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Comments: The Emerald Lake Shelter was pre-existing when the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness was designated in 1984. Ideally it should be removed using Wilderness-compatible means. Under no circumstances should it be repaired or rebuilt. It is outrageous that the Forest Service plans to use helicopters and motorized equipment to rebuild the Shelter. Wilderness is a place where people experience the outdoors on its terms, not theirs. Visitors should realize that there are inherent risks when they venture into a Wilderness area, and be fully prepared to respond to any situation that may arise. The Forest Service's first responsibility is to protect the wild character of Wilderness areas.