Seismic lines ease predator movement, increasing encounters with caribou. We checked for another link between caribou predators and seismic lines: forage for wolf prey and for bears.

Q: How is understory forage on seismic lines and adjacent forest different, and why do seismic lines differ from each other?

A: Seismic lines and seismic line edges had more forage.

More abundant on seismic lines:
- Forbs and Graminoids
- Betula spp.
- Alnus spp.
- Salix spp.

More abundant along seismic line edges:
- Vaccinium vitis-idaea
- Rhododendron spp.

A: Seismic line features, even regeneration, didn’t change forage availability.

Implications:
Restoration is required to re-establish natural succession on seismic lines and to reduce forage that may be attracting caribou predators.