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The first edition of this work, published in 1977, was considered a landmark in legal scholarship. Subsequent editions have lived up to that standard. The present edition (3rd) is expanded to cover related laws in the United States that impact wildlife. The organization of this book follows an historical view up until the 1970s. From that point the book follows the development of wildlife law in response to the changing cultural values of "the environmental era." There is little concerning wildlife law in the United States that is not covered in this volume. The exception is the myriad of state laws, a task that would have consumed ten times the amount of space. All in all, this is a standard reference in the highest sense of the word. I have used this as a text in not only wildlife management classes, but also environmental ethics and environmental policy. The book is that useful. I highly recommend this to anyone interested in wildlife and wildlife law.

When the first edition of this book was published in 1977 to overwhelming critical and popular acclaim it was the only publication to analyze wildlife law comprehensively as a distinct component of federal environmental law. The second edition, published in 1983, provided a thorough and authoritative update. Since then the intense public interest in wildlife law has been reflected in a tremendous growth in both litigation and new legislation. This, the third edition, thoroughly revises and updates the earlier edition in light of current legal perspectives on the conservation of wildlife and biological diversity. Two decades after its first publication, this book remains the standard reference for anyone seeking to understand the statutes, regulations, and court decisions governing wildlife law. Like the two that preceded it, the new edition of *The Evolution of National Wildlife Law* monumental achievement that will serve lawmakers, administrators, educators, conservationists, and scholars for years to come. From the Foreword by Bruce Babbitt.

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