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Without some serious thinking and perhaps rethinking, many of our key natural resource management concepts from the past – wilderness, naturalness, preservation, restoration, conservation – are on a catastrophic collision course with the realities of our current and future environmental challenges. While it is not clear that these concepts will serve us in the future, it is equally not clear that we can or should simply kick them to the curb as quaint but antiquated conservation mumbo jumbo. We urgently, desperately need a new search for conceptual wisdom that parallels our efforts in science and technology. The essays in this book meet that challenge head on.

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