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Comments: The Forest Service should do what it is intended to do: protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, not to prioritize outdated eyesores like the Quinoset hut, which does nothing to serve or enhance the wild and is not a necessary structure. The Forest Service's own policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, stating that 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." The Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters to build a new and improved version of the eyesore is a perversion of the Wilderness Act and declare such a structure is part of the wilderness character of the area when the Act clearly precludes structures is twisted. The Forest Service must adhere to policy and true Wilderness priorities by embracing practices that lets the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness be wild and by allowing the metal remnants of the fefunct Quonset hut to fade with time, or as an alternative method, by using wilderness-compatible means, such as non-motorized/nonmechanized tools, to remove it. If that's tot difficult, then hire some people who can do the job.