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Comments: Please do not waste resources on restoring a structure that violates the natural beauty of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. Any available resources should be allocated to mitigating invasive plant populations and improving the native ecosystem. Any effort to improve or restore man-made structures in the wilderness are in direct conflict with the entire meaning of the word.

The Forest Service's first responsibility is to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, not any structures (including the Quinset hut) which degrade the area and are 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."

The Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is antithetical to Wilderness. It is a perversion of the Wilderness Act to declare such a structure is part of the wilderness character of the area when the Act clearly precludes structures.

Please adopt an alternative that lets the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness be wild by allowing the metal remnants of the Quonset hut to fade with time, or use wilderness-compatible means, such as non-motorized/non-mechanized tools, to remove it.