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Comments: Dear USFS, The Forest Service is required by the Wilderness Act to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. Fussing with any structures, such as the Quinoset hut (which degrades the area's wild character and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness) should be so far down on your list of priorities that you should be ashamed of yourselves for proffering this idea.

The Forest Service's wilderness policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, stating that wilderness visitors must be willing and prepared 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 antithetical to Wilderness. It is a perversion of the Wilderness Act to declare such a structure is part of the wilderness character of the area when the Act clearly precludes structures. I am traumatized by the whap whap whap of low-flying helicopters, and i do NOT want to encounter any such intrusions when i visit the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness unless it is for an absolutely necessary lifesaving SAR mission. Period.

The USFS must adopt a No Action alternative, or an action alternative that allows the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness to be wild (such as 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).

Wilderness. Manage it according to the Wilderness Act or find yourself another job. Why do we even need to write letters about stupid proposals like this? C'mon people. Be professional. Read the Act. Read it again. Then read it again until you agree with everything written above.

Am i angry? Yes. I'm angry that the once-proud wilderness management program at USFS has devolved into this.