Record Nr. UNINA9910791097403321 Autore Jachowski David <1977-> Titolo Wild again: the struggle to save the black-footed ferret // David Jachowski Pubbl/distr/stampa Berkeley, California:,: University of California Press,, 2014 ©2014 **ISBN** 0-520-95816-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (253 p.) Disciplina 599.76/629 Soggetti Black-footed ferret - Conservation - United States Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Note generali Description based upon print version of record. Nota di bibliografia Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di contenuto Frontmatter -- Contents -- Prologue -- 1. Pleistocene to Anthropocene -- 2. Decline toward Extinction -- 3. Rediscovery -- 4. Captive Breeding -- 5. Fall -- 6. Winter -- 7. Spring -- 8. Summer -- 9. Chihuahua -- 10. Conata Basin -- 11. Plague -- 12. Kansas --Epilogue -- Acknowledgments -- Further Readings -- Index Sommario/riassunto This engaging personal account of one of America's most contested wildlife conservation campaigns has as its central character the blackfooted ferret. Once feared extinct, and still one of North America's rarest mammals, the black-footed ferret exemplifies the ecological, social, and political challenges of conservation in the West, including the risks involved with intensive captive breeding and reintroduction to natural habitat. David Jachowski draws on more than a decade of experience working to save the ferret. His unique perspective and informative anecdotes reveal the scientific and human aspects of conservation as well as the immense dedication required to protect a species on the edge of extinction. By telling one story of conservation biology in practice-its routine work, triumphs, challenges, and inevitable conflicts-this book gives readers a greater understanding of

the conservation ethic that emerged on the Great Plains as part of one

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