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### **PIONEERING BOOK ON ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE RELEASED BY NATURAL RESOURCES LAW CENTER**

Justice and Natural Resources: Concepts, Strategies, and Applications, the first book of its kind, has been released by the Natural Resources Law Center (NRLC). Edited by researchers at NRLC, the book explores concepts of environmental justice in the realm of natural resources. “Environmental justice brings together two of the most powerful social movements of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries: environmentalism and civil rights,” notes editor and contributor Kathryn Mutz. “This book is inspired by the simple observation that the burdens and benefits of environmental protection are not distributed equally, and that the injustices reach well beyond the pollution problems emphasized by the traditional environmental movement.” Historian Patricia Nelson Limerick notes that “most of the essays in this collection are powered by hope--hope that refuses to defer to the burdens of history.” The authors suggest that historical injuries can be addressed and repaired; that social justice and environmental well-being can be compatible goals; that existing environmental and civil rights laws and regulations can serve as tools to advance this merged cause; and that democratic participation in decision-making, especially of the people who have been historically excluded and disenfranchised, can correct the problems of the past and prevent more in the future. Contributors consider how decisions about managing and using resources can exacerbate social injustice and the problems of disadvantaged communities. Looking at issues that are predominantly rural and western-many of them involving Indian reservations, public lands, and resource development activities-the book offers a new, expansive view of environmental justice. Dedicated to “all those who care about the land, its resources, and its people and who work to protect them,” Justice and Natural Resources is divided into three sections: Frameworks, Concepts, and Strategies and Applications. Its 21 contributors represent natural resource and Native American issue areas from “traditional” sources as well as academia, government, and field experience: Gary Bryner and Kathryn Mutz of the Natural Resources Law Center, Jan Buhrmann, Henry H. Carey, Luke W. Cole, Sheila Foster, David H. Getches, Sarah Halvorson, Lisa Headington, Barry E. Hill, Sarah Krakoff, Patricia Nelson Limerick, David N. Pellow, Jill Replogle, Jeff Romm, Dean Suagee, Nicholas Targ, Gerald Torres, James L. Wescoat Jr., and Tseming Yang. Justice and Natural Resources: Concepts, Strategies, and Applications is available from [Amazon](#).