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Comments:

Structures like the Emerald Lake Shelter degrade the wilderness character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. The Forest Service's chief responsibility is to protect wildernesses, not ruin them or in any way allow the to be ruined by unnecessary structures.

Since Forest Service policy states that visitors must be prepared to face all the inherent hazards of the wilderness and that they may not receive rescue in a timely manner, there seems to be no need to build any structures. These visitors are supposedly self-sufficient, aren't they?

In addition, utilizing helicopters to build these unnecessary structures is also wrong and damaging to the nature of the area.

Please adopt an alternative to this foolishness. Either allow the Quonset hut to decay on its own or use wilderness-friendly means of removal.