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Comments: 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, chainsaws, helicopters, and motor vehicles for 2-5 years is inappropriate for the Kootznoowoo Wilderness.

The Forest Service's plan violates the letter and spirit of the Wilderness Act-through extensive use of heavy equipment, plus tree cutting, placing woody debris in riparian areas, and other proposed actions.

The best scenario would be for the area to be allowed to fully recover on its own, 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.

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.

If given enough time, the land will recover on its own, at its own pace and through natural processes. The Forest Service should allow that to happen.