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Comments:

The Forest Service's first responsibility is to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness, not structures such as the Quinaset hut, which degrades the area and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness.

The Forest Service's own wilderness policy states that visitors must be prepared on their own to cope with "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," thus recognizing that a structure is not needed for visitor use.

The Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters and build a new improved structure is would degrade Wilderness. It is a perversion of the Wilderness Act to declare such a structure is part of the wilderness character of the area when the Act clearly precludes structures.

The Forest Service must adopt an alternative that lets the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness be wild by allowing the metal remnants of the Quonset hut to fade with time, or by using wilderness-compatible means, such as non-motorized/non-mechanized tools, to remove it.