



Fossil Butte National Monument: Statement for Management, September 1985 (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Fossil Butte National Monument: Statement for Management, September 1985 A good summary of the significance of this site was given by Hesse Few museums in the world, certainly none of the larger ones, are without specimens of the fossil fishes from the Green River shales of southwest Wyoming. These are prize exhibition specimens and no other fossil-bearing formation in America has produced so many and such characteristic fossils as this great series of lake beds. The fish fossils are the primary resource. They represent the evolution of fresh-water fishes better than those from any other known site in America. In addition, fossil remains of plant and animal life are found in the Wasatch formation. These include fragments of primitive horses, turtles, ancestral monkeys, snakes, birds, and crocodiles. The acres of the monument also contain a variety of flora and fauna that is unexpected by many visitors. The abrupt changes from dry brushlands and grasslands to forests, and the presence of a variety of wildlife-including antelope, deer, elk, moose, beaver, hawks, and eagles-provide additional dimensions to be experienced at Fossil Butte. About...

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