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Comments: I am writing to express my objection to the draft decision to reconstruct the Emerald Lake Shelter. The quality and beauty of the Mount Timpanogos Wilderness area would not be enhanced by rebuilding this old, collapsed structure. Plus, the remote location of this shelter means that regular monitoring and maintenance would be costly and difficult. Speaking of costly, given the federal government's funding cuts to all public land agencies, those limited dollars should be used for a better purpose than rebuilding this project.

So, please make Alternative A (the No Action Alternative) the preferred course of action. Continue the present management operations and conditions, which would leave the shelter alone to decay on the landscape and all materials would remain in place to be reclaimed by nature.

If you must choose Alternative B or C, no motorized equipment should be used in removal or construction, as stipulated by the Wilderness Act. If, heaven forbid, you decide to go ahead with the unnecessary, unneeded, and unwanted reconstruction of this shelter, use no power tools or helicopters. As I understand it, materials and equipment used to build this shelter originally were brought in by horseback. That should be the only method used in the reconstruction if you want to maintain the spirit of this special wilderness.

Thank you.