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Comments: The Forest Service's first responsibility is to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, rather than any structures such as the Quinset hut, which degrades the area and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness. The FS recognizes that any 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."

Hence, the Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is both unnecessary and in conflict with the Wilderness Act which clearly precludes such structures.

Thus, 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, or by using wilderness-compatible means, such as non-motorized/non-mechanized tools, to remove it.