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Comments: The Forest Service must first and foremost protect the wilderness character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. Man-made structures such as the Quonset hut do not enhance the wild aspects of the area and are unnecessary.

The wilderness policy of the Forest Service even states that structures are not necessary for visitors and that they need to be prepared to deal with "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 proposed use of helicopters and other motorized equipment to build a new and improved structure is diametrically opposed to the Wilderness concept. It is a distortion of the Wilderness Act to state such a part of the wilderness character, when the Act plainly prohibits structures of any kind.

Therefore, the Forest Service must either allow the metal remnants to decay over time or remove them with non-mechanized/non-motorized tools that don't disrupt the environment. The Quonset hut should never have been constructed in the first place.

Thank you,