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I am writing about the U.S. Forest Service plan regarding the Emerald Lake Shelter Reconstruction Project-a proposal it claims would improve the wilderness character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness along the Wasatch Front in Utah. Yet, despite the Agency's plan, the agency's proposal would seriously degrade this rugged, high elevation Wilderness.

The Forest Service proposes to use helicopters and other motorized equipment to reconstruct the Emerald Lake Shelter, a sheet metal Quonset hut in the Wilderness that was damaged by snow in 2021 and 2022.

I am urging you to adopt an alternative that lets the Wilderness be wild by allowing the hut to fade with time, or that uses wilderness-compatible means to remove the hut's remnants.

Thank you for your attention to this very important matter.