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Comments: I believe the Forest Service should uphold its first responsibility with respect to designated wilderness areas such as the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness Area. That is, the Service must protect the wilderness character of Timpanogos rather than the outside-regulations Quonset hut in question. The hut is unnecessary to administration of the area and even degrades its wilderness character.

In fact, the Forest Service's own wilderness policy recognizes that the hut is not needed, stating 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."

Furthermore, the Forest Service's own proposal to use helicopters and build a replacement structure goes against its wilderness policy. Clearly, the Forest Service must let the aforementioned hut "die" a natural death by fading with time or by being subjected to wilderness-compatible means (such as those used to create it) to destroy it.