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Dave Foreman is one of North America's most creative and effective conservation leaders, an outspoken proponent of protecting and restoring the earth's wildness, and a visionary thinker. Over the past 30 years, he has helped set direction for some of our most influential conservation organizations, served as editor and publisher of key conservation journals, and shared with readers his unique style and outlook in widely acclaimed books including *The Big Outside* and *Confessions of an Eco-Warrior*.

In *Rewilding North America*, Dave Foreman takes on arguably the biggest ecological threat of our time: the global extinction crisis. He not only explains the problem in clear and powerful terms, but also offers a bold, hopeful, scientifically credible, and practically achievable solution.

Foreman begins by setting out the specific evidence that a mass extinction is happening and analyzes how humans are causing it. Adapting Aldo Leopold's idea of ecological wounds, he details human impacts on species survival in seven categories, including direct killing, habitat loss and fragmentation, exotic species, and climate change. Foreman describes recent discoveries in conservation biology that call for wildlands networks instead of isolated protected areas, and, reviewing the history of protected areas, shows how wildlands networks are a logical next step for the conservation movement. The final section describes specific approaches for designing such networks (based on the work of the Wildlands Project, an organization Foreman helped to found) and offers concrete and workable reforms for establishing them. The author closes with an inspiring and empowering call to action for scientists and activists alike.

Rewilding North America offers both a vision and a strategy for reconnecting, restoring, and rewilding the North American continent, and is an essential guidebook for anyone concerned with the future of life on earth.

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Quotes

"If Rewilding North America can't stop the rising tide of extinction, then nothing will. Realistic in its assessment of the causes of extinction and the challenges ahead, Foreman's ethically leavened and scientifically grounded arguments for rewilding promote hope. More than a 'book of the year,' Rewilding North America makes clear the conservation and restoration agenda for the century." --Max Oelschlaeger

"Foreman has created a masterful blend of history, science, and vision. Rewilding North America takes the reader through the often gloomy history of conservation and destruction in North America during the last century, paints an inspired but achievable future for wildlife and wildplaces, and asks each of us to take deliberate action to secure this vision. This book offers practical lessons from one who has long been speaking (and acting) for the preservation of wilderness." --Deborah B. Jensen

"You know that proverbial squirrel that could walk halfway across the continent without ever leaving a tree? Dave Foreman is plotting to make sure it happens again--a long time in the future, doubtless, but if we get behind his efforts it will be a real possibility." --Bill McKibben

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