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Comments: Thank you for accepting my comments on the Cube Cove restoration project.

Cube Cove is 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.

The FS's plan violates the letter and spirit of the Wilderness Act-through its extensive use of chainsaws, helicopters, motor vehicles, and other motorized equipment, plus tree cutting, placing woody debris in riparian areas, and other proposed actions.

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

If the agency does convert reclaimed roads to trails then it must mitigate the impacts on wildlife from increased human use.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this important conversation.