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Cover: A tornado looms over the horizon of a North Dakota wheat field. Photograph by Eric Meola, copyright 1999, Image Bank.

Inside front cover: The drought of 1998 dried up this small lake outside Los Fresnos, a small town located at the extreme southern tip of Texas. Photograph by Brad Doherty.

Pages 2-3, top: Sheriff Ben Picou directed the rescue of 60 pigs from a barn roof at Kaskaskia Island, Illinois, during the Midwest floods of 1993. A barge took the pigs to dry land. Photograph by Jim Richardson/NGS Image Collection.

Page 3, bottom: Motorists battle the 145-mph winds of Hurricane Andrew, which struck south Florida on August 24, 1992. Photograph by C.J. Walker, copyright *Palm Beach Post*.

Page 5: This home in the Pacific Palisades section of Los

Angeles was destroyed in the 1994 Northridge earthquake. Photograph courtesy AP/Wide World Photo.

Page 6: The 1994 earthquake in Northridge, California ruptured gas mains, sparking numerous fires. Photograph by David Butow.

Page 7: Taken on July 18, 1993, this satellite photograph shows, in blue, the flooding at the confluence of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers north of St. Louis. Photograph by Earth Satellite Corporation.

Page 8: U.S. Army infantry troops arrive in Bozeman, Montana. They were the first of 4,000 soldiers and marines flown in to fight the 1988 fires in Yellowstone National Park. Photograph by Larry Mayer, courtesy the *Billings Gazette*.

Pages 8-9: This highway near Los Angeles was damaged in the

Northridge earthquake of January 17, 1994. Photograph by Ted Soqui, copyright Sygma.

Page 11, left: The climactic eruption of Mount St. Helen's, May 18, 1980, at about noon. The maximum height of the ash and gas column was about 12 miles. Photograph by Robert M. Krimmel.

Page 11, right: A stream of firefighters marches to the front lines of one of the 1988 Yellowstone fires. Thousands of firefighters battled the 387,000-acre fire. Photograph by Bob Zellar, courtesy the *Billings Gazette*.

Inside back cover: A lull in the "Blizzard of '96" reveals snow-covered streets and buried cars in Silver Spring, Maryland. Photograph by Stephen St. John/NGS Image Collection.