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Comments:

The Forest Service's first responsibility must be to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, not any structures such as the Quinoset hut, which degrades the area and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness. Huts are replaceable, wilderness is not.

The Forest Service's own wilderness policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use. It clearly says that visitors need to be ready to face the fact that bad weather, isolation, physical hazards, lack of rapid communications, may mean that help could take quite a long time to reach them.

The Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is against all definitions of 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. Helicopters are NOT animals, vegetation, or any naturally occurring part of wilderness! They are man made machines that would bring terrifying noise, as well as opening the door to other false definitions of "wilderness character", which in turn would bring garbage and degradation to this pristine, biologically and ecologically irreplaceable area.

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.