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## BOOKS RECEIVED

*Adaptive Governance and Water Conflict: New Institutions for Collaborative Planning.* Edited by John T. Scholz & Bruce Stiftel. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2005. Pp. 274. \$29.95 paper; \$75.00 cloth. Addressing a broad range of issues regarding environmental governance and water policy, including water supply, water quality, and ecosystem management.

*The Business of Global Environmental Governance.* Edited by David L. Levy & Peter J. Newell. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2005. Pp. 360. \$27.00 paper. Developing a theoretical framework for understanding the role of business in environmental governance and then providing empirical studies of business strategies across a range of cases, from formal regimes to combat climate change and ozone depletion to more informal and private regimes for tropical logging and the ISO 14000 environmental management standards, demonstrating the key roles of business, markets, and private actors in shaping international environmental institutions and constructing new forms of governance.

*Climate Change Damage and International Law: Prevention Duties and State Responsibility.* By Roda Verheyen. Boston, MA: Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2005. Pp. 406. \$164.00 cloth. Providing a comprehensive assessment of the legal duties of states with regard to human induced climate change damages by discussing the current state of climate science in the context of binding international law and arguing that compensation for such damage could indeed be recoverable.

*The Colorado Plateau II: Biophysical, Socioeconomic, and Cultural Research.* Edited by Charles van Riper III & David J. Mattson. Tucson: The University of Arizona Press, 2005. Pp. 352. \$35.00 cloth. Ranging in content from measuring human impacts on cultural resources, through grazing and the wildland-urban interface issues, to parameters of climate change on the Plateau and also introducing economic perspectives by considering shifting human population patterns and regional disparities in the Colorado Plateau economy.

*The Complex Forest: Communities, Uncertainty, & Adaptive Collaborative Management.* By Carol J. Pierce Colfer. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2005. Pp. 370. \$31.95 paper; \$65.00 cloth. Systematically examining the theory, processes, and early outcomes of a research and management approach called adaptive collaborative management, which acknowledges the complexity and the importance of developing solutions together with the forest peoples whose lives will be most affected by the outcomes.

*Cultivating Utopia: Organic Farmers in a Conventional Landscape.* By Kregg Hetherington. Halifax: Fernwood Publishing, 2005. Pp. 128. \$14.95 paper. Examining the questions of why people are drawn to organic farming and why so many of them leave farming in short order and tracing the social cleavages and frictions between organic farmers and conventional farmers who seemingly have so much in common.

*Developing Groundwater: A Guide for Rural Water Supply.* By Alan MacDonald, Jeff Davies, Roger Calow & John Chilton. Warwickshire, UK: ITDG Publishing, 2005. Pp. 358. \$34.95 paperback. Providing a user-friendly guide to this key topic and bringing together for the first time the wide range of techniques required to develop ground water for community water supplies while setting the technical aspects of rural water supply firmly in their socio-economic context so that readers can take proper account of community concerns as well as purely engineering questions.

*Dictionary of Water Engineering.* Edited by Ken Nelson with contributions from Charles Kerr & Robert Legg. Warwickshire, UK: ITDG Publishing, 2005. Pp. 372. \$65.00 paperback. Providing clear definitions covering all aspects of water engineering and technology including water supplies for urban and rural communities, wastewater systems, water resources, hydrology, irrigation, river improvement, drainage, erosion, ground water, hydrography, flood protection, hydraulic machines, dams, and water power.

*Forests in Landscapes: Ecosystem Approaches to Sustainability.* Edited by Jeffrey A. Sayer & Stewart Maginnis. Sterling, VA: Earthscan, 2005. Pp. 257. \$59.95 hardback. Reviewing changes that have occurred in forest management in recent decades and presenting case studies that provide a wealth of international examples of innovative practices.

*Governing Water: Contentious Transnational Politics and Global Institution Building.* By Ken Conca. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2006. Pp. 466. \$28.00 paperback. Examining political struggles to create a global framework for the governance of water and presenting a framework for understanding global environmental governance based on key institutional presumptions about territoriality, authority, and knowledge.

*Indian Gaming and Tribal Sovereignty: The Casino Compromise.* By Steven Andrew Light & Kathryn R.L. Rand. Lawrence, KS: University Press of Kansas, 2005. Pp. 240. \$29.95 cloth. Describing Indian gaming and exploring this hot political issue with examples that reflect a wide range of tribal experience while supporting the contention that tribal sovereignty is the key to understanding Indian gaming law and politics and guiding policy reform.

*In the Thick of It: My Life in the Sierra Club.* By Michael McCloskey. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2005. Pp. 399. \$29.95 paper. Telling the author's story, an insider's account of the Sierra Club and an inspiring history of environmental activism, and providing a blueprint for how to turn idealism and hope into practical solutions and offering an

alternative vision of conservation initiatives as opportunities to improve our quality of life.

*Investing in Nature: Case Studies of Land Conservation in Collaboration with Business.* By William J. Ginn. Washington, DC: Island Press, 2005. Pp. 209. \$19.95 paper. Detailing how large-scale land deals can prosper both as conservation projects and as sound financial investments by using new financial tools and innovative collaborative techniques to save millions of acres of land in America and abroad while at the same time demonstrating impressive returns to the Wall Street community.

*Liquid Assets: An Economic Approach for Water Management and Conflict Resolution in the Middle East and Beyond.* By Franklin M. Fisher, Annette Huber-Lee, et al. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2005. Pp. 256. \$39.95 paperback; \$80.00 unjacketed hardback. Presenting an innovative model that can be used to assist water management, the cost-benefit analysis of water infrastructure, and the resolution of disputes, a model that takes system-wide effects into account and is the first to overcome the failure of actual water markets to cope with the divergence between social and private benefits, permitting the model-user to impose his or her own values or policies.

*Managing Wetlands for Private and Social Good: Theory, Policy and Cases from Australia.* By Stuart M. Whitten & Jeff Bennett. Northampton, MA: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2005. Pp. 286. \$100.00 hardback. Developing theory and policy for the provision of public goods from private land and applying this to case studies of wetlands in Australia.

*The Multi-Governance of Water: Four Case Studies.* Edited by Matthias Finger, Ludivine Tamiotti & Jeremy Allouche. Albany: State University of New York Press, 2006. Pp. 208. \$60.00 hardcover. Examining water scarcity and efforts to better manage rivers and river basins and developing a new approach to water governance: the concept of multi-governance, an effort to collectively solve public problems by involving a series of relevant actors from the local to the global level, such as institutions, states, civil society, and business.

*The New Atlas of Planet Management, Revised Edition.* Edited by Norman Myers & Jennifer Kent. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2005. Pp. 304. \$39.95 paper. Bringing this classic reference up-to-date, with the latest figures and analysis, fresh full-color and easy-to-read graphics, an expanded format, and a wealth of current environmental and political topics that have arisen during the previous two decades.

*Out of the Blue: A Journey through the World's Oceans.* By Paul Horsman. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2005. Pp. 160. \$29.95 cloth. Celebrating the rich variety of ocean life, considering the consequences of human

activity, including climate change and pollution, on the life of the sea, and emphasizing how the different elements within the oceans interact.

*Re-Thinking Green: Alternatives to Environmental Bureaucracy.* Edited by Robert Higgs & Carl P. Close. Oakland, CA: The Independent Institute, 2005. Pp. 480. \$22.95 paperback. Showing how environmental quality can be enhanced more effectively by relying less on government agencies that are increasingly politicized and unaccountable and more on environmental entrepreneurship and the strict enforcement of private-property rights.

*Scarcity and Growth Revisited: Natural Resources and the Environment in the New Millennium.* Edited by R. David Simpson, Michael A. Toman & Robert U. Ayres. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2005. Pp. 292. \$36.95 paper; \$70.00 cloth. Providing a fresh investigation of the most fundamental issues involved in our dependence on natural resources and considering the long-term implications of resource scarcity for economic growth and human well-being.

*The State and the Global Ecological Crisis.* Edited by John Barry & Robyn Eckersley. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2005. Pp. 307. \$27.00 paperback. Offering analyses and case studies that explore the prospects for "reinstating the state" as a facilitator of progressive environmental change rather than a contributor to environmental destruction and providing a critical analysis of current developments while also identifying new initiatives and opportunities that may accelerate environmental progress.

*Sustainable Energy: Choosing Among Options.* By Jefferson W. Tester, Elisabeth M. Drake, Michael J. Driscoll, Michael W. Golay & William A. Peters. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press, 2005. Pp. 872. \$78.00 hardback. Designed for advanced undergraduate and graduate students as well as others who have an interest in exploring energy resource options and technologies with a view toward achieving sustainability and clearly presenting the trade-offs and uncertainties inherent in evaluating and choosing different energy options and providing a framework for assessing policy solutions.

*The Urban Household Energy Transition: Social and Environmental Impacts in the Developing World.* By Douglas F. Barnes, Kerry Krutilla & William F. Hyde. Washington, DC: RFF Press, 2005. Pp. 141. \$32.95 paper; \$60.00 cloth. Providing the first worldwide assessment of the energy transition as it occurs in urban households, drawing upon data collected by the World Bank Energy Sector Management Assistance Program, and serving as an important contribution to development studies and as a guide for policy makers hoping to encourage sustainable energy markets and an improved quality of life for growing urban populations.