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#### **About the Author**

**Randall K. Wilson** is professor of environmental studies at Gettysburg College. The first edition of *America's Public Lands* won the J. B. Jackson Prize from the American Association of Geographers.

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"Thanks to Randall Wilson, we now have a splendid perch from which to view the broad sweep of public lands management in the United States, both spatially and temporally. Eschewing the hackneyed nature-ascommodity versus nature-as-wilderness dichotomy in favor of an approach that tacks much closer to reality, Wilson reminds us that resource conservation and management is—and always has been—a messy business. Perhaps most important, he provides us with the context, tools, and inspiration we need to find common ground as a people and address the environmental challenges that confront us in the twenty-first century."

# -Geoffrey L. Buckley, Ohio University

"This valuable new edition of Randall Wilson's prizewinning book on public lands offers timely updates on Obama and Trump administration legislation and important new material on wild and scenic rivers and trails. If you love the nation's public lands, you will love this book!"

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