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In many regions of Central European Russia we can watch now very interesting and swiftly changing process - appearance and transformation of so called "neglected areas".

This is very new type of habitats which has been formed after different processes with the equal result -disappearance of any kind of human activity. The basis for it can be different in different cases: total destruction of agriculture, neglecting of settlements because of Chernobyl pollution, depopulation and migration of people from the countryside to cities etc.

Neglected forest roads are very attractive for shrikes, harriers (the Hen harrier and the Pallid harrier) and various species of Passerines. In several years, this road will be completely unreachable because of young trees, bushes and ruderal herbs.