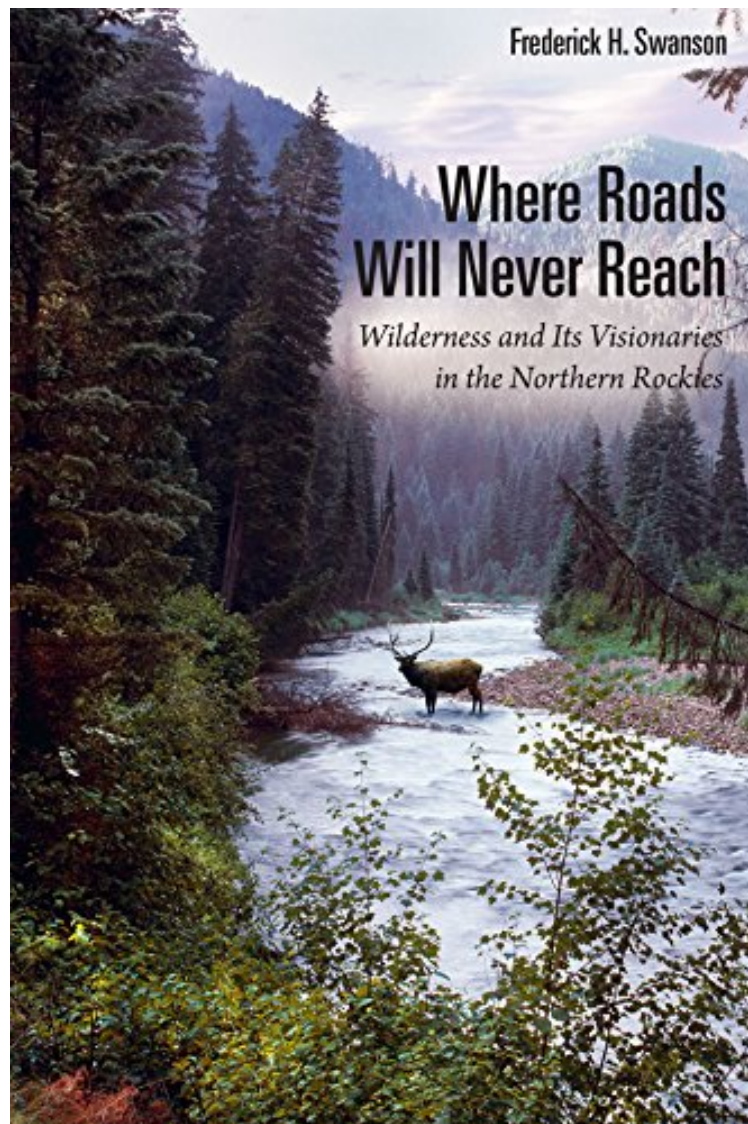


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resources the words are the authors ...By Jennifer AndersonWhere Roads Will Never Reach by Frederick Swanson is a weighty and thoroughly compelling story about courage. Idealists, visionaries, activists call them what you will have taken on unequal and usually unpopular fights over decades to save wild places in the Northern Rockies of the United States. Their call? Leave the wilderness alone. Dont punch holes in it with roads. Leave forest fires to burn. Leave spruce beetles to help the process of forest regeneration. Leave rivers to run free and to flood when the mood takes them.Of course the worlds wealthiest nation and greatest consumer of resources the words are the authors cant leave the wilderness alone. Such consumption requires massive oil and mineral extraction, timber cutting, control of the rivers for irrigation and power production. He observes that the American wilderness has always existed in a social context, and if the populace at large cannot see the virtue of leaving large landscapes alone, intervention is sure to follow.The book details unexpected alliances that mitigated the most destructive manifestations of intervention, and also pragmatic idealism. Its not an oxymoron. Some of the individuals profiled so ably in the book acquiesced, when necessary, to interventions in one wild place as a quid quo pro for legislation that left some other area unmolested. In instances where the heavy hand of the Army Corps of Engineers, or Bureau of Land Reclamation or commercial interests was unavoidable, these idealists fought for modifications that promised a less destructive impact on wilderness. They strove, in the words of the author, for a vision of landscape in harmony with its population. Without that vision, he concludes, we are committed to overuse, incessant conflict and the decay of our dreams.The book focuses on a particular geographic area of the United States. Though vast, the area is but a microcosm of the uphill battle fought on a global scale to preserve Earths remaining wild places from the worst depredations of Man. For its near-universal lessons about the wilderness-development conundrum, Where Roads . . . deserves a place on library shelves the world over.Jennifer Anderson, Editor-World News Forecast

The Rocky Mountains of Idaho and Montana are home to some of the most important remaining American wilderness areas, preserved because of citizens who stood against massive development schemes that would have diminished important wildlife habitat and the abiding sense of remoteness found in such places. Where Roads Will Never Reach tells the stories of hunters, anglers, outfitters, scientists, and other concerned citizens who devoted themselves to protecting remnant wild lands and ecosystems in the Northern Rockies. Environmental historian Frederick Swanson argues that their heartfelt, dedicated work helped boost the American wilderness movement to its current prominence.Based on newly available archival sources and interviews with many of the participants, this groundbreaking study explores for the first time the grassroots campaigns that yielded some of the largest designated wilderness areas in America.

Offers a provocative, stimulating, and engaging study of the history of wilderness and of the efforts to protect wilderness areas. The author has delved deeply into this subject and probed its major milestones, campaigns, and arenas. Mark Harvey, author of Wilderness Forever: Howard Zahniser and the Path to the Wilderness Act