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You have no obligation to restore the Quonset hut located within the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. It does not provide necessary shelter for Wilderness protection efforts. If it can be removed, without the use of mechanical equipment, then it ought to be done. If this hut is to be restored, it must be done without mechanized vehicles and power-tools. Visitors to Wilderness areas within the Forest Service's domain must be prepared to face the existential hazards intrinsic to wilderness quality ecosystems.

While this hut was built before Wilderness designation, that does not make it part of the terrain. Even if the proposal for historic places designation is approved, the hut must not take any priority over the legitimate maintenance of Wilderness ambience and functional stewardship practices that are in harmony with existing laws, meant to protect Our Wilderness areas.

Do Better! This project proposal #66370 is deplorable!

Thank you for your attention.