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Comments: I am urging you to allow the Kootznoowoo Wilderness to continue healing on its own. We always think we know what is best for the Wilderness. Mother Nature is the only one who really knows best. I have watched other Wilderness areas heal, without our help. It will take time but it will happen.

Wilderness is dynamic and will change over time. Climate change may hamper our thoughts on what the Kootznoowoo Wilderness should look like in the future. In Wilderness nature is supposed to be the deciding factor in the Wilderness.

If the Forest Service must step in then it should do it thru primitive or methods currently allowed in the Wilderness act (non motorized tools and equipment). You should work with those organizations that support Wilderness for assistance if needed. It should not be for the quickest and most cost effective way to get the tasks completed.

Please consider my thoughts in your analysis for the proposed work in the Cube Cove area. I spend a lot of time in Wilderness and recognize the damage we have done and the both prior to Wilderness destination as well as what we have done in the name of "repair or recovery".

Thank you, Patti Stieger