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"The book will be of great interest to those studying or working in forest resource management and will appeal to those with an interest in sustainable resource management more broadly. **Summing Up: Recommended. Upper-division undergraduates, graduate students, researchers/faculty, and professionals/practitioners.**" – *CHOICE, J. L. Rhoades, Antioch University New England*

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