than adhere to the Wilderness Act, the Forest Service turns the Act on its head by stating this blight is part of the area's wilderness character and needs to be rebuilt/updated to protect the Wilderness. It's "rehabilitation" calls for mechanized equipment to be hauled and air lifted in, in clear violation of the Wilderness Act. Let the Quonset hut deteriorate on its own, and rust into oblivion.