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Comments: I encourage you to not pursue this "restoration" process, but rather allow the Kootznoowoo Wilderness to recover naturally. Cube Cove is healing from the damage caused by past logging, roads, and associated impacts, and the Service's large "restoration" program using heavy equipment is inappropriate. The 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.

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

Further, reclaimed roads should not be converted to trails, but if the agency does convert them, it must mitigate the impacts on wildlife from increased human use.