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In *Becoming a Wildlife Professional*, Scott Henke and Paul Krausman describe a variety of wildlife jobs, educational requirements, and other attributes necessary for success in this broad field. Over fifty named wildlife professionals contributed, providing firsthand experience and advice. The book starts out by discussing why to choose a wildlife career, followed by considerations when planning an undergraduate education in wildlife. Education specifics include certification requirements of the Wildlife Society, coursework for the ideal wildlife program, and employer desired competencies. The authors, both faculty members, provide advice for a student entering the wildlife profession, including key principles that will lead to a successful career and how to approach academic work. The following chapter addresses nonacademic attributes important in wildlife and conservation careers such as disciplinary, communication, and interpersonal skills. The bulk of the book discusses various wildlife positions in federal and state organizations, private agencies, nonprofit organizations, and wildlife education institutions like universities and zoos. Particularly helpful are explanations of individual wildlife positions for each federal agency. A separate chapter addresses the main professional wildlife societies, including their purpose, organizational structure, and key publications. The rest of the book explores how to format a resume and attributes wildlife employers look for in job applicants; how to successfully prepare for a professional interview; expected professional characteristics and behavior; and perspectives on graduate school from both a professor and a student. Overall this is a wonderful and invaluable book for individuals interested in a career in wildlife and conservation. Recommended for all libraries.