Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/9/2024 10:51:38 PM First name: Greg Last name: Ratkovsky Organization: Title: Comments: The Forest Service's primary responsibility is to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness as wilderness. Structures, such as the Quinoset hut, degrade the area.

The Forest Service's own wilderness policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, since 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 proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is absolutely antithetical to Wilderness.

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.