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_The Atlas of Climate Change._ Kirstin Dow & Thomas E. Downing. Berkeley: University of California Press, 2006. Pp. 112. $19.95 paperback. Examining the signs of climate change—glacial and polar melting, rising sea levels, erratic weather patterns—explaining how global warming is being driven by the emission of greenhouse gases, and providing insights into contentious climate-change politics as it reviews current response efforts and the contributions being made by local action.

_Biodiversity Planning and Design: Sustainable Practices._ By Jack Ahern, Elizabeth Leduc & Mary Lee York. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2006. Pp. 128. $25.00 paperback. Showing how biodiversity is measured, why landscape architects and planners should care, and how planners and designers have successfully worked with conservation biologists, restoration ecologists, and natural and social scientists to yield successful results and sustainable practices.

companies, and different levels of government—defined issues in words and images, created and reconfigured alliances, and drew in different governmental institutions to attempt to achieve their goals; developing a dynamic model of conflict management by advocacy groups that puts a premium on nimble timing, flexibility, targeting, and tactics to gain the advantage; and showing that how political actors go about exploiting these opportunities and overcoming constraints is a critical part of the policy process.

Choice Modeling and the Transfer of Environmental Values. Edited by John Rolfe & Jeff Bennett. Northampton, MA, Edward Elgar Publishing, 2006. Pp. 260. $100.00 hardback. Focusing on the validity and accuracy of benefit transfer using choice modeling rather than the traditional focus of transferring results from contingent valuation and travel cost models and concluding that the benefit transfer process is not straightforward, but that use of the choice modeling technique allows for more “automatic” adjustment of values by the factors that frame the case study of interest.


Governing Environmental Flows: Global Challenges to Social Theory. Edited By Gert Spaargaren, Arthur P.J. Mol & Frederick H. Buttel. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2006. Pp. 377. $37.00 paperback. Focusing on the interrelationships of globalization, the environment, and the state, the contributors determine that the conventional state-based approach to environmental policy is in need of revision and lay the foundation for a set of concepts capable of analyzing environmental governance in global modernity.

diverse democracies, taking as his point of departure the dominant environmental philosophies in these two countries.


*Michigan’s State Forests: A Century of Stewardship*. By William B. Botti & Michael D. Moore. East Lansing, MI: Michigan State University Press, 2006. Pp. 201. $29.95 paperback. Outlining the development of the state forest system, explaining some of the thinking that has gone into management decisions along the way, and celebrating the successes of the past while raising cautionary questions about the future of the state forests.


*Paradigm Wars: Indigenous Peoples’ Resistance to Globalization*. Edited by Jerry Mander & Victoria Tauli-Corpuz. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 2006. Pp. 272. $19.95 paperback. Using firsthand reports by 25 indigenous and nonindigenous writers to detail the devastating impacts of extractive industries and bioprospecting, the degrading of cultural artifacts and languages, even the damage done by some well-meaning conservation groups to indigenous communities and the resistance these communities are showing, often with success, to these onslaughts.

Reimagining Political Ecology. Edited by Aletta Biersack & James B. Greenberg. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2006. Pp. 419. $24.95 paperback. Showcasing second-generation political ecology, which retains the Marxist interest in capitalism as a global structure but which is also heavily influenced by poststructuralism, feminism, practice theory, and cultural studies and is moving beyond binary thinking, focusing instead on the interchanges between nature and culture, the symbolic and the material, the local and the global.


Understories: The Political Life of Forests in Northern New Mexico. By Jake Kosek. Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2006. Pp. 408. $23.95 paperback. Tracing the histories of forest extraction and labor exploitation in northern New Mexico, where Hispano residents have forged passionate attachments to place, describing how their sentiments of dispossession emerged through land tenure systems and federal management programs that remade forest landscapes as exclusionary sites of national and racial purity, and offering an innovative vision of environmental politics that challenges scholars as well as activists to radically rework their understandings of relations between nature, justice, and identity.