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Back Cover Features:

Top: After 20 years of active restoration, the habitats of Prospect Park, Brooklyn support both people and biodiversity. Photo Credit: John Jordan

Middle: Combining the use of clopyralid with hand pulling effectively controls knapweed and favors the establishment of seeded native grasses and forbs such as the Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*). Photo Credit: Laurelin Martin.

Bottom: Large woody debris is a critical component of Pacific Northwest marine ecosystems and of growing interest for restoration. Pictured here is the Elwha River mouth and drift cell. Photo Credit: Tom Roorda.

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