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Comments: Please adopt an alternative plan so that the Wilderness can remain wild, a plan that allows the Quonset hut to fade with time and/or uses wilderness-compatible means to remove its remnants.

The Quonset hut degrades the area and is unnecessary in the administration of the Wilderness; the Forest

Service's first responsibility then is to protect the wild character of the Mt. Timpanogos Wilderness, and not the hut or any other such structure.

As admitted in the Forest Service's own wilderness policy, no structure is needed for visitor use. It states that visitors must be prepared on their own to face "inherent risks of adverse weather, isolation, physical hazards, lack of communications, and that search and rescue may not be as rapid as expected in an urban setting."

Declaring such a structure as this hut as an integral part of the wilderness area's character is a perversion of the Wilderness Act. It's antithetical to the Wilderness area and the Forest Service's proposal to use helicopters to build a new structure is ridiculous, given that the Act clearly precludes such 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.