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This book is the culmination of a symposium, held on June 13, 1992, that examined broad trends and issues in natural resources law and policy, with special attention paid to those features that make this subject area particularly challenging in the American West. Of particular salience are the region’s large percentage of federal, public lands, and the semi-arid climate. Contributing authors provide a comprehensive overview of existing legal and policy arrangements, and review the historical evolution of these frameworks with respect to modern demands and resource values. Authors question whether our past traditions of resource management and use provide an adequate base upon which to move forward, or whether societal goals for natural resources are undermined by ineffective laws, perverse policies and incentives, and a widespread loss of vision. Through this analysis, ideas for reform are identified.
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