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"*Wildlife Responses to Climate Change* is an important contribution to understanding the implications of our continuing consumption of fossil fuels. Based largely on research by an outstanding team of graduate students, this book demonstrates the importance of continuing research as a basis for ensuring that our responses to climate change are both based on solid evidence and sufficient to address the problem successfully."

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