

Book Notices

The Future of Agriculture in the Rocky Mountains, edited by E. Richard Hart. (Salt Lake City and Chicago: Westwater Press, Inc., 1980. pp. 150, illustrations, maps, notes and references, \$8.00 paper.)

In 1979 leading humanists, scholars, and government officials met in Sun Valley, Idaho to discuss the future of agriculture in the Rocky Mountain region. What they talked and argued about—energy, water, government policy—and the significance of the West are the topics of this fascinating book. Are agricultural research and government policies adapting to the changing economic realities? Is it wise to transfer federal lands to the states? (This is the crux of the current so-called "Sagebrush Rebellion" in the western states.) How will the increased demand for energy and water affect agriculture in the West? This book attempts to present some answers and diverse viewpoints on these issues which face the West today. An important book about some crucial issues for all Americans.

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