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“Towards Sustainable Use of Rangelands in North-West China to be thoughtful, well structured, informative ... and readable. The contributing authors provide an accessible introduction to the challenges facing North-West China's rangelands and document a variety of practical approaches to address these. Recommended for readers with an interest in social and environmental change, mountain ecosystems, and natural resource management.” (Hilary Howes, *Asian Highlands Perspectives*, Vol. 40, 2016)

“The chapters are clearly presented and the summaries of key points at the beginning of each chapter are very useful. The book also benefits from the contemporary nature of the data set on which it draws; this is especially important in the context of rapid political, economic, and climate change. ... In summary, this is a valuable book that will undoubtedly be of interest to scholars of pastoralism and of the region.” (Caroline Upton, *Mountain Research and Development*, Vol. 31 (2), May, 2011)

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