

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/9/2024 9:25:32 PM

First name: Jamie

Last name: Lantz

Organization:

Title:

Comments: As an educator and advocate for our invaluable national asset of wilderness protections I urge the Forest Service to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. This means that structures like the Quinoset hut are not necessary to administer the Wilderness.

This is true to the letter of the Forest Service's wilderness policy which recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, and 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."

That is why I am objecting to the Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure. This proposal works against it's own responsibility to protect this Wilderness area. It goes against the Wilderness Act to declare that this or similar structures are a part of the wilderness character of the area when the Act clearly precludes structures.

I respectfully implore the Forest Service to adopt an alternative that lets the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness retain it's inherently wild nature 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.