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Comments: First, and I think most importantly, I fail to understand why this proposed action has even been brought up. The annual "group hike" that likely spawned the quonset hut's construction in the first place ended in the very late 1960's and 15 yrs later the area was added to the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness area. The quonset hut was allowed to deteriorate in accordance with nature's laws.* What's changed now? Why do we need to resurrect this structure? Your 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."

That said, for such a massive undertaking, an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is needed, especially because the Forest Service proposes a project in Wilderness involving helicopter flights, motorized equipment, jackhammers, cement mixers, and other motorized tools. This is NOT a wilderness-friendly undertaking!

*Why not just let nature continue its course? If you feel it is not environmentally friendly to do so, 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.

Let the voice of reason guide you here and leave the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness area alone.