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wrong turns and how much today we need a leader like John Wesley Powell.

1954: by Wallace Stegner- As the title says, this is an account of the second opening of the West.