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Comments: The Forest Service's primary duty is to preserve the natural wilderness of the Mount Timpanogos area, rather than maintain structures like the Quonset hut, which detracts from the environment and isn't essential for managing the Wilderness. According to the Forest Service's own policy, visitors are expected to face the inherent challenges of wilderness, such as unpredictable weather, isolation, and physical risks, without reliance on built structures or rapid rescue services. Proposals to use helicopters or construct new buildings contradict the principles of the Wilderness Act, which prohibits such developments. Instead, the Forest Service should consider alternatives that maintain the area's wild nature, either allowing the remains of the hut to naturally decay or removing them using non-mechanized, wilderness-appropriate methods.