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Comments: I am opposed to alternative that permits the Forest Service to use helicopters and to build an unneeded structure in the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. The Wilderness Act expressly precludes structures in wilderness areas and the existing Quonset hut degrades the area and is not necessary to administer the Wilderness. Heck, the Forest Service's own wilderness policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use and states that visitors must be prepared on their own to face "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."

Please 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.

Thank you.