Simple Taco Soup - great for something quick on a busy day

2 pounds ground beef (10% or 15% fat is best)

1 envelope taco seasoning mix

1-1/2 cups water

1 can (15-3/4 ounces) mild chili beans (on shelf near plain pintos, garbanzos, etc.)

1 can (15-3/4 ounces) whole kernel corn, drained

1 can (15 ounces) pinto beans, rinsed and drained

1 can (14.5 ounces) stewed tomatoes

1 can (10 ounces) diced tomato with green chilies (such as Herdez)

1 can (4 ounces) chopped green chilies, optional, but I use mild

1 envelope ranch salad dressing mix

In a Dutch oven, large kettle or very large frying pan, cook beef over medium heat until no longer pink and drain grease. Add taco seasoning and mix well. Stir in remaining ingredients. Simmer, uncovered, for 15 minutes or until heated through, stirring occasionally. Yield about two quarts or 6-8 servings.

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