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Comments: The Mount Timpanogos Wilderness is a rare and irreplaceable treasure-a place where nature, not human convenience, should reign.\*\* The Forest Service's own policies recognize this, reminding visitors that wilderness demands self-reliance: we must be prepared for isolation, harsh weather, and the reality that rescue may not come quickly. That's part of what makes wilderness \*wild\*-and worth protecting.

Yet now, the agency is proposing a massive, motorized intrusion-helicopters, jackhammers, cement mixers-to remove the remnants of the Quonset hut.\*\* But why such extreme measures? This structure was built \*without\* heavy machinery; it can surely be dismantled the same way. Let the metal fade with time, or remove it by hand, in a way that honors the spirit of the Wilderness Act. The claim that traditional methods won't work simply doesn't hold up.

Worse, the Forest Service hasn't even given us the full picture.\*\* How many helicopter flights? How long will this take? The EA dismisses pack stock as "impractical," but who said so? Did they even ask their own wilderness crews-the people who know this land best?

This isn't just about a crumbling old hut-it's about trust, and what we value.\*\* If we allow this kind of industrialscale work in a designated Wilderness, what's next? The Forest Service must step back, do this right, and prepare a full Environmental Impact Statement. The Timpanogos Wilderness deserves nothing less.