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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on these projects.

Early successional habitat, open lands, and young forests likely represent the smallest percentage of habitat types on the GWJ National Forest. These areas provide significant benefits to the floral and faunal communities found on the NF and adjoining private lands. Considering that these habitats are already in a favorable stage, it is most efficient to manage them where they will stay in that stage. Without regular management activity succession will likely occur and these areas will return to forest cover. This management strategy also results in benefits for wildlife-based recreation, support of local business, and maintaining utility right-of-ways in a state that doesn't impact the infrastructure.