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Comments: I am writing to ask the Forest Service to allow the sheet metal Quonset hut in the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness to either fade with time or use wilderness-compatible means to remove the hut's remnants. This human-made structure no longer serves a purpose in a designated Wilderness. Under no circumstances should this structure be repaired, especially in a way that compromises the requirements of the Wilderness Act.

Only the "no action" alternative would honor the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness because alternatives that used traditional skills, like those used to build the structure, were rejected for consideration in the draft Environmental Assessment.

The Forest Service' has a primary responsibility to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. The agency's own wilderness policy recognizes that a structure is not needed for visitor use, 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."

The Forest Service must analyze and 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 to remove it. The remaining rock and cement could be safely dismantled and allowed to fade back into the Wilderness. The claim that it can't be dismantled (or even repaired) using traditional means is false, as the Forest Service built the hut without motorized equipment.

Please leave this hut as is or remove it using Wilderness-compatible methods. These are the only alternatives that should be under consideration. There is no sense in attempting to repair a structure that serves no purpose and should even be in a Wilderness area. This would represent a nonsensical waste of tax-payer money and violate the principles of the Wilderness Act.