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Comments: The Forest Service's first duty is to protect the wild, untrammled character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness. Their own policies make that clear. Wilderness is meant to be a place where people come prepared-where the absence of modern conveniences is not a problem to fix, but part of the experience. The agency itself acknowledges that visitors must accept "inherent risks" like isolation, weather, and the lack of immediate rescue services. That's what makes it Wilderness.

The metal debris from the old Quonset hut should be left to weather away naturally or removed using non-motorized, wilderness-compatible methods. The rest-rock and cement-can be safely dismantled and left to fade back into the land. The claim that traditional tools can't get the job done is simply not true-the Forest Service originally constructed the hut without any motorized equipment.

The Environmental Assessment provides no real details: no number of helicopter flights, no duration of work, just vague claims and unverified statements. The agency says stock can't be used-yet fails to mention it has its own pack animals or whether they were even considered.

For a project of this scale, in designated Wilderness, involving helicopters, jackhammers, cement mixers, and other motorized tools, an Environmental Impact Statement is not just appropriate-it's required.