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In this issue of *Earth First!* Jasper Carlton analyzes forest destruction and woodland caribou. In addition, Tom Skeele gives an update from EF!'s latest national wolf recovery action; Keith J. Hammer discusses grizzly bears, politics, and death; and Dave Foreman and Howie Wolke discuss a chapter on the destruction of wilderness from Foreman's book *The Big Outside*.

To ask the question, "Why do we destroy wilderness?" is to grapple with the fundamental problem of our species. The profound questions with which philosophers have danced since the Athenian Academy, "What is Beauty? What is Truth? Who are we? Where are we going? What is the purpose of life? What is the Nature of Man?" are subsumed by that of human destruction of the wild. It is the keystone to understanding our alienation from Nature, which is the central problem of Civilization.

— Dave Foreman

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