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## BOOKS RECEIVED

*The Dam Builders: The Final Volume in the "Roll on Columbia" Series.* By Bill Gulick. Albuquerque, NM: University of New Mexico Press, 2008. Pp. 368. \$29.95 hardcover. In 1948, Bill Gulick witnessed, firsthand, what can happen to a region and a city when the power of a river is not respected. In *The Dam Builders* – the fourth, and final, volume of his exploration of the catastrophe that befell Portland, Oregon, when the Columbia River broke through its dikes – Gulick explores what people and corporations have done to the Columbia and the price we must pay for it.

*Public and Private in Natural Resource Governance: A False Dichotomy?* Edited by Thomas Sikor. Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2008. Pp. 235. \$136.50 hardcover. "This volume develops the rich conceptual and empirical content of public-private relationships, increasingly acknowledged as the dominant realm of natural resource governance. Ten wonderful studies from around the world illuminate opportunities for advancing the theory, analysis and effective formation of sustainable systems of resource use." – Jeff Romm, Professor for Resource Policy, University of California, Berkeley

*Global Warming 101.* By Bruce E. Johansen. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008. Pp. 216. \$49.95 hardcover. Prepared as a reference for high-school students, this book may also be useful for anyone who wants a compact, plain-spoken basic guide to the science of global warming.

*Revolution on the Range: The Rise of a New Ranch in the American West.* By Courtney White. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2008. Pp. 228. \$25.95 hardcover. In the final decade of the twentieth century, the American West was at war. Conventional wisdom told us those who wanted to work the land and those who wanted to protect it had fundamentally different – and irreconcilable – values. In *Revolution*, White challenges that truism, heralding stories from a new American West where cattle and conservation go hand in hand.

*The Global Warming Combat Manual: Solutions for a Sustainable World.* By Bruce E. Johansen. Westport, CT: Praeger Publishers, 2008. Pp. 256. \$44.95 hardcover. This *Manual* describes the practical measures that readers can take in their daily lives to reduce their carbon footprints, while showing how to link one's personal choices with big-picture science and big-scale campaigns to combat global warming on the political, legal, economic, and technological fronts.

*Battleground Environment.* By Robert William Collin. Westport, CT: Greenwood Press, 2008. Pp. 616. \$175.00 hardcover. In-depth analysis of over 100 of the most controversial topics involving the environment,

including: Childhood Asthma, the Kyoto Treaty, Smart Growth, Three Gorges Dam, and Genetically-modified Food. Each entry outlines the various points of view around the issue and where and when the conflict occurred, and explains the cultural, social, and political context and dimensions of the conflict.

*Environmental Law, Policy, and Economics: Reclaiming the Environmental Agenda.* By Nicholas A. Ashford and Charles C. Caldart. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008. Pp. 1088. \$90.00 hardcover. Offers a detailed discussion of the important issues in environmental law, policy, and economics, tracing their development over the past few decades through an examination of environmental law cases and commentaries by leading scholars. The authors focus on pollution, addressing both pollution control and prevention, but also emphasize the evaluation, design, and use of the law to stimulate technical change and industrial transformation, arguing that there is a need to address broader issues of sustainable development.

*Global Catastrophes and Trends: The Next Fifty Years.* By Vaclav Smil. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008. Pp. 320. \$29.95 hardcover. Scientist Smil takes a wide-ranging, interdisciplinary look at the catastrophes and trends the next 50 years may bring.

*Governing a Common Sea: Environmental Policies in the Baltic Sea Region.* Edited by Marko Joas, Detlef Jahn, and Kristine Kern. Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2008. Pp. 256. \$117.00 hardcover. How is a natural common pool resource such as a sea, which is shared by several countries, best governed? Using a case study of the Baltic Sea Region to examine this complex problem, administrative and political structures developed there are reviewed and shown to provide a model that could be applied to other seas and natural resource systems elsewhere in the world.

*Climate Change and Globalization in the Arctic: An Integrated Approach to Vulnerability Assessment.* By E. Carina H. Keskitalo. Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2008. Pp. 272. \$136.00 hardcover. Drawing upon case studies of forestry and fishing and reindeer herding in the European North, as well as data from some 60 semi-structured interviews and seven stakeholder meetings, *Climate Change* develops a methodology and framework for qualitative vulnerability assessment in "multiple impact" studies (of climate change and globalization), and then applies the framework to several cases of renewable natural resource use across scales.

*Managing the Transition to Renewable Energy: Theory and Practice from Local, Regional and Macro Perspectives.* Edited by Jeroen C.J.M. van den Bergh and Frank R. Bruinsma. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, Inc., 2008.

Pp. 400. \$180.00 hardcover. Addresses the problem of how to make a large-scale socio-technical transition to renewable energy, so as to realize an environmentally sustainable economy in the long run. It takes an innovative view on the role and content of public policy and compares it with traditional views from economic, administrative, and political sciences.

*Water, Place, and Equity*. Edited by John M. Whiteley, Helen Ingram, and Richard Warren Perry. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2008. Pp. 312. \$25.00 paperback. Argues that fairness in the allocation of water will be a cornerstone to a more equitable and secure future for humankind. With analyses and case studies, it demonstrates that considerations of equity are more important in formulating and evaluating water policy than the more commonly invoked notions of efficiency and markets.