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Comments: The Forest Service's primary and first responsibility is to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, not structures such as the Quinoset hut. The proposal that includes helicopter flights, motorized equipment, cement mixers, and other motorized tools is contrary to the Wilderness Act. We know, and so should you, that the original hut was supposedly built without helicopters or motorized access, and most supplies were packed in.

The natural deterioration of structures is part of Wilderness-it is evidence of untrammelled and timeless natural processes reclaiming the Wilderness from temporary human occupation. Structures should be removed if that can be done in a manner consistent with wilderness principles and if the impact from removing the structure is less than the impact from leaving the structure. This hut is not listed on the national register of historic places, though it has been proposed for listing. Even if listed, it could be documented and allowed to fade into the Wilderness.

Allow the Quonset hut to deteriorate with time and with wilderness-compatible means. Stop the human interference of nature. When will we protect what nature has given us . . . or will we be destructive just because? The future belongs to our descendants who should experience the wilderness untouched as much as possible.