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Comments: I have been involved with organized Rescue on Mt. Timpanogos since 1967, while an Explorer Scout and "working" the annual "Timp Hike" in August. Two of the "rescue's" that day were from the Shelter at Emerald Lake where care was being administered by others. I helped carry the injured off the mountain by hand in Stokes Basket litters.

In 1972 I joined the Utah County Sheriff's Mountain Rescue Team (all members volunteer) and have been involved in countless rescue's on the mountain since. As an active EMT since 1977 I have spent the day/night with injured people in the shelter a number of times...weathering storms and taking advantage of the protection afforded to care for injuries and illness. The shelter provided protection that was invaluable.

Due to neglect the shelter eventually collapsed and as volunteers we lost a resource that was considered invaluable. Nearly all who hiked the mountain from the Aspen Grove side, and many who started at the Timpooneke Trailhead stopped to rest at the shelter. For many hikers...the goal for their day was only to go to the shelter, rather than the summit. Countless people received protection from the fast moving storms that frequently hit the mountain, and provided a place for the unprepared to spend the night...which still occurs far more frequently than the general public at large are aware of.

I am a strong proponent for rebuilding the structure which would, once again, provide a place of refuge for countless hikers who venture on to the mountain. Please...rebuild the Shelter!