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Comments: This administration is committed to science-based decision making and the science says Cube Cover is recovering on its own as-is without need of any of the proposed interventions, some of which would endanger that recovery.

Cube Cove is alreqady healing from the damage caused by past logging, roads, and associated impacts, and the Forest Service's massive "restoration" program using heavy equipment is inappropriate for the Kootznoowoo Wilderness--no such equipment should EVER be used in a wilderness area since it is proven to harm the wilderness. Also,proposed extensive use of chainsaws, helicopters, motor vehicles, and other motorized equipment, plus tree cutting, placing woody debris in riparian areas, and other proposed actions are never supposed to occur in a wilderness area and should NEVER have been proposed.

Ideally, the area should be allowed to fully recover on its own without anything motorized being used and by allowing time and natural processes to heal past damage.

At the very minimum, 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 is required by both the letter and intent of the laws governing wilderness areas.

Reclaimed roads should not be converted to trails. If the agency does convert them, though, it must mitigate the impacts on wildlife from increased human use.

Please conform to the applicable laws and abandon this proposal that is forbidden by law.