Rewilding Earth
Best of 2019

Edited by John Davis & Susan Morgan
Despite these anxious times about the fate of the wild and all life on Earth, we believe despair is not an option. It’s true, there are too many humans who want too much stuff, cause too much destruction, and believe with too little humility that economic growth and technology will solve all their problems, and they do pose serious existential threats.

Now that we are facing a world-wide pandemic with no rational national leadership, we must be even more alert to short- and long-range effects to our natural world. Public lands continue to be targeted while much of the public is isolated and distracted. We will have to change our strategy and tactics to address this toxic combination of threats, and in this collection from *Rewilding Earth* you will read about projects to defend wild nature that offer cause for hope and inspiration.

“Every sector of society must engage. All must speak out for high-level action. The hour is late, and we only have time for big steps in the right direction.”

**Randy Hayes**
As a company dedicated to restoring ecosystems, conserving habitat, and regenerating the natural systems that sustain all life, Biohabitats understands the need for the continental-scale wildways. Aligned not only in mission, but also in spirit with the Rewilding Institute, we are proud to support its important work, including the on-line publication *Rewilding Earth* and the organization’s annual best-of anthologies.” – *Biohabitats*

“Kahtoola is proud to be part of Rewilding Earth and the community of groups working to protect and restore wildlands for all native creatures and for responsible recreation. We urge outdoor lovers of all kinds to get a copy of their latest anthology, *Rewilding Earth: Best of 2019*. Let’s take on these challenges together.” – *Kahtoola*

“It is now clear that trees accumulate carbon over their entire lifespan and that old, wild forests accumulate far more carbon than they lose through decomposition and respiration, thus acting as carbon sinks.” – *Wild Carbon, Mark Anderson*

“There has been no public discussion or debate about deep-sea mining. Just a well-planned, technologically-ready, new raid on Earth about to be fast-tracked into business as usual.” – *Something Wicked This Way Comes, Eileen Crist*
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My experiences in several parts of the Amazon suggest that the deforestation has caused nothing but misery—even for the colonists who have moved in from poor areas of Brazil to clear forests and the peoples that once lived in them.

Rewilding isn’t something different, ecology isn’t something different, just because it is taking place in Europe. Rewilding is a global issue and must not be put into confusion by those who seek to shift its meaning.

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