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Comments: I do not agree at all with creating early seral habitat in places that historically should not have it. Shrub zones and open woodlands naturally should exist primarily in the Bluegrass and some of the knobs region of Kentucky. However, most of the project sites have been historically deep Appalachian forest. As someone who studied in this field for their BS and MS, I think this approach is off and needs to take another step back to look at it again. However, I feel that the current administration has emboldened these old forest management tactics of a bygone era and has completely misunderstood that science changes. The current understanding of forests and forest health is completely different than it was 30-50-80 years ago, and we should catch up with the times. As a final answer, I highly disagree with this project.