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From the timber we use to the oxygen in the air we breathe, humans are intimately connected to the complex forested ecosystems that many of us take for granted. Since the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan, which provided management direction and incentives to protect the long-term health of forests in Washington and Oregon in 1994, knowledge of forest resources and landscape dynamics has changed significantly. As forests face increasing pressures from climate change and urban development, management strategies must evolve to consider the sustainability of both forests and the communities that depend on them. In bringing together an expert panel of social and forest scientists, this book lays the groundwork for a future where both humans and forests can thrive. Edited by ecologist Deanna H. Olson and USDA research manager Beatrice Van Horne, the book explores topics ranging from the effects of timber harvesting and fire on forest regrowth patterns, to watershed and landscape ecology, to temperature and precipitation shifts due to climate change and its impact on the Northwest region. Though specific examples focus on the Pacific Northwest, lessons drawn can be applied to a range of forests around the world.

About the authors: Deanna H. Olson is a research ecologist with the USDA Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station in Corvallis, Oregon. Beatrice Van Horne is the director of the USDA Northwest Climate Hub at the Forest Service Pacific Northwest Research Station in Corvallis; previously she was a professor of biology at Colorado State University in Fort Collins.

Critical acclaim: “Authored by a virtual Who’s Who of Pacific Northwest forest scientists, this book is the most current synthesis of what we know about the magnificent forests of the Pacific slope. To ignore it is to know less than you should if you are concerned about the future of this ecologically distinct and economically important resource. David Douglas and George Sudworth would be delighted”—John C. Gordon, Pinchot Professor Emeritus and former Dean, Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. “The book beautifully characterizes the past four decades of change in forest science and management, offering a future rich with promising ideas and tools”—Sally D. Collins, Cochair, MegaFlorestais, and former Associate Chief, US Forest Service.

Readership: Policy makers, forest and natural resource managers, students, and conservationists who wish to conscientiously and effectively manage forests and the human communities who depend on them.

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