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Comments: Please adopt an alternative that lets the Wilderness be wild by allowing the Emerald Lake Shelter to fade with time, or that uses wilderness-compatible means to remove the hut's remnants.

The Wilderness Act prohibits structures, with a very narrow exception for those that are the minimum necessary to preserve Wilderness, which is a high bar to achieve. This out-of-place hut not only detracts from the Wilderness, but also fails to meet this Wilderness Act requirement.

Rather than adhere to the Wilderness Act, the Forest Service has turned the Act on its head by stating this blight is part of the area's wilderness character and needs to be rebuilt/updated to protect the Wilderness. This is absurd.

The proposal includes helicopter flights, motorized equipment, cement mixers, and other motorized tools. Incidentally, 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 untrammled and timeless natural processes reclaiming the Wilderness from temporary human occupation. Structures should be removed if it 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.

Additionally, a structure is not needed for visitor use, and visitors must be prepared on their own 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."

Finally, using non motorized and non-mechanized tools to remove it would be best to keep the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness in a more pristine condition.

Thank you for your time and consideration.