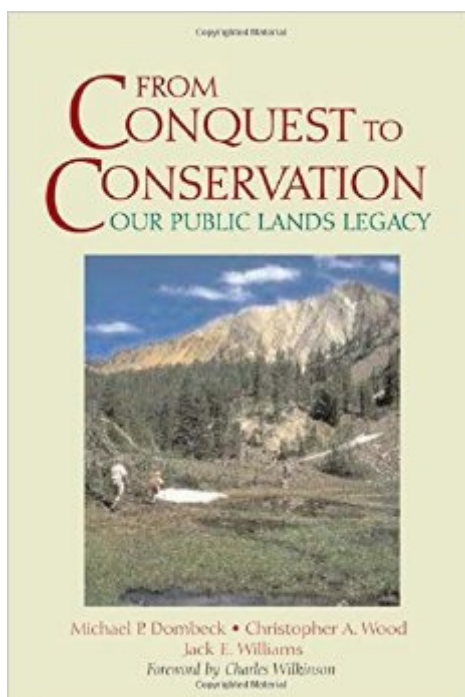


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repetitive and poorly organized that there is no linearity to the narrative whatsoever. Which, if this was an edited collection, might be expected. But it's written and organized like a monograph. So, largely for that reason, I find the book fairly worthless. Simply put, there is just a ton of much better and better organized material on this same subject. Much of it also on Island Press, even (try Knight and Bates' New Century for Natural Resources Management, for example. It's an edited collection, it's 8 years older than this book, yet it is much more useful and barely any more out of date). But this one? Not so good.

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