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Landscapes and Landforms of Western Canada Olav Slaymaker, 2016-12-01 This is the only book to focus on the geomorphological landscapes of Canada West. It outlines the little appreciated diversity of Canada's landscapes and the nature of the geomorphological landscape which deserves wider publicity. Three of the most important geomorphological facts related to Canada are that 90% of its total area emerged from ice sheet cover relatively recently from a geological perspective; permafrost underlies 50% of its landmass and the country enjoys the benefits of having three oceans as its borders: the Arctic, Pacific and Atlantic oceans. Canada West is a land of extreme contrasts: from the rugged Cordillera to the wide open spaces of the Prairies; from the humid west coast forests to the semi desert in the interior of British Columbia; and from the vast Mackenzie river system of the north to small steep cascading streams on Vancouver Island. The thickest Canadian permafrost is found in the Yukon and extensive areas of the Cordillera are underlain by sporadic permafrost side by side with the never glaciated plateaus of the Yukon. One of the curiosities of Canada West is the presence of volcanic landforms extruded through the ice cover of the late Pleistocene and Holocene epochs which have also left a strong imprint on the landscape. The Mackenzie and Fraser deltas provide the contrast of large river deltas debouching respectively into the Arctic and Pacific oceans. **The Atlas of Breeding Birds of Alberta**, 2007 The Landscapes of Southern Alberta Chester B. Beaty, 1975

Using Landscape Simulation Models to Help Balance Conflicting Goals in Changing Forests

Anoushka R. Hof, Miguel Montoro Girona, Marie-Josée Fortin, Junior A. Tremblay, 2022-01-06

Storied Landscapes

Frances Swyripa, 2010-09-01 Storied Landscapes is a beautifully written sweeping examination of the evolving identity of major ethno religious immigrant groups in the Canadian West. Viewed through the lens of attachment to the soil and specific place and through the eyes of both the immigrant generation and its descendants, the book compares the settlement experiences of Ukrainians, Mennonites, Icelanders, Doukhobors, Germans, Poles, Romanians, Jews, Finns, Swedes, Norwegians and Danes. It reveals how each group's sense of identity was shaped by a complex interplay of physical and emotional ties to land and place and how that sense of belonging influenced and was influenced by relationships not only within the prairies and the Canadian nation state but also with the homeland and its extended diaspora. Through a close study of myths, symbols, commemorative traditions and landmarks, Storied Landscapes boldly asserts the inseparability of ethnicity and religion both to defining the prairie region and to understanding the Canadian nation building project. Alberta's Lower Athabasca Basin

Brian M. Ronaghan, 2017-05-24 Over the past two decades the oil sands region of northeastern Alberta has been the site of unprecedented levels of development. Alberta's Lower Athabasca Basin tells a fascinating story of how a catastrophic ice age flood left behind a unique landscape in the Lower Athabasca Basin, one that made deposits of bitumen available for surface mining. Less well known is the discovery that this flood also produced an environment that supported perhaps the most intensive use of boreal forest resources by prehistoric Native people yet recognized in Canada. Studies undertaken to meet

the conservation requirements of the Alberta Historical Resources Act have yielded a rich and varied record of prehistoric habitation and activity in the oil sands area Evidence from between 9 500 and 5 000 years ago the result of several major excavations has confirmed extensive human use of the region s resources while important contextual information provided by key geological and palaeoenvironmental studies has deepened our understanding of how the region s early inhabitants interacted with the landscape Touching on various elements of this rich environmental and archaeological record the contributors to this volume use the evidence gained through research and compliance studies to offer new insights into human and natural history They also examine the challenges of managing this irreplaceable heritage resource in the face of ongoing development Contributors Alwynne Beaudoin Angela Younie Brian O K Reeves Duane Froese Elizabeth Roberston Eugene Gryba Gloria Fedirchuk Grant Clarke John W Ives Janet Blakey Jennifer Tischer Jim Burns Laura Roskowski Luc Bouchet Murray Lobb Nancy Saxberg Raymond LeBlanc Robert R Young Robin Woywitka Thomas V Lowell and Timothy Fisher

First World Petro-Politics Laurie E. Adkin, 2016-01-01 First World Petro Politics examines the vital yet understudied case of a first world petro state facing related social ecological and economic crises in the context of recent critical work on fossil capitalism A wide ranging and richly documented study of Alberta s political ecology the relationship between the province s political and economic institutions and its natural environment the volume tackles questions about the nature of the political regime how it has governed and where its primary fractures have emerged Its authors examine Alberta s neo liberal environmental regulation institutional adaptation to petro state imperatives social movement organizing Indigenous responses to extractive development media framing of issues and corporate strategies to secure social license to operate Importantly they also discuss policy alternatives for political democratization and for a transition to a low carbon economy The volume s conclusions offer a critical examination of petro state theory arguing for a comparative and contextual approach to understanding the relationships between dependence on carbon extraction and the nature of political regimes

Storied Inquiries in International Landscapes Tonya Huber, 2010-06-01 Storied Lives Emancipatory Educational Inquiry Experience Narrative Pedagogy in the International Landscape of Diversity contains exemplary research practices strategies and findings gleaned from the contributions to the 15 issues of the Journal of Critical Inquiry Into Curriculum and Instruction JCI CI Founding Editor Tonya Huber initiated the JCI CI in 1997 as a refereed journal committed to publishing educational scholarship and research of professionals in graduate study The journal was distinguished by its requirement that the scholarship be the result of the first author s graduate research according to Cabell s Directory the first journal to do so Equally important the third issue of each volume targeted wide representation of cultures and world regions Current thinking on written by members of the JCI CI Editorial Advisory Board explores state of the art topics related to curriculum inquiry Illustrations photography e g Sebastião Salgado s Workers in vol 2 collage student generated art artifacts and full color art enhance cutting edge methodologies extending educational research through Aboriginal and Native oral traditions arts based

analysis found poetry data poetry narrative and case study foci on liberatory pedagogy and social justice action research

Alberta Roads TES Research & Consulting, Ltd,1980 **Visual Environmental Communication** Anders

Hansen,David Machin,2016-03-17 In 2008 the editors published a well cited journal paper arguing that while scholarly work on media representations of environmental issues had made substantial progress in textual analysis there had been much less work on visual representations This is surprising given the increasingly visual nature of media and communication and in light of emerging evidence that the environment is visualized through the use of increasingly symbolic and iconic images Addressing these matters this volume marks out the present state of the field and contains chapters that represent fresh and exciting high quality scholarly work now emerging on visual environmental communication These include a range of fascinating and often alarming topics which draw on a variety of methods and forms of visual communication The book demonstrates that research needs to think much more widely about what we mean by the visual which plays a massive yet under researched role in the politics and ideology of public understanding and misunderstanding of and the environment and environmental problems The book is of relevance to students and researchers in media and communication studies cultural studies film and visual studies geography sociology politics and other disciplines with an interest in the politics of visual environmental communication This book was published as a special issue of Environmental Communication A Journal of Nature and Culture Changing Prairie Landscapes Patrick Douaud,Todd A. Radenbaugh,2000 Landscapes of the Northern

Great Plains have been constantly changing but never so rapidly as under modern conditions of economic affluence and technological development This change is multifaceted and has an impact not only on the fabric of culture and its perception of landscape but also on the ecology and physical landforms Multidisciplinary research has therefore become an important tool in identifying the influences that human activities have not only on cultural landscapes but on biophysical ones as well This collection of articles originating in a conference held at the Royal Saskatchewan Museum in April 2000 focuses on just such an integration of research concerning the Great Plains of North America and involving the disciplines of geology archaeology biology geography sociology and agriculture **Sustaining Rocky Mountain Landscapes** Tony Prato,Tony Professor Prato,Dan Professor Fagre,2010-09-30 Prato and Fagre offer the first systematic multi disciplinary assessment of the challenges involved in managing the Crown of the Continent Ecosystem CCE an area of the Rocky Mountains that includes northwestern Montana southwestern Alberta and southeastern British Columbia The spectacular landscapes extensive recreational options and broad employment opportunities of the CCE have made it one of the fastest growing regions in the United States and Canada and have lead to a shift in its economic base from extractive resources to service oriented recreation and tourism industries In the process however the amenities and attributes that draw people to this New West are under threat Pastoral scenes are disappearing as agricultural lands and other open spaces are converted to residential uses biodiversity is endangered by the fragmentation of fish and wildlife habitats and many areas are

experiencing a decline in air and water quality Sustaining Rocky Mountain Landscapes provides a scientific basis for communities to develop policies for managing the growth and economic transformation of the CCE without sacrificing the quality of life and environment for which the land is renowned The book begins with a natural and economic history of the CCE It follows with an assessment of current physical and biological conditions in the CCE The contributors then explore how social economic demographic and environmental forces are transforming ecosystem structure and function They consider ecosystem change in response to changing patterns of land use pollution and drought the increasing risk of wildfire to wildlife and to human life and property and the implications of global climate change on the CCE A final policy focused section of the book looks at transboundary issues in ecosystem management and evaluates the potential of community based and adaptive approaches in ecosystem management

Alberta Landscapes Darwin Wiggett,2006-01-01 Explore the drama and complexity of Alberta through the eyes of master photographer Darwin Wiggett From the sagebrush speckled lowlands to the bustling skylines of its major cities to the towering wall of the Rocky Mountains the landscapes of Alberta cast a seductive spell This series of photography books features the work of some of the best contemporary and historical photographers

Artists of Alberta Suzanne Devonshire Baker,1980

Impaired Wetlands in a Damaged Landscape Kevin P. Timoney,2015-07-01 This work is a scientific monograph that examines the flora and vegetation of natural mineral wetlands in comparison to mineral wetlands affected by bitumen exploitation The work is of broad relevance because a wetland loss and degradation is a global problem b the continued global increase in fossil fuel exploitation is resulting in widespread damage and c bitumen tar sands oil sands exploitation is a rapidly growing and destructive set of activities The core of the work is a meta analysis of 417 vegetation plots Analyses of change over time and chemical and physical attributes of water and soil are presented for the subset of plots with sufficient data The purpose of the work is to demonstrate that 1 There are marked differences between natural and industrially affected wetlands 2 Industrially affected mineral wetlands differ from natural wetlands in their vegetation assemblages their depressed vegetation and species diversity and their abundance of exotic weeds 3 Successful post bitumen mining wetland reclamation has not been accomplished and may not be attainable within the foreseeable future given the ecological and physical conditions of the industrial wetlands current reclamation practices and lax regulatory standards In regard to government policy and industrial practices it finds that they are responsible for reclamation failure on a grand scale

Waterfowl 2000 ,2000

Rural Land Change and the Capacity for Ecosystem Conservation and Sustainable Production in North America Alisa W. Coffin,Mark A. Drummond,David R. Huggins,Fardausi Akhter,2022-04-26

The Protected Landscape Approach Jessica Brown,Nora J. Mitchell,Michael Beresford,2005 The traditional patterns of land use that have created many of the world s cultural landscapes contribute to biodiversity support ecological processes provide important environmental services and have proven sustainable over the centuries Protected landscapes can serve as living models of sustainable use of land and

resources and offer important lessons for sustainable development. Examples of these landscapes and the diverse strategies needed to maintain this essential relationship between people and the land are provided. *Towards Sustainable Management of the Boreal Forest* Philip Joseph Burton, 2003. Presenting a summary of the development in boreal forest management, this book provides a progressive vision for some of the world's northern forests. It includes a selection of chapters based on the research conducted by the Sustainable Forest Management Network across Canada. It includes a number of case histories.

Ecosystem Function in Heterogeneous Landscapes Gary M. Lovett, Clive G. Jones, Monica G. Turner, Kathleen C. Weathers, 2007-12-21. Among the most difficult problems in the life sciences is the challenge to understand the details of how ecosystems, watersheds, landscapes function. Yet the welfare of all life, not just the human species, depends upon the successful functioning of diverse and complicated ecosystems, each with various dimensions and compositions. Central to this working is the dominance and to a major extent, control of ecosystems by organisms, which means that these systems are constantly changing as the component organisms change and evolve. Such changes increase the challenge to understand the functioning of ecosystems and landscapes. Moreover, understanding the interactions among the myriad components of these systems is mind boggling, as there are scores of biotic, probably many thousands of species, when the microbial components are fully enumerated through genomics, and countless abiotic ions, molecules, and compounds, entities all simultaneously interacting and responding to diverse external factors to produce functional or dysfunctional environments for life. This book focuses on the problems of connectedness and ecosystem functioning. It is difficult enough to understand how an ecosystem functions when it is considered in isolation, but all ecosystems are open and connected to everything else. Clearly, the inputs to any ecosystem are the outputs from others, and vice versa, and as such, the fluxes represent major, if not critical, points for managing or changing the overall functioning of an ecosystem or landscape. A major challenge is to find appropriate conceptual frameworks to address these complicated problems.

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