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Michelle, I am a proper owner at Pine Cove and have 44 acres in Kilroy Bay. I have been there since 1962 and am very familiar with the area. My wife and I have been clearing trees and brush for a fire break for 4 years on our property around Kilroy Bay. We have cleared approx 8 acres to date by hand. The risk of fire danger has just gotten out of control as no fire prevention efforts have been done. It has had years of blown down trees and brush growing in woods and has lots of fuel for a devastating fire. We have had two fires in the past. Kilroy Bay houses were saved both times by locals with minimal equipment. The last time was 2 years ago. A power line was blown down by a tree behind a cabin and we had built a small truck with water pump and water tank as an emergency vehicle and it worked well. It took DNR 3 hrs to respond and all would have been lost. Since then we have built a volunteer fire dept with 3 trucks and 2 pumps on the beach for protection. But we need help as wildfire on forrestland we would not be able to handle. The road coming in is a disaster. It has 6 switchbacks and very steep and washed out and overgrown. It needs to be totally reconfigured as to get rid of switchbacks in case of wildfire for forest service to get in in a safe time. We have spent many hours working on that road to keep it open but it is a lost cause it just washes out every year. There is an old skid road that could possibly be used as an alternate that comes in at an angle 80% of the way that has no switchbacks I think would be a good possibility and would be glad to show you where it is at. Any please entertain my thoughts as much as possible and any questions please call. Thank you for your time and listening. Jim and Bernie Miller phone    e mail    home address