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Confronting the Coffee Crisis: Fair Trade, Sustainable Livelihoods and Ecosystems in Mexico and Central America. Edited by Christopher M. Bacon, V. Ernesto Méndez, Stephen R. Gliessman, David Goodman & Jonathan A. Fox. Cambridge, MA. The MIT Press, 2008. Pp. 400. $27.00 paperback. Presenting a series of interdisciplinary, empirically rich case studies showing how small-scale farmers manage ecosystems and organize collectively as they seek useful collaborations with international NGOs and coffee companies to create opportunities for themselves in the coffee market.

Darkening Peaks: Glacier Retreat, Science, and Society. Edited by Ben Orlove, Ellen Wiegandt & Brian H. Luckman. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2008. Pp. 296. $45.00 hardback. Providing an integrated multidisciplinary, global exploration of the scientific, social, and economic dimensions of the accelerating pace of glacier retreat due to climate change; discussing how science observes and models glaciers and how climate change is altering their size and distribution; looking closely at their effect on human life.


The European Community and Marine Environmental Protection in the International Law of the Sea: Implementing Global Obligations at the Regional Level. By Veronica Frank. Leiden, The Netherlands: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2007. Pp. 482. $229.00 hardback. Looking at the manner in which the European Community implements the international obligations in the specific fields of the prevention of oil pollution from ships, the regulation of ocean dumping, and the protection of marine habitats through the establishment of Marine Protected Areas and offering a comprehensive and interesting picture of the action taken by the EC to preserve the European marine environment.

The Governance of Western Public Lands: Mapping Its Present and Future. By Martin Nie. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2008. Pp. 368. $39.95 hardback. Looking at why there continues to be so much conflict about public lands and resource management and how we can break through these impasses and showing that such conflicts have been driven by interrelated factors ranging from scarcity to mistrust and politics.


from reducing energy use and waste and scaling back reliance on your car to making a difference in your diet, at work, and in your community.

*International Water Treaties: Negotiation and Cooperation Along Transboundary Rivers.* By Shlomi Dinar. New York, NY: Routledge, 2008. Pp. 345. $140.00 hardback. Developing a theory to explain solutions to property rights conflicts over shared rivers by analyzing numerous rivers, dictated by the large number of treaty observations, testing several hypotheses, and devising general conclusions about the manner in which states resolve water disputes.


*The Lens of Time: A Repeat Photography of Landscape Change in the Canadian Rockies.* By Cliff White & E.J. (Ted) Hart. Calgary, Alberta, Canada: University of Calgary Press, 2007. Pp. 200. $69.95 paperback. Showing the dramatic changes to the Rockies landscape that have occurred in the past 125 years and providing a valuable source of information about ecological and cultural change in this world-famous region.


*Marine Conservation Agreements: The Law and Policy of Reservations and Vetoes.* By Howard S. Schiffman. Leiden & Boston: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2008. Pp. 278. $164.00 hardback. Offering a rare glimpse into the decision making of regional fisheries management organizations and other international organizations that in some way manage living marine resources, exploring an element of ocean law and policy that is often discussed as a factor contributing to the decline of fish stocks, whales, dolphins, sea birds, and other marine creatures.

*Mountain Area Research & Management: Integrated Approaches.* Edited by Martin F. Price. Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2007, distributed in the United States by Stylus Publishing. Pp. 302. $95.00 hardback. Bringing together scientists and practitioners from five continents to present their experience in undertaking activities that contribute to our understanding and informed
management of mountain areas, addressing the challenges of working in interdisciplinary teams and of effectively involving stakeholders.


Protecting Nature: Organizations and Networks in Europe and the USA. Edited by C.S.A. (Kris) van Koppen & William T. Markham. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2008. Pp. 297. $140.00 hardback. Offering a comparative analysis of organizations and networks involved in nature protection in France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States, tracing their development from their origins, more than a century ago, to the present day.

Scarcity, Entitlements and the Economics of Water in Developing Countries: New Horizons in Environmental Economics. By P.B. Anand. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2007. Pp. 310. $150.00 hardback. Arguing that if water supply and sanitation were mainly problems of technology or financial resources, they would have been resolved long ago and ascertaining that there are many factors affecting our ability to intervene and improve the effectiveness of policies.


Transboundary Policy Challenges in the Pacific Border Regions of North America. Edited by James Loucky, Donald K. Alper & J.C. Day. Calgary, Alberta Canada: University of Calgary Press, 2008. Pp. 343. $34.95 paperback. Highlighting significant transboundary research and practices being undertaken within and across the Pacific border regions of North America and revealing how intricate and interrelated social, economic, and environmental concerns have become, particularly along borders, as Canada, Mexico, and the United States collectively search for sustainable solutions.