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Comments: I really wish the Forest Service's would adhere to its first responsibility which is to protect the wild character of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness instead of wanting to totally invade the area to build rebuild a structure that the agency's own wilderness policy recognizes 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." It makes no sense to rebuild it.

I urge the Forest Service to 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 stop lying to us!

Bringing in helicopters is extremely invasive and the EA doesn't even detail how many helicopters flights are expected or the duration of the project. It only alleges, without proof, that stock is impractical and stock users (unidentified) said they wouldn't take their animals up there. The Forest Service has wilderness stock. There is no indication the agency asked its own people.

I urge the FS to do its job and take the time to put together an extensive EIS due to the that fact that this would be a huge project in Wilderness that would involve helicopter flights, motorized equipment, jackhammers, cement mixers, and other motorized tools. Wilderness is supposed to be untrammelled as that is the very definition of Wilderness which this proposed project totally ignores.