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### **Beautiful Book Now Available in Paperback**

BOSTON, Mass. — Spanning 26 million acres across New York, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine, the Northern Forest is the last remaining wild forest in the East. In his newest book of photography and essays celebrating America's wild places, now available in paperback, Stephen Gorman leads us on an unforgettable visual and literary journey through this little-known region's rich heritage, geography, and culture.

*Northeastern Wilds: Journeys of Discovery in the Northern Forest* reveals the startling beauty of this largely untamed land of rockbound coasts, dark forests, rushing rivers, and alpine summits. Yet in spite of its wild beauty and its proximity to the East's largest urban centers, it is a land that remains largely unknown to those outside its boundaries. Few realize that New York's Adirondack Park, at more than six million acres, is twice as large as Yellowstone and Yosemite National Parks combined. Even more surprising, writes Gorman, is to discover that the largest uninhabited region in the lower 48 states is not "in the sagebrush deserts of Wyoming or Nevada but in the northern forests of Maine."

Through his adventures down raging rapids and along solitary trails, over snow-swept peaks and across remote glassy lakes, Gorman reveals the singular and irreplaceable character of the Northern Forest. His photographs, notes Rick Bass in the foreword, "come as close as is possible, other than actually being in the woods, to giving us glimpses, tastes, odors, sounds, and touches of the spirit and being of these places."

With a journalist's eye, Gorman confidently guides us through the complexities of this working wilderness and the many challenges now facing its survival, exploring with an even hand and open mind such difficult issues as clear-cutting, land development, endangered species reintroduction, and conservation — issues that resonate whether you live in Maine, Colorado, or California. Throughout the book, we meet members of the diverse communities who make their living from and in the Northern Forest. First-hand insights from such well-known voices as E. Annie Proulx and Bill McKibben, as well as Abenaki tribespeople, paper company executives, and lifelong residents highlight the present-day choices, challenges, and opportunities facing this wilderness area.

*Northeastern Wilds* is a breathtaking visual testament to the importance of this vast Eastern wilderness and the power of landscape in our lives.

Founded in 1876, the Appalachian Mountain Club is the oldest conservation and recreation organization in the United States. The nonprofit AMC promotes the protection,

enjoyment, and wise use of the mountains, rivers, and trails of the Appalachian region. The AMC supports natural resource conservation while encouraging responsible recreation, based on the philosophy that successful, long-term conservation depends upon first-hand enjoyment of the natural environment.

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