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Comments: I object to the proposed plan for restoration of the Cube Cove area of the Kootznoo Wilderness in Alaska. The Forest Service's plan as written is wildly inappropriate for Kootznoo Wilderness. Cube Cove has been logged and subjected to roading and other heavy traffic in the past. It is in the process of natural recovery now. The plan proposed by the Forest Service requires the use of chainsaws, helicopters, motor vehicles, and other motorized equipment, plus tree cutting and debris relocation, and more resembles a landscaping operation than a Wilderness caretaking action.

Ideally, the area should be allowed to fully recover on its own by allowing time and natural processes to heal past damage. At the least, the Forest Service needs to analyze a wilderness-compatible plan if it chooses active restoration, such as one that uses non-motorized hand tools rather than chainsaws and heavy equipment.

As far as road conversion to trails go, reclaimed roads should be handled with an eye to mitigation of human use's impact on wildlife. Ideally they shouldn't be converted to trails at all, but I realize that may be a requirement of some sort.

Thank you.