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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Emerald Lake shelter reconstruction. I feel that the 1964 Wilderness Act's definition of wilderness as untrammeled by man, where modern man is a visitor, and where the signs of man's imprint on the land are minimal; all warrant that this shelter not be reconstructed and I recommend the remains be removed from the wilderness area and the site restored.

Day use is the most common use of this wilderness area. Visitors need to take the personal responsibility to pay attention to the time, their physical condition, and the weather to make prudent decisions on when to delay a visit or turn around and return to the trailhead. The FS should not jeopardize wilderness quality as a replacement for personal responsibilities.

Thank you.