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is to change the world so it is a better place for the next generations for my beloved grandchildren and those who follow them it will be the philanthropic acts, unwavering dedication, and generous investments of visionary people. May this book be an inspiration to those who will make those investments and to those who will guide and steward them. In that spirit, this book is also dedicated to the memory of my friend and colleague Phillip Desbrow, a creative and visionary pioneer for philanthropy in Australia, whose courage, joy, and tenacity embraced the true spirit of giving and characterized his creation of the Leukaemia Foundation of Australia. His legacy is far more than a single organization.

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small setbacks in fundraising but strengthened our sense of mission. And that, after all, is what we are about.

Beyond Fundraising: What It Means

Because this book is written for volunteers and staff people working in a sector that is based on the measurable success of its fundraising, the title may seem odd. The principle is simple: To go beyond fundraising, organizations must do more than fund raise. They must also:

- Believe and practice the principle that development is a comprehensive process of which fundraising is a pivotal part.
- Understand that development is the series of deliberate activities by which we involve and retain funders in a donor-investor relationship with our organizations.
- Give up the idea that development is synonymous with fundraising, the series of approaches to prospects and donors (direct mail, phone appeals, fundraising events, fall campaigns, winter campaigns) that yield revenues and donors from year to year.

Development is much bigger than fundraising. And fundraising alone is not enough.

The Need Continues to Grow

The need for the nonprofit sector to go beyond fundraising and to understand and apply development principles continues to grow. Increased competition among funders and a higher level of sophistication among donors have changed the nature of philanthropy, development, and fundraising.

Once viewed as needy institutions to which people gave out of a sense of obligation, nonprofits now find they are being evaluated against different and tougher criteria based on their own financial and community performance and their capacity to meet donor needs. This shift in expectations requires organizations to practice the longer term process of development; to go beyond fundraising.

The Origin of Beyond Fundraising and the Basis for Its Revision

Although I have written several other books since Beyond Fundraising was first published, this book embodies my core beliefs and has been a continuous writing project for nearly a decade. Many of its principles and strategies formed the basis of my first workshop when I began my consulting career.

Putting Away the Tin Cup

was, starting in 1987, my signature seminar and was given for more than a decade to boards of trustees, other volunteers, and staff members of hundreds of not-for-profit organizations in the United States, Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, and western Europe.

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The primary purpose of Putting Away the Tin Cup workshops was to raise the comfort level of board and staff members as they raised money for nonprofit organizations. It challenged old notions about fundraising. The workshop introduced new concepts and new ideas that allowed organizations to position themselves more positively in their communities. These same ideas have also guided my consultation with scores of organizations, have grown out of and informed my more than 20 years of teaching with The Fund Raising School and other organizations, and they are the basis of this book.

Importantly, I was a good listener at those sessions. I heard what volunteers and professionals were saying about the obstacles and challenges they faced, and I was heartened by their successes. I still am. And in my own volunteer work with Stanford University and serving on boards of other organizations, I saw things from the perspective of the busy volunteer who wants time, tools, and training and to be a partner for change.

Over the years, my insights have sharpened to reflect the experience and needs of the thousands of volunteer and staff leaders with whom I have worked. These leaders have represented many places and institutions: public television across America, a national domestic violence policy and education organization headquartered in San Francisco, a university in England, a library in Paris, a leukemia foundation in Australia, a land trust in

California, a technical institute in New Zealand, a preparatory school in Seattle, a medical center near Los Angeles, a children's hospital in Canada, a church organization in Sweden, opera companies in New York and San Francisco, orchestras from across America, and museums in New Mexico, Colorado, and France. Although these organizations differ, and the volunteer and staff roles vary, the concerns expressed by clients and workshop attendees have many common threads:

- Fear of rejection and a reluctance to be viewed as beggars as their principal reasons for feeling uncomfortable with fundraising
- Worry about asking too often, and wanting strategies for asking more effectively
- Weariness of the relentless cycle of fundraising activities that they must pursue to generate revenues for their programs, and wanting to know how to cultivate and retain donors by building relationships with them
- Enthusiasm about their organizations and their own capacity to make a difference in their communities
- An eagerness to learn how to position their organizations in their communities as the constructive, vital, and important organizations they are

Principal Concepts

The principal concepts in this book are the old ideas that have been formed from these common needs and tested in these workshops and consultations. To go beyond fundraising, nonprofits need to:

- Position themselves as organizations that meet needs, not as organizations that have needs

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- Know that a gift to them is really a gift through them into the community
- Focus on program results, not just on financial goals
- Remember that the process of asking and giving is based in shared values
- View our organizations, and encourage others to perceive them, as vital additions to communities whose services and enhancements must be balanced and strong
- Engage nonprofit leaders and donors at all levels in a process that will convert them to donor-investors, committed to a long-term relationship based on shared values and vision
- Position all contributions to nonprofit organizations as social investments and all contributors as donor-investors
- See the process of revenue generation and constituency involvement as a much larger, inclusive, and energizing process called development.

The Breakthrough Innovation

Organizations try new fundraising tactics but do not see they still lack the development framework that will create a lasting base of donor-investors. They seek innovative strategies for increasing revenues: the event no one has tried, the cleverly (or emotionally) crafted mailing that will survive the 15-second initial exposure test and result in a first-time gift, or hiring the best possible fundraiser (as they persist in inappropriately calling development professionals). None of these strategies is enough to bring a consistent and stable base of funding to an organization without the principal innovation that goes beyond fundraising and inspires development.

The innovation that has the most singular impact on all organizations with which I have worked during my years as a consultant and teacher to the philanthropic sector is this: an innovation in attitude about the entire fundraising process, one that properly puts it into the larger context of development and philanthropy. Only then does true innovation occur. Attitudes shift. One person wrote, after a particularly rigorous workshop, "I will now feel proud to ask for money for our college."

Innovation requires a willingness to set aside old ideas. A certain entrepreneurial spirit must prevail; there must be a willingness to risk. Courage is fundamental and confidence is critical. The enviable mystique that surrounds those who are successful at fundraising is nothing more, in my experience, than the attitude those individuals have about the process:

- They know it is

hard work, but it is worth it. They are passionate about the causes for which they are raising money. They come not as beggars, but as individuals offering others opportunities to invest in the future of their communities. They are the catalyst for converting citizens to donor-investors in the organizations whose values they share.

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They find the process to be satisfying and gratifying. They see it as a way of involving people known and unknown to them in organizations that are making a difference in their communities. For those who have made the attitudinal breakthrough, an invitation to provide or ask for funds for an organization is an invitation to invest or ask others to invest. Each act of giving and asking is an honor, a privilege, and a trust. We can measure the impact of gifts by the results the organization achieves. I have watched as board members, other volunteers, staff members, and the curious who are not yet involved with philanthropy realize that asking for money is an invitation to invest. I have heard their stories of the transforming nature of both asking and giving, and I have listened as they relate their increased stakeholder role. I have seen what happens to attitudes about fundraising when people realize that the investment goes beyond the organization: that an investment made in a not-for-profit organization is an investment in the community. And I have seen donors transformed through their investments and their sense of involvement and belonging. These are powerful realizations. We have been helped in the last five or more years by an increased awareness in the media of our power and impact. No longer relegated to the back page of local and national newspapers and magazines (or to the local or social section), news of philanthropic investments is front page. Magazines understand us now as a vital social force. We can hope that the old days of disparaging and ignorant coverage of our sector are gone. When I reflect on the way things were, I remember how one of the high-circulation magazines wrote about major university capital campaigns that were under way a decade ago. The article was titled "America's Top Universities Go Begging in Style." I hope we have gone beyond that image. We do not come from weakness. We have no need to beg. We come from the strength of our visible impact, convictions, and values. The perception of our sector is changing, and with it the demands for accountability and disclosure are rising. We are meeting those demands, but still have a distance to go. We need to promote ourselves more vigorously as the public benefit sector and as public benefit organizations leaving the label of "charity" to the more appropriate description of the purpose for which we have been created and the reasons that people give (charitable intent, charitable purpose). "Charity" connotes to far too many people organizations that are needy. We are not needy: we meet needs. Even "nonprofit" has its drawbacks: what other sector of the economy describes itself by what it is not? (Peter Hero, CEO, Community Foundation Silicon Valley)

As we go ever more deliberately beyond fundraising into systemic development practices that focus on the donor, the community, social investment, and innovation, we will ensure that the new perception of our sector holds.

A Book of Tested Ideas

In 1997, with the first edition, I drew on my experience for the observations, strategies, and tips in this book. As I reviewed them in 2005, the vast majority remained true.

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Clients and audiences change, the marketplace has definitely changed, donors are vastly different, and yet the core principles set forth in this book have lasted. Perhaps it was ahead of its time. My passions about the not-for-

profit sector are many. These passions include ethics, values, creativity, innovation, professionalism, board participation, pride in the sector, partnerships at all levels of an organization and in the community, and a keen sense of mission and vision. My passions are characterized by an absence of cynicism and an abundance of enthusiasm. Recently a colleague asked me if I am always so optimistic. My answer was yes. I remain optimistic about the power and potential of philanthropy and the great gains we are making in America and around the globe. The late John W. Gardner, both mentor and friend to me, instructed us that as leaders we must offer hope. That has always been my goal.

A Book for Volunteers and Staff Throughout the World

This book is for both paid and unpaid leaders and servants of the not-for-profit sector throughout the world. Its principles are universal. Many philanthropic practices and strategies, long a part of the American tradition, have been implemented with vision and success in countries throughout the world. Cross-cultural adaptations will of course be made by those in other countries implementing American ideas even by our close neighbors and colleagues in Latin America and Canada but the kernel of each strategy is sound.

As my work has expanded globally in recent years, so has my perspective and understanding of both common and divergent practices. Certain ideas and issues have distilled with force and clarity. Although the primary focus of the sector will always be on ways to generate more revenue, it is a growing reality that fundraising is not enough. Experienced organizations know this is so. In practice, unfortunately, they too often ignore this crucial truth. They do not take the time to do the kind of relationship building that is indispensable for long-term development. Even if they cultivate their prospects well building relationships as a prelude to asking for the gift they often fail repeatedly at donor stewardship. In a recent survey done to assess factors that would lure lapsed members back to public television, one woman responded: They would have to show me that they know me.

Stewardship is not just diligent monitoring of the way in which a person's gift is invested or used. Stewardship is the process of involving and appreciating donor-investors and bringing them into a deeper relationship with the organization after the gift is made. Stewardship is the most critical development practice. It encourages long-term investment in our sector. The importance of stewardship threads its way through this book, and there is an entire chapter dedicated to it as well.

With business and government unable, unwilling, or ill-equipped to do what we do, we play an increasingly vital role. In a healthy society, nonprofits must provide both preface xv (i-xx) 3/3/05 3:04 PM Page xv initiative and response. We need only reflect on the outpouring of sympathy and support following the 9/11 terrorist attack in the United States and the Tsunami that devastated South Asian and African communities on the Indian Ocean in December, 2004, to see the capacity of people to care. Organizations quickly positioned themselves to meet the desperate human needs of these communities and people responded.

Going forward into the twenty-first century, the philanthropic sector has an opportunity to build stronger communities through boldness, innovation, and new models for action that are based on results, not needs; investment opportunities, not institutional financial urgency. As observer, counselor, teacher, constructive critic, and confidante, I have been privileged beyond expression to work with staff and volunteer leaders who are truly making a difference in the health and stability of our society. This book is for you, and for all those who wish to bring innovation and investment to their communities.

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SPRINKEL GRACE\n\nMarch 2005\n\nxvi preface\n\nnfm.qxd (i-xx) 3/3/05 3:04 PM Page xvi\n\n\n\nxvii\n\n\nIntroduction to the Second Edition\n\n\nThe changes that have occurred in philanthropy since I began writing Beyond Fund-raising in 1995 and since it was published in 1997 are substantial. We have seen the American economic bubble swell and burst and begin to grow again. With the unprecedented growth in wealth came an extraordinary and generation-spanning awareness of the power of philanthropic investment.\n\n\nCover stories during 1999-2001 in Business Week, Forbes, Success, Fortune and comprehensive articles in publications as far-reaching as The New York Times and The Economist focused on the awakening of widespread interest in ways for individual social investors, through philanthropic gifts, to help meet the needs of their communities. The golden age of philanthropy came upon us: Vast wealth was created, and the new philanthropists (whether in their 20s or their 70s) recognized the satisfying return of this new kind of investment. But that satisfaction was based on new demands on the sector. Accountability and transparency became the requirement for philanthropic investment, and public benefit corporations (nonprofits) not only began providing more information but began offering more opportunities for donor involvement in their organizations. Astride this fast-paced movement toward greater and deeper investment, which was influenced in tempo and leadership by young entrepreneurs impatient to change the world, our sector rode a roller coaster. Eager for the investment, some organizations agreed to conditions that placed undue strain on their management and boards, and often led to disappointed investors. Venture philanthropy became a hotly debated topic, and standards for performance by organizations in our sector were scrutinized.\n\n\nParallel with these changes in the United States, our active exportation of philanthropy to far-flung corners of the world flourished. Many of our great social entrepreneurs and investors Bill and Melinda Gates, George Soros saw with keen vision that globalization was not just about economics. It was about our interconnectedness with people and our common quest to improve education, eradicate poverty, and eliminate both chronic and catastrophic diseases. Our greatest social export, philanthropy, found new markets driven by new freedom in eastern Europe, a rising epidemic of AIDS in\n\n\nnfm.qxd (i-xx) 3/3/05 3:04 PM Page xvii\n\n\n\nxviii introduction\n\n\nAfrica, a persistent need for social services and change in western Europe and Asia, and a growing recognition in all parts of the world that governments were never again going to fund community organizations at the level many countries had experienced in previous centuries. As social investors demanded more oversight of their investment and wanted more control over their wealth while considering to what philanthropic purpose it would be put, another change occurred. Community foundations in the United States burgeoned, swelled by donor-advised funds and supporting organizations that provided investors with advice from experienced philanthropic managers while offering them the desired control over their money and their investments. This movement, too, resonated with resourceful people outside the United States and the community foundation movement took fire. WINGS (Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support), in its May 2004-2004 Community Foundation Global Status Report, highlighted these developments among others:\n\n\n2022 42 countries have community foundations, up from 36 in 2003, and 8 more countries are seriously considering forming foundations. 2022 1,120 community foundations exist worldwide with another 142 in active formation. 2022 37.5 percent of these exist outside the United States, up from 34 percent in 2003; Canada and the United States together

represent 47 percent of the foundations, \ndown from 52 percent in 2003. \n\n\u2022
Between 1999 and 2004, the number of community foundations outside North\nAmerica grew
by 176 percent. \n\n\u2022 The f first ever global meeting of community foundation
practitioners from around\nthe world gathered at the Community Foundation Symposium in
Berlin in Decem-\nber 2004 \u2014 a \u201crecognition of how far the global movement
has progressed in just\nten years. \u201d\n\nThe truly remarkable aspect of all of this
is that the core philanthropic interest, curiosity, \nand energy of the late twentieth
and early twenty-f first centuries persists in spite of the\nfact that we have, since
September 11, 2001, been coming to grips with enormous\nchanges in our economy, our
sense of personal safety, and the overall stability of the\nworld. The War on Terrorism
will most likely be the long war that politicians and scholars\npredict, and no
country is immune. From the United States to Indonesia to Spain to parts\nof the
former Soviet Union, the threat of terrorism spawns fear and distracts people
from\nthe dreams and vision they once had. \n\nThe inf luence on philanthropy of the
focus on global safety has been visible in meas-\nurable ways (giving was down in the
United States in 2002 as philanthropy did not\nrespond with its usual safety net to
the economic downturn and loss of public funding) \nand in the most subtle ways (people
feel a sense of \u201cpsychic poverty\u201d that causes even\nthose who maintained or
have now restored their wealth to feel less inclined to give it\naway). In the
hierarchy of human needs that Abraham Maslow listed so many decades\nago, we slipped
down from the lofty perch of focusing on self-actualization and began\nfm. qxd (i-xx)
3/3/05 3:04 PM Page xviii \n\n\nintroduction xix \n\n\nworry about food, shelter,
and other basic needs as the economy continued to remain\nvolatile even late into 2004.
Philanthropy is recovering, and we need only ref lect on the\noverwhelming response
from individuals around the world to the plight of those who\nendured and survived the
Indian Ocean Tsunami of December 2004 to see that once\nagain, when confronted with
extreme human tragedy, people give as much as they can\nto help others. \n\nSo what is
philanthropy\u2019s role today? And how does this book\u2014whose ideas
seem\nremarkably resilient even 10 years later\u2014become your travel guide for the
uncertain\nand sure to be surprising road ahead? \n\nPhilanthropy\u2019s role today is,
for me, more important than ever. When kept free of pol-\nitics and based on a
mission-secured vision of meeting community needs and enhancing\nthe quality of life,
what greater safety line can we grasp in these uncertain times? Com-\nmunity problems
do not recede in times of international crisis, they grow. And while our\nsense of
helplessness or powerlessness may rise during times of threats to health,
security, \nor social conditions, what better way to restore our sense of being able to
have an impact\nthan by investing in organizations that are making a dif ference in
lives nearby or those far\naway? And there is no more ef fective way to bridge both of
these worlds: last year for\nChristmas I \u201cgave\u201d my grandchildren goats,
chickens, and rabbits through Heifer Interna-\ntional, animals that are now providing
food and industry for families in Asia. Even the\nsmallest children in the family
understood the message of philanthropic outreach. \n\nBeyond Fundraising has sold more
than 12,000 copies in its f first edition and is still\nselling well. This new edition
incorporates the new context for philanthropy, but the\nsolid principles that have led
to this book\u2019s success have not been altered. The values basis\nfor philanthropy
is still the only basis; mission is still a ref lection of why an organization\nexists,
not just what it does; the importance of regarding donors as donor-investors (or\njust
as investors) has grown; vision is still the star to hitch your wagon to; and the
basic\nstrategies for annual and capital fundraising are little altered. There is one

entirely new chapter, the two chapters on planning in the first edition have been combined into one, and the remainder have been revised, edited, and updated. In the near decade since I began the first writing of this book, my insights and career have changed along with the philanthropic environment. The variety of clients has not changed (arts and culture, public broadcasting, secondary and higher education, health and human services, environment, and religion), but I now spend more time speaking and writing. Annual exposure to hundreds and hundreds of people who work or volunteer in philanthropy has spiked my passion for what our sector accomplishes. Increased work with boards of directors has increased my respect for the changes we may have to make in governance policies and procedures to accelerate access by investors. My work with public broadcasting, now an all-consuming role that will continue for the next several years, is a microcosm of each of our communities here in the United States, integrating arts, education, health, public affairs, and other programming with community partnerships that are based on the reality that broadcasting is not what public broadcasting does, it is how it does what it does. It has provided me a window into all of your worlds, and the view is one of potential realized and potential that remains. My work internationally has likewise given me a new filter to see the life cycle of philanthropy reflected in its entirety in a classroom at the International Fundraising Congress is a rare gift and I become less a teacher than a facilitator; less a pedant than a midwife. When I hear how an African gentleman who administers a trust has the responsibility to spend \$1 million a year on children orphaned by AIDS and he then tells me there are 1 million children in his country already orphaned I am humbled by the wisdom he must use to make his decisions. And when I see how philanthropy is soaring in Australia and New Zealand, I am thrilled by the changes I have seen since I first went there 11 years ago to speak at a fundraising conference. We work and volunteer in a remarkable sector. Our capacity to build long-term relationships will be critical to its further impact. These relationships must be based on an understanding between organizations and their donor-investors of their mutual responsibilities. It needs to be a relationship based on partnership, respect, and vision. This book is about building those relationships. It is about strengthening the platform from which you operate so that you can truly soar. Filled with concrete examples and tips, it is also abundantly stocked with philosophical and strategic morsels that will satisfy your appetite for something more meaningful than what is in your inbox but something that will help you deal better with the pile of daily duties. Your role is great and important. Our sector represents hope for the future.

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Philanthropic behavior is motivated by values. Board member commitment to serve and ask, volunteer enthusiasm, and a donor-investor's sense of satisfaction in giving are based on an implicit search for ways to act on their values. Matching volunteer, funder, and institutional values is a critical practice of successful nonprofit organizations. Philanthropy Defined

Historically, philanthropy was the love of mankind or (later) the love of humankind. Its manifestation, particularly in the United States where philanthropy has been practiced consistently since the earliest years of its founding, has included voluntary offerings of time, money, and goods to meet the needs of communities. The popular perception of philanthropy that grew during the nineteenth and twentieth centuries focused on major financial support of wealthy individuals like Andrew Carnegie, John D. Rockefeller, and in more recent times,

David and Lucile Packard, and Bill and Melinda Gates. Recognizing that philanthropy is historically and in practice much more than giving money, a newer definition of philanthropy was developed decades ago by Robert Payton in his book *Philanthropy: Voluntary Action for the Public Good* (1988): all voluntary action for the public good. Based in values, voluntary action includes giving, asking, joining, and serving.

We know by observation and experience that people do not engage in philanthropic activities on behalf of organizations whose values they do not share. The match between the values of our organizations and the values of our constituencies predicts the level and intensity of the response a donor or volunteer will have to a cause.

To be innovative and attract long-term donor investment, organizations in the nonprofit sector must define and apply their values. They should organize their internal systems, marketing and communications programs, and community outreach to maximize the understanding of, response to, and impact of those values. Only then can organizations

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attract supporters for the right reasons and engage them in a lasting and mutually satisfying relationship.

The Role of Values in the Nonprofit Sector

Complex and passionate values are often present at the creation of nonprofit organizations. Wishing to act meaningfully on those values, people create and help sustain organizations that meet a variety of community needs. They do this through their philanthropic gifts of time and money.

2022 Parents whose son or daughter dies of a drug overdose channel their grief into constructive options for other young people by creating a counseling program at the local high school.

2022 Because she values independent living and the dignity deserved by all individuals, the grandmother of a developmentally disabled young adult helps create a center for her grandchild and for others with similar disabilities.

2022 The American Library in Paris is founded by the father of an American poet-soldier killed in World War I.

2022 The families of leukemia patients in Queensland, Australia, help create an apartment building where they can stay while loved ones receive hospital treatment.

Other motivations may be less personal but are no less value-driven.

2022 In the United States, the movement to keep local and regional symphonies strong and accessible is based in values: Community leaders realize that live music performances enhance the attractiveness of their communities, that children and adults need opportunities to appreciate and learn about music, and that local musicians need to play together as an orchestra.

2022 Public school districts in California and other parts of the United States, constrained by cuts in tax revenues, create private foundations to raise money to support jeopardized school programs. They are the invention of parents motivated by values of quality and opportunity in education.

2022 In Slovenia, citizens ensure the creation of a children's services agency to replace vital healthcare programs previously provided by government.

2022 In countless public broadcasting stations across America, staff and volunteers wishing to sustain the independent and local media voice in their communities create and implement new ways for their members to invest at higher levels in support of programs that advance classroom education, children's programming, arts and culture, civil discourse, lifelong learning, and other basic needs of their communities.

Global philanthropy is growing exponentially. Throughout the world, communities are responding to changes in traditional sources of services and revenue by creating and sustaining support for museums, schools, social and human service

agencies, and other vital\n2 beyond fundraising\n01.qxd (001-016) 3/3/05 3:02 PM Page 2\n\n\ninstitutions. Motivated by their own values and the values of their communities, leaders\nare taking on new roles as community builders.\n\nWhile inspired by America\u2019s globally unique nonprof it leadership, international phil-\nanthropic organizations are developing their own unique character, ref lecting the values\nand needs of the communities they serve. The growth of the ResourceAlliance, a global\nphilanthropic organization headquartered in the United Kingdom that provides confer-\nences and training to professionals throughout the world, is a stunning sign of this growth.\n\nFrom a single, modestly attended annual International Fundraising Congress held 25 years\nago in The Netherlands, the organization has grown to sponsor not only its annual con-\nference with capacity attendance but regular regional conferences throughout the world\n(Africa, South Asia, Latin America) that are dedicated to increasing the capacity of orga-\nnizations in these countries to meet pressing community needs through appropriate and\neffective philanthropy. The rapid spread of philanthropy is an unexpected benef it of glob-\nnalization, accelerating needed change by drawing on resources and ideas that are readily\nshared among caring people and organizations.\n\nDeveloping a Values-Based Approach\n\nSystems and structures that successfully attract volunteers and funding rely on the iden-\ntification of common values. These values become the foundation of all outreach and\noperations. Board members, other volunteers, and staf f know intuitively why they are\ncommitted to an organization or to the voluntary sector, but most have not articulated\nthe values that attract them. Nonprof it leaders, who may be stymied in their ability to\nconvey a fresh or convincing message asking for community support, benef it from revis-\niting the core values of their organizations as a f irst step in addressing their mission and\nmarketing. The results of such an exercise are heartening. Renewed motivation is often\nimmediate, and there is reaf f irmation of founding or sustaining principles. They take the\nf irst step toward values-directed outreach to the community that can result in revitalized\nsupport. One venerable organization, preparing for a campaign to coincide with its 150th\nanniversary, engaged board and senior staf f in a \u201cdeep-dive\u201d session that identif ied their\ncore values. Two outcomes were important: (1) the sense of unity that came from the real-\nnization of the extent of their shared values and (2) the ease with which these identif ied\nvalues formed the basis for an entirely new marketing program.\n\nWhether an organization is long-established and looking for a current perspective or\nnew and looking for a solid basis on which to construct its outreach, the identif ication\nof values is a signif icant f irst step.\n\nIdentifying Values\n\nValues orientation is outward. It requires organizations to replace their windows with\nmirrors and identify those aspects of their beliefs and practices that will link with the\nneeds of the community and the values of their existing and potential constituencies. In\nchapter 1 values 3\n01.qxd (001-016) 3/3/05 3:02 PM Page 3\n\n\norganizations that are evolving from a focus on the needs they have to an emphasis on\nthe needs they are meeting, this can be a dif f icult step. Used to conducting community\noutreach and fundraising based on internal f inancial needs, they require some coaching\nto transcend old habits and focus on the core values that can attract and retain like-\nminded people.\n\nValues vary among organizations and donors. Here are some examples of core values\nexpressed by staf f and volunteers in organizations during sessions conducted to discuss\nthe values that motivate people to give to and serve their organizations:\n\n\u2022 A YMCA: youth, leadership, families, community, health\n\n\u2022 An arts education organization: creativity, expression,

learning, opportunity, family involvement\n\n\u2022 A children's services organization: safety, health, care, concern, families, healing,\n\n\n\u2022 A medical center: healing, continuum of care, excellence, compassion\n\n\nSome will argue that the values which drive some people to support highly visible arts, cultural, and educational organizations are self-serving: recognition, opportunity to mingle with the rich and famous, or prestige. These motivations should be viewed without criticism and as opportunities for exploration of other values. A person's motivation for giving an annual or capital gift, as long as it is within the ethical and values framework of the recipient organization, should be the starting point of a relationship. Over time, the initial WIIFM (What's in it for me?) motivation can be converted to a desire to work together with an organization to make a difference in an area of mutually perceived importance.

The identification and nurturing of the values that people bring to their initial interaction with an organization are the first steps toward going beyond fundraising.

Organizations that position themselves as facilitators rather than judges create opportunities that bring people into a larger understanding of the impact of their involvement.

Many initial gifts, given in response to peer pressure during an annual or capital campaign, can, with patience and the application of good listening skills, be not only renewed but grown when the donor's values are uncovered and matched with the values of the organization. While some gifts should not be accepted, and your organization should have policies that indicate sources or purposes that are inappropriate, most volunteers and professionals are wise enough to know when donor motivation is inconsistent with the mission of the organization and could lead to a compromise of the organization's values.

Such instances are quite rare, and these gifts are almost always rejected. Many years ago, Yale University returned a \$20 million gift to the donors. The gift had come with a string attached: The donors wished to influence the curriculum in the academic area for which the gift was designated. Yale's commitment to the integrity of its curriculum development process prevailed. In another instance, an environmental organization rejected the offer of a gift from a corporation whose purpose was counter-value to the mission of the nonprofit.

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Exhibit 1.1 interrelationship of values-based philanthropy, development, and fundraising

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5 Philanthropy

Based in values

Development

Uncovers shared values

Fundraising

Provides people opportunities to act on their values

A Model of Values-Based Philanthropy, Development, and Fundraising

Mastery of the interrelationship of values-based philanthropy, development, and fundraising is a critical achievement for organizations seeking innovative and powerful ways to position themselves in their communities. Exhibit 1.1 shows how these three functions operate as one seamless context for donor development. The integration of these functions is the primary catalyst for going beyond fundraising.

Understanding the Model

The largest element of this model is philanthropy, as redefined by Payton and others. It is the context in which development and fundraising must be set.

Most nonprofit volunteer and staff leaders, introduced to the bigger idea that philanthropy is all voluntary action for the public good, not just gift-gathering, immediately grasp its role as a larger and more exciting framework in which to plan and set priorities. The challenge to old ways of thinking comes even more forcefully in understanding the difference between development and fundraising. In a survey administered as part of a video

teaching guide by the BoardSource (formerly the National Center for Nonprofit Development) (001-016) 3/3/05 3:02 PM Page 5

the majority of participants indicated that development was just a nicer way of saying fundraising. This model illustrates why that is not true. This three-part model distinguishes between development and fundraising and places these functions as embedded in philanthropy. It separates the process of development from the activities of fundraising and assigns each a different function within the values-based structure.

The model has three elements: philanthropy, development, and fundraising.

Philanthropy: Based in Values

Philanthropy is the largest part of the model. It is based on the belief that philanthropy is directed by values. The research of Payton and others has verified this conclusion. We do not give to, ask for, join, or serve those organizations whose values are inconsistent with our own. At the most altruistic, this motivation draws people into a rewarding involvement with organizations that are advancing and strengthening basic community and individual values. At the other end of the continuum, there will be those whose initial motivation is WIIFM (What's in it for me?). These initial motivations (recognition, enhanced community position), as discussed previously, can be grown over time into a deeper understanding of mutual benefits for donor and organization.

Because core values are broad (e.g., dignity, independence, excellence, compassion, quality of life), they permit access to organizations by a wide range of donors with differing needs and perceptions. Messages can encompass all or one of these values. Values also cross boundaries from one organization to another. Those who value families or health or safety will find several organizations in a community in whose work they can invest. This reduces the sense of competition among organizations and focuses instead on the importance of fulfilling a values-centered community mission that may be acted on by several institutions.

Two Institutions: Common Mission, Common Values

In one community, two organizations working with women and their children who had experienced domestic violence combined their efforts in one community campaign. An emergency shelter and a transition housing/job training program conducted a joint fundraising campaign one year under the mutual banner of "breaking the cycle of violence." An advertising agency provided high-quality pro bono print and electronic public service promotional materials, and a well-respected county supervisor was the keynoter at the campaign kickoff. The two organizations shared more than \$75,000 in contributions from the joint campaign. Each organization also conducted its own fundraising activities that year, separate from the joint campaign but reflecting the common mission. Community awareness of the issue of domestic violence was heightened by the joint campaign, and response to the individual agency campaigns reflected this as well. The public service announcements were timeless in their production and appeal, and still are seen occasionally on the local television station. The two organizations attracted new donors who identified with their shared values and renewed existing donors who saw with fresh clarity the importance of breaking the cycle of violence.

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Translating Philanthropy: In Conveying Values, the Mission Is the Message

The invitation to participate as a donor-investor or volunteer in values-based philanthropy is best offered through a mission statement that reflects those values. Many nonprofit organizations have succumbed to the pressure of people who are uncomfortable with statements that incorporate values or emotions and have created mission statements that are "corporate," describing what the

organization does, rather than why. To embark on successful values-based philanthropy, development, and fundraising, it is very important to have a mission statement that states why the organization exists. It may also say what the organization does, but the function (what) should be secondary to the purpose (why). One major donor to a midwestern public broadcasting licensee parsed a model mission statement and observed that a good one combines the users' emotions with the station's (or organization's) functionality. An astute observation with application far beyond public broadcasting.

What Mission Statements Should Say and Do

Nonprofit organizations exist to fulfill community needs. People do not give time and money to organizations because organizations have needs; they give because organizations meet needs. In that spirit, we know that a gift to an organization is really a gift through the organization: It is an investment in the community. These are the two key premises for going beyond fundraising.

Mission statements that describe only the function of an organization need to frame that function with the purpose: Why does an organization exist? What need is being met?

Although some values are present in a statement of what an organization does, the core values that will ignite interest are more boldly expressed in a statement of why the organization exists. The Fundraising School, a program of Indiana University's Center on Philanthropy, has generated the seminal work in values-based mission statements. Its basic course materials include numerous examples of statements that answer the question "Why do you exist?"

Two Examples of Values-Based Mission Statements

Over the years, certain organizations have framed and used mission statements that are powerful invitations to invest. Vector Health Programs of Eureka, California, which specializes in procedures for repairing severe injuries to hands, developed one nearly 15 years ago that, although no longer in use, remains a stunning model. Its executive director at that time, Karen Angel, prepared the statement as part of a workshop exercise. Her initial mission statement, which was a description of Vector's services, was challenged as not answering the "why" question and lacking an expression of core values. In response to the question "Why do you exist?" she wrote:

Next to the human face, hands are our most expressive feature. We talk with them. We work with them. We play with them. We comfort and love with them. An injury to the hand affects people personally and professionally. At Vector Health Programs, we give people back the use of their hands.

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The statement went on to describe how Vector restores the use of people's hands. The board chair, hearing this statement the first time, was moved to tears. She said she had not realized, until then, just why she was involved. The mission statement had intersected with, and revealed, her values of full participation in life, love, work, and play.

In another example, Yale University School of Medicine positioned this values-based mission statement as the lead to its case materials for a capital campaign conducted nearly three decades ago, when the scientific world was in the beginning of the explosion of knowledge about genetics. Like Vector's mission statement, time has not tarnished the luster of this strong example of an excellent mission statement:

We are in the midst of one of the most profound intellectual revolutions of all time, the revolution in the biological sciences. Its implications for understanding life processes and for combating disease are boundless. Yale is in the forefront of this revolution.

Succinct and potent, this brief statement reflects values of excellence, innovation, and involvement, and invites those who share those values to

participate in the campaign. A recent example (October 2004) comes from public broadcasting. WVIA in Pittston, Pennsylvania (western Pennsylvania) has drafted this new mission expression: People change and lives improve when powerful ideas confront us. WVIA is a regional catalyst, convener and educator, using media, partnership, ideas and programs to advance the best attributes of an enlightened society. Getting Comfortable with Expressing Values It is not enough to have values. To attract those who share them, values must be expressed. If organizations are reluctant to present a values-based mission statement to an increasingly critical and pragmatic public, they still should go through the exercise of identifying their core values and incorporating them into a written expression. The statement they develop may be for internal use only, but its presence will serve to inspire and motivate those who must engage others in institutional advancement. Organizational reluctance to create and publish a values-based mission statement is puzzling. A look at most American and international advertising shows how emotions and values are used for commercial gain. Makers of automobiles, soft drinks, food products, cleaning goods, ice cream, insurance, health plans, and other consumer goods are not at all reluctant to use values language and benefit its in their marketing. A nonprofit's mission statement is not an advertisement, but it is used to attract potential donors and volunteers in the way an advertisement is used to convince the consumer to purchase a product or service. As reflected in the three mission statements just quoted, there is room for modest expression of emotion in nonprofit mission statements. This emotion is anchored by values and is never excessive or offensive. Most nonprofit organizations have an emotional basis to their origin and impact: To deny this in a mission statement or other materials seems oddly contradictory to purpose. An advertising executive offered himself as a constructive critic of his alma mater's series of fundraising mailings. He cited an overintellectualism that did not ignite anything beyond fundraising.

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memories or emotions for him. He admonished the university's development staff to evoke the images that stirred nostalgia, a key value among alumni: the smell of a campus grove after a rain, the sound of the stadium at a football game's halftime, the taste of coffee hastily drunk between classes and with friends. His ideas were incorporated into the next year's mailings, with positive results. Creating a Values-Based Mission Statement Creating a values-based mission statement is not easy, but it is important to do. The embodiment of values in a mission statement can inspire other materials including mailings and proposals. It can be a talking point when recruiting volunteers and the core of speeches and presentations. A mission statement cannot be written by a committee, but it will benefit from an initial idea-generating session that involves key constituents. Identifying core values is the first step. In the previously mentioned session at the 150-year-old institution, each person wrote down what he or she believed to be the three core values of the organization. The facilitator then asked each person to state one value from their list. After the first round, participants were asked to repeat the process, stating any values on their lists that were not yet on the master list. Duplications arose by the second round, which is why it is important to request just one value from each person at the outset. A side benefit of this process is participant awareness of the degree to which they recognize and share the organization's values. Organizations will find this exercise very helpful in focusing board and staff on common values. Once these values have been identified, the same

participants are asked to complete this sentence: "Our organization exists because. . . . They should be coached that the statements are not to be written using the infinitive form of the verb (to inform, to educate, etc.), but rather as a statement incorporating the values just identified and expressing the reasons why the organization exists. This instruction was the inspiration for the mission statement about hands from Vector Health Programs. Examples help get people started on this new approach to mission statement creation. These "why" expressions, and the lists of core values, provide the raw material for shaping the first draft of a mission statement. Assign the writing task to an individual with writing skills and a command of institutional history and priorities. Establish agreements regarding the review process and the extent to which the statement will be edited before the writing begins. Many fine, nimble, evocative, and inspiring statements turn into clumsy, inclusive, meaningless, and rambling paragraphs because too many people are given opportunities to whittle and alter the first or subsequent drafts. In one organization, a whole board meeting was devoted to the subtle yet substantial difference between "social injustice" and "social injustices" as contained in the draft mission statement. The group was divided irreconcilably over the nuance of these phrases, and the mission writing process was blocked. Once a draft has been approved internally, organizations can benefit from circulating the statement to a select group of donor-investors. This group may include former board members, major donors, and others who will respond to and appreciate being included in this "insider" communication. One organization, testing concepts derived from its mission for use in a capital campaign, received valuable feedback that led it to shape the campaign materials in a slightly different way. The modification created a more broadly appealing message and resulted in participation by a constituency that otherwise might not have been involved.

Accepting and Using Values-Based Mission Statements

Some mission statements, reflecting organizational values and the need the organization is meeting, may never receive endorsement by boards or staff. Instead, leaders may approve and publish a more expository statement of the organization's functions. Although almost always uninspiring, these statements satisfy the need people have within and outside an organization for a mission statement that more closely matches those written for corporations or law firms. It is still prudent, however, to have an expression of the institution's values on hand. Sometimes a values-based mission statement will be adopted later or integrated into materials not as a mission statement, but as a framework for expressing the organization's purpose. On numerous occasions, organizations have turned to values-driven expressions of their mission when making tough decisions about their future. An organization that operated summer camps for a large religious organization found itself turning toward a statement of values and purpose at a decisive moment in its history. The development director had participated in a workshop in which he was asked to create a mission statement. On his return to his organization, the statement was received negatively. The director kept what he had written, feeling there might be use for it some day. There was. A year later, at a board-staff retreat, the participants were at loggerheads about the direction in which the organization should be heading. Hours of debate created acrimony and dissent. A proposed action was outside the mission according to some; to others, it was the next logical step. The development director saw this as the moment to reintroduce his values-based mission statement to

the group. When he finished reading his statement, there was no longer any question about what direction they should take. He had affirmed for each person the basic purpose of the organization and had redirected their focus onto the need they were committed to meet.

Another key aspect of writing a values-based mission statement is to position the values or the need being met as the primary or opening phrase. (This was the case with the Vector, Yale, and WVIA statements discussed earlier.) In this way, people of like values are attracted prior to being introduced to the name or function of an organization. By starting with a description of the need that exists and continuing with succinct and powerful words that tell what the need is and why meeting the need is critical, people who share similar concerns and values are alerted to a deeper purpose. When organizations begin their mission statements with the name of the organization or its principal function, some listeners or readers may tune out before the values or purposes are revealed. When that happens, the opportunity to draw people into the organization's mission may be delayed or lost. The perceived need must be identified first.

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It is perhaps apocryphal, but there is a story from Black and Decker that sums up this approach. It concerns the Black and Decker drill and the way in which sales associates are trained to sell it. They are asked, "Why do people buy a Black and Decker drill?" The answer most immediately given is "Because they want a drill." But that is not the right answer. The reason people buy a Black and Decker drill, the trainees learn, is "Because they want a hole." It is the same with nonprofit organizations. People need to see what need the organization fulfills before they will invest in what the organization does. Just as people only buy a drill if they want a hole, they only invest in organizations if what the organization provides is something they see as important to themselves and/or the community.

The philosophical mission statement, expressing institutional values, is a fundamental tool for creating a solid constituency and donor development program. It can convey a message that moves people to action and communicates the impact the organization has in the community. It is the context for philanthropy and a fundamental building block for development.

Development: The Process of Uncovering Shared Values

The second element of the model is development, which functions in the larger context of philanthropy. Development embraces, but is not synonymous with, fundraising. Often considered a euphemism for fundraising, development is much more. Philanthropy is based in values, and development is the process of uncovering shared values—a process that includes their identification, nurturing, and reinforcement through publications, actions, and community impact. It is a process driven by the importance of providing potential and current funders with opportunities to explore and apply these values on behalf of organizations.

Organizations seldom realize the full potential of the development process. Here are some important insights that can be gained with a more inclusive view of development.

Development is a series of deliberate activities through which organizations involve and retain funders in a donor-investor relationship.

Organizations that realize the power of the development process regard their new knowledge as the basis for the revitalization of their development and fundraising practices.

Development is understood as a much larger and deliberate process, characterized by patience and focused on initializing, nurturing, and maintaining relationships.

Development is the way nonprofits bring their potential and existing donors into an understanding of the impact of

their investment on the organization and on the community. Development creates donor-investors, individual and institutional funders who seek and receive a lasting and dynamic relationship with an organization. Development is based on the premise that all giving is a form of community investment, the return on which is the knowledge that those values which the organization, the community, and the donor-investor share are being acted on.

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Why Development Must Be a Priority

To be successful at fundraising, it is important to spend a lot of time on the development process. When development is crafted and pursued as the sensitive and systematic process it can be, organizations increase their funding stability.

Those organizations that implement long-term strategies for identifying and developing the match between donor and institutional values, and then focus on developing relationships based on those shared values, are better able to withstand change. They survive, and can even benefit from, shifts in the economy, evolutionary funding patterns, pendulum political changes, and other forces that mar the capacity of some organizations to retain donors. We saw this with the economic downturn of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries and in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on America on September 11, 2001. The pressures on organizations were huge; The environment for raising funds was softer than it had been in decades. Arts organizations in particular suffered as people turned their philanthropy toward what they felt were more basic human needs. The institutions that suffered but still attracted investment were those universities, cultural organizations, schools, and others that had a solid base of good relationship-retaining development practices. Unwavering, even in dire times and with an economy turned on its head, these organizations continued their outreach, stewardship, and communication. Finally, the recovery began, and these organizations were the beneficiaries. Donors embraced their constancy.

But for every organization that meets this description and is admired as a pacesetter locally, nationally, or internationally, there are too many others whose annual campaigns fizzle and whose capital campaigns, when attempted, are either extended repeatedly to ensure financial success or wither into obscurity without reaching their goal.

The problem is simply this: When development is not a firm and deliberate practice in an organization, when human and financial resources are not deployed toward this vital function, then fundraising ultimately fails.

Defining Development

So what is development? Development consists of those often subtle, frequently intangible, and not immediately measurable acts that draw donors and volunteers closer to the organization and more deeply into an understanding of shared values. These acts include:

- Development A prospect identification and qualification process that engages board, other volunteers, and staff in the regular and willing generation and screening of lists of potential donors and volunteers
- Development of strategies for approaching potential and existing donor-investors utilizing a plan of action based on volunteer-staff resources and donor interests
- Development Cultivation of prospects and donors through a well-articulated series of activities, mailings, and opportunities based on a strategic cultivation plan to heighten interest and build relationships
- Development beyond fundraising

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Development Solicitation of gifts using a donor-centered process that results in the transformation of prospects into donor-investors

Development Stewardship practices that engage the donor in a way that is desired and appreciated by the donor and that strengthen the donor's understanding of the extent to which there are

shared values with the organization\n\n\u2022 Promotion of overall community visibility of the values-based impact the organi-\nzation is making in the community\n\nStrategic implementation of development practices is the critical prelude to successful\nfundraising and is the key to growing the relationship after the gift has been solicited.\n\nThe exposition and application of these practices is a principal focus of this book.\n\nFundraising\n\nThe file is too long and its contents have been truncated.\n", "title": "Beyond Fundraising New Strategies for Nonprofit Innovation and Investment, 2nd Edition (Kay Sprinkel Grace) (Z-Library).pdf", "tether_id": null, "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"command": "context_stuff", "is_visually_hidden_from_conversation": true, "message_type": null, "model_slug": "gpt-4", "default_model_slug": "gpt-4", "parent_id": "aaa29d40-3ece-41c7-b999-1735a6168bfd", "request_id": "87de4f7198515244-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, "parent": "aaa29d40-3ece-41c7-b999-1735a6168bfd", "children": [{"id": "9167d084-5ec1-417c-b519-e5a5624c62ca"}], "9167d084-5ec1-417c-b519-e5a5624c62ca": {"id": "9167d084-5ec1-417c-b519-e5a5624c62ca", "message": {"id": "9167d084-5ec1-417c-b519-e5a5624c62ca", "author": {"role": "tool", "name": "myfiles_browser", "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1714718977.566515, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["\nPlease remember to search the user's documents if an answer to their question is not contained in the above snippets.\n"]}, "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"is_visually_hidden_from_conversation": true, "message_type": null, "model_slug": "gpt-4", "default_model_slug": "gpt-4", "pad": "AAA", "parent_id": "78549a2b-95e0-4e6b-ac7c-85674c936cdb", "request_id": "87de4f7198515244-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, "parent": "78549a2b-95e0-4e6b-ac7c-85674c936cdb", "children": [{"id": "03f517ab-7f68-4324-9d4e-1352fe37e9d9"}], "03f517ab-7f68-4324-9d4e-1352fe37e9d9": {"id": "03f517ab-7f68-4324-9d4e-1352fe37e9d9", "message": {"id": "03f517ab-7f68-4324-9d4e-1352fe37e9d9", "author": {"role": "assistant", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1714718977.566699, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["### Chapter 2: 'Putting Away the Tin Cup: Changed Attitude, Changed Practices'\n\nIn Chapter 2, the book discusses the persistent 'Tin Cup Attitude' and its implications for fundraising. It explains why this mindset continues due to factors related to the asker, funder, and institutional reasons, and emphasizes the necessity for change in both individual and institutional perspectives. The chapter introduces the concept of viewing funders as 'Donor-Investors' and shifts the focus from fundraising to building investor relationships, thereby conveying a new, more empowered attitude towards fundraising. This change advocates for presenting the needs of the organization in a manner that aligns with the interests and values of the donors, rather than a simple plea for funds.\n\n### Chapter 5: 'Inviting Investment'\n\nChapter 5 explores the strategies behind inviting investment from donors. It defines what a 'Donor-Investor' is and the importance of building a base of such investors. This chapter discusses the challenges in implementing an investment attitude among organizations and the necessary steps for asking for investment. It outlines the solicitation steps involved in inviting investment, shedding old attitudes, overcoming objections, and increasing organizational involvement in the invitation process. The chapter stresses the importance of adopting a new approach to fundraising that sees donors as partners in the mission, rather than mere sources of money.\n\nThese chapters collectively suggest a significant paradigm shift from traditional fundraising to a more relationship and

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On the solicitation process: Asking for Investment entails a strategic approach that involves clearly communicating the value and impact of the investment, not just the financial need.

On broadening participation: Inviting Investment: The Solicitation Steps outline a methodical process to engage potential investors, making the case for how their investment will advance the organization's mission and their personal or corporate philanthropic goals.

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discuss two major empirical findings that begin to show how individuals achieve results that are "better than rational" by building conditions where reciprocity, reputation and trust can help to overcome the strong temptations of short-run self-interest. The fourth section raises the possibility of developing second-generation models of rationality, the fifth section develops an initial theoretical scenario, and the final section concludes by examining the implications of placing reciprocity, reputation and trust at the core of an empirically tested, behavioral theory of collective action. We are hand-waving at our central questions. I am afraid that we do a lot of hand-waving. Let me start with a provocative statement. You would not be reading this article if it were not for some of our ancestors learning how to undertake collective action to solve social dilemmas. Successive generations have added to the stock of everyday knowledge about how to instill productive norms of behavior in their children and to craft rules to support collective action that produces public goods and avoids "tragedies of the commons." What our ancestors and contemporaries have learned about engaging in collective action for mutual defense, child rearing, and survival is not, however, understood or explained by the extant theory of collective action. The lessons of effective collective action are not simple as is obvious from human history and the immense tragedies that humans have endured, as well as the successes we have realized. As global relationships become even more intricately intertwined and complex, however, our survival becomes more dependent on empirically grounded scientific understanding. We have not yet developed a behavioral theory of collective action based on models of the individual consistent with empirical evidence about how individuals make decisions in social-dilemma situations. A behavioral commitment to theory grounded in empirical inquiry is essential if we are to understand such basic questions as why face-to-face communication so consistently enhances cooperation in social dilemmas nor how structural variables facilitate or impede effective collective action. Social dilemmas occur whenever individuals in interdependent situations face choices in which the maximization of short-term self-interest yields outcomes leaving all participants worse off than feasible alternatives. In a public-good dilemma, for example, all those who would benefit from the provision of a public good such as pollution control, radio broadcasts or weather forecasting find it costly to contribute and would prefer others to pay for the good instead. If everyone follows the equilibrium strategy, then the good is not provided or is underprovided. Yet, everyone would be better off if everyone were to contribute. Social dilemmas are found in all aspects of life, leading to momentous decisions affecting war and peace as well as the mundane relationships of keeping promises in everyday life. Social dilemmas are called by many names, including the public-good or collective-good problem (Olson 1965, P. Samuelson 1954), shirking (Alchian and Demsetz 1972), the free-rider problem (Edney 1979, Grossman and Hart 1980), moral hazard (Holmstrom 1982), the credible commitment dilemma (Williams, Collins, and Lichbach 1997), generalized social exchange (Eckhardt 1974; Emerson 1972a), Yet, the theory of collective action is the central subject of political science. It is the core of the justification for the state. Collective-action problems pervade international relations, face legislators when devising public budgets, permeate public bureaucracies, and are at the core of explanations of voting, interest group formation, and citizen control of governments in a democracy. If political scientists do not have an empirically grounded theory of collective action, then Elinor Ostrom is Arthur

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The term "tragedy of the commons" refers to the problem that common-pool resources, such as oceans, lakes, forests, irrigation systems, and grazing lands can easily be overused or destroyed if property rights to these resources are not well defined (see Hardin 1968).

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requesting that individuals can achieve outcomes better than those predicted by rational choice theory through the development of social norms like reciprocity, reputation, and trust.

The article outlines the limitations of current rational choice theories and highlights the importance of empirical research in understanding how collective action can be facilitated in practice. Ostrom suggests the necessity of developing "second-generation" models of rationality that better reflect observed behaviors in social dilemmas.

This address serves as a pivotal point for political science and related disciplines, urging a reevaluation of how theories of collective action are conceptualized and applied, especially in complex and interdependent global relationships.

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of market behavior and also used for models in other social sciences, such as sociology and political science, to explain phenomena like voting behavior, crime, and family relationships.

Criticisms: Critics argue that the theory may oversimplify human behavior, ignoring emotional, ethical, and social influences that can also significantly impact decision-making processes. Critics also point out that access to complete information and the capacity to process it are often unrealistic.

Despite criticisms, rational choice theory remains a fundamental concept used to understand and predict decisions in a broad array of academic fields and practical applications."], "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": true, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"finish_details": {"type": "stop", "stop_tokens": [100260]}, "citations": [], "gizmo_id": "g-V2KIUZSj0", "is_complete": true, "message_type": null, "model_slug": "gpt-4", "default_model_slug": "gpt-4", "pad": "AAA", "parent_id": "aaa2bf9e-8783-4be6-915d-20554278f548", "request_id": "87d44030bdaa0e6f-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, "parent": "aaa2bf9e-8783-4be6-915d-20554278f548", "children": [{"id": "aaa2a082-27c8-4d0d-aabc-da46d56e81bd"}], "aaa2a082-27c8-4d0d-aabc-da46d56e81bd": {"id": "aaa2a082-27c8-4d0d-aabc-da46d56e81bd", "message": {"id": "aaa2a082-27c8-4d0d-aabc-da46d56e81bd", "author": {"role": "user", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1714613687.945784, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["give me and outline and summary of the article and the key ideas presented"]}], "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"attachments": [{"id": "file-Ncpmu4wKrkhdciuraEkfqWZq", "size": 645483, "name": "Week 1_Two Enduring Lessons from Elinor Ostrom.pdf", "mime_type": "application/pdf"}], "request_id": "87d4455ae8f24c6d-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute", "message_type": null}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, "parent": "3db0fc70-cb4a-434c-9d7a-d1ff32671c2c", "children": [{"id": "2b651537-5bd1-4693-a5f0-d629eaebb05e"}], "2b651537-5bd1-4693-a5f0-d629eaebb05e": {"id": "2b651537-5bd1-4693-a5f0-d629eaebb05e", "message": {"id": "2b651537-5bd1-4693-a5f0-d629eaebb05e", "author": {"role": "tool", "name": "myfiles_browser", "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1714613706.931212, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "tether_quote", "url": "file-Ncpmu4wKrkhdciuraEkfqWZq", "domain": "Week 1_Two Enduring Lessons from Elinor Ostrom.pdf", "text": "\nElectronic copy available at: http://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133\n\nElectronic copy available at: http://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133\n\nBenjamin N. Cardozo School of Law \nYeshiva University \nJacob Burns Institute for Advanced Legal Studies\nMarch, 2013 \nFaculty Research Paper No. 387\n\nTwo Enduring Lessons \nfrom Elinor Ostrom\nJournal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013)\nBrett M. Frischmann\nProfessor of Law & Director, Cardozo Intellectual Property and Information Law Program\nBenjamin N. Cardozo School of Law\n55 Fifth Avenue, Room 1004\nNew York, NY 10003\n(212) 790-0859 (phone)\nfrischma@yu.edu\n\nElectronic copy available at: https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133\n\nElectronic copy available at: http://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133\n\nJournal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013)\n\n1\nTwo Enduring Lessons from Elinor Ostrom\nBrett M. Frischmann\n\nBenjamin N. Cardozo School of Law \nYeshiva University\nNew York, NY\nfrischma@yu.edu\n\nAbstract:\nThis article is a tribute to Elinor Ostrom. It explores two enduring lessons she taught: a substantive lesson that involves embracing complexity and context, and a methodological lesson that

involves embracing a framework-driven approach to systematic, evolutionary learning through various interdisciplinary methodologies, theories, and empirical approaches.

First, I discuss Ostrom's work on environmental commons. I illustrate the two lessons through a discussion of the tragedy of the commons. Next, I explain how the two lessons play a significant role in recent efforts to extend Ostrom's work on environmental commons to knowledge/cultural commons. I draw a parallel between the tragedy of the commons allegory and the free rider allegory, and show how many of the problems Ostrom explored in the environmental context are manifest in the cultural environmental context. I discuss an ongoing research project that follows the path that Ostrom blazed and systematically studies commons in the cultural environment.

Elinor Ostrom taught many lessons, as an amazing mentor, teacher, scholar, and human being. She had a profound influence on me, and I am honored to offer this tribute to her. Like many others, I was inspired by Ostrom's design principles for natural resource commons and the demonstrated feasibility of community-based management for shared resources, and I tried to follow her lead. In fact, my first academic talk was about lessons from the literature on environmental commons that map to the study of other types of resource commons, such as information and Internet commons. I will return to the theme of that talk here. I will not discuss her theoretical or empirical contributions as such; many others have done so and will continue to do so, and for good reason. Instead, I will discuss two enduring lessons Ostrom taught about social science research.

The two lessons can be summarized as follows:

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Throughout this article, I refer to contributions made by Ostrom and do not list all of her many collaborators nor people who also made related contributions. But I want to be clear that she collaborated with many others and she readily acknowledged the independent contributions of many others working on similar issues.

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Substantive Lesson: Embrace complexity and context or simply, reality; avoid distorting reductionism and overstated gains from simple models.

Methodological Lesson: Embrace systematic, evolutionary learning through various interdisciplinary methodologies, theories, and empirical approaches, including case studies; be aware of, and try to avoid, path dependencies from disciplinary or methodological blinders.

The first lesson leads to the second. Anyone can say that one should embrace complexity and study reality, and many people do. What makes Elinor Ostrom incredibly special is that she worked tirelessly to develop a robust framework for doing it, and she did it, time and again, and in a collaborative way that built an international interdisciplinary community.

In Part I, I discuss Ostrom's work on environmental commons. I illustrate the two lessons in the environmental context with a discussion of the tragedy of the commons. Ostrom's theoretical and empirical contributions probably are best recognized in the environmental context. Her contributions extend much further, as the Nobel Prize Committee recognized when it awarded her the 2009 prize along with Oliver Williamson. Still, there is plenty of work to be done in exploring and extending her contributions in other

contexts. In Part II, I focus on that exploration and explain how the two lessons play a significant role in recent efforts to extend Ostrom's work on environmental commons to knowledge/cultural commons. I draw a parallel between the tragedy of the commons allegory and the free rider allegory, and then show how many of the problems Ostrom identified and explored in the environmental context are manifest in the cultural environmental context. I briefly discuss an ongoing research project that aims to follow the path that Ostrom blazed and systematically study commons in the cultural environment.

I. Two Lessons from Ostrom's Work on Environmental Commons

Elinor Ostrom's pioneering work challenged the notion that rational human beings would be helplessly trapped in social dilemmas. Much of her work focused on environmental commons and confronted the then-dominant and still powerful concept of the tragedy of the commons. The term commons would generally conjure up the notion of a shared community resource, such as a public park or a common pasture. The term gained considerable notoriety among economists, political scientists, and other social scientists after the publication of Garrett Hardin's essay *The Tragedy of the Commons* in *Science* (1968). Hardin (1968: 1244) described the tragedy of the commons as follows: "Picture a pasture open to all. It is to be expected that each herdsman will try to keep as many cattle as possible on the commons. As a rational being, each herdsman seeks to maximize his gain. Explicitly or implicitly, more or less consciously, he Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133>

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"What is the utility to me of adding one more animal to my herd?" This utility has one negative and one positive component.

(1) The positive component is a function of the increment of one animal. Since the herdsman receives all the proceeds from the sale of the additional animal, the positive utility is nearly +1.

(2) The negative component is a function of the additional overgrazing created by one more animal. Since, however, the effects of overgrazing are shared by all the herdsmen, the negative utility for any particular decision-making herdsman is only a fraction of -1.

Adding together the component partial utilities, the rational herdsman concludes that the only sensible course for him to pursue is to add another animal to his herd. And another; and another.... But this is the conclusion reached by each and every rational herdsman sharing a commons. Therein is the tragedy. Each man is locked into a system that compels him to increase his herd without limit in a world that is limited. Ruin is the destination toward which all men rush, each pursuing his own best interest in a society that believes in the freedom of the commons. Freedom in a commons brings ruin to all.

Hardin's formulation has been the subject of extensive analysis and critique. At its core, the tragedy of the commons allegory illustrates a standard externality problem: each individual rationally maximizes his or her private welfare without accounting for external costs, i.e., the costs imposed on others.

Avoiding tragedy seems to require collective action to manage use of the shared resource. Simply put, unconstrained consumption is not sustainable, and thus, constraints must be introduced if the resource is to be sustained.

What should the constraints consist of? Hardin recognized two (top-down) solutions: government regulation and privatization. Government can constrain consumption by directly managing or regulating use of the shared resource. Alternatively, government can establish a system of private property rights delineating ownership of the resource. The former presumes that

the government will take into account the aggregate effects and manage use of the resource efficiently over time, and the latter presumes that well-defined private property rights will facilitate market exchanges and lead to an efficient allocation of access and use rights, and consequently, efficient management of the resource over time (Demsetz, 1967). Both approaches eliminate the commons; no longer do commoners freely choose for themselves how to manage a shared resource, for such freedom, Hardin claims, brings ruin to all. Both approaches rely on collective action through government to introduce constraints. The approaches differ substantially in terms of the manner in which ongoing (month-to-month, day-to-day, minute-to-minute) resource allocation decisions are made.

I include the block quote because it is useful to see what Hardin actually said. Paraphrasing Hardin often leads to adjustments that obscure or improve Hardin's simple story. In Coasian terms, it is a joint cost problem (Coase, 1960). Electronic copy available at:

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The tragedy of the commons allegory became the starting point for examining common pool resource problems and solutions. Many analysts assumed the tragedy of the commons model described a normal problem (at least for common pool resources) and a binary solution set followed: To avoid tragedy, society must turn to government command-and-control (micro-management) or private property-enabled markets. Economists, political scientists, and many others analyzed and debated how well these two types of regulatory solutions work. Will command-and-control regulation by government lead to efficient outcomes or would society be better off relying on private ordering by markets? Elinor Ostrom challenged the entire enterprise at its roots by asking two foundational sets of questions: First, how well does the tragedy of the commons allegory describe reality? Is it a useful theory for making predictions about real-world behavior of individuals sharing common pool resources? Does it describe a normal or exceptional situation? Does it provide a useful basis for choosing or designing regulatory solutions? Second, does the binary choice between government command-and-control regulation and private property-enabled markets reflect the full range of options? Are there alternative (bottom-up) institutions and/or means for collective action? Critically, the two sets of questions are related, particularly when one begins with the tragedy of the commons allegory. Hardin blurred resource system with resource management. In his allegory, the shared resource system is the pasture, and open access sharing among herders is the resource management or governance regime. As did many social scientists, Hardin made a series of assumptions with respect to both resource and resource management that limit the generalizability of his allegory. As Ostrom (2007: 15183) explained: Hardin envisioned a pasture open to all in which each herder received a direct benefit from adding animals to graze on the pasture and suffered only delayed costs from overgrazing. Translating his metaphor into a theory requires five assumptions: (i) the resource system is a pasture; (ii) no governance system is present related to the resource system; (iii) the mobile individual resource units (the animals grazing on the pasture) can be identified and are the property of their owners and, when fattened, can be sold for cash; (iv) a sufficient number of users, given the size of the pasture, are using the pasture to adversely affect its long-term productivity; and (v) the resource users independently make decisions to maximize their own short-term returns. These

five assumptions lead to a theoretical prediction of very high harvesting of the pasture grasses and severe overharvesting or destruction of the ecological system. Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) Situations characterized by these assumptions, in which individuals independently make anonymous decisions and primarily focus on their own immediate payoffs, do tend to overharvest open-access resources. Researchers have repeatedly generated a tragedy of the commons in experimental laboratories when subjects make independent and anonymous decisions in a common-pool resource setting. Making one small change in the structure of laboratory experiments, a change that is predicted by game theory to make no difference in the predicted outcome, has repeatedly had major impacts on interactions and outcomes. Simply enabling subjects to engage in face-to-face communication between decision rounds enables them to approach socially optimal harvesting levels rather than severely overharvesting the commons. In the face-to-face discussions, participants tend to discuss what they all should do and build norms to encourage conformance.⁵ Note that when the assumptions hold and fully describe the resource setting, the theory's predictions may be useful. But this is exceptional. Reality is considerably more complex. The tragedy of the commons allegory rarely describes shared resource settings in a sufficiently complete manner as to qualify as a useful theory for making predictions or prescribing regulatory solutions. More is needed. Of course, it may be convenient to work within the confines of the allegory or model and perhaps to assume that reality conforms to those confines because doing so makes analysis intractable and leads to a well-defined problem and possible solutions to compare and evaluate. But this is a fundamental mistake and an example of distorting reductionism. It can lead the analyst to miss what is most important and focus on what is least relevant. As Ostrom (2007) explained in the quote above, a slight change, which takes you outside the confines of the model, gives rise to solutions that completely escaped attention and would not be predicted to be relevant. Relaxing one of the assumptions, or just recognizing that some other factor is relevant to the situation, can change everything; cooperation to avoid tragedy becomes theoretically feasible without resort to one of the two solutions. As is now well understood in the field of institutional economics generally, community management, social norms, and other

Ostrom (2000) also critiqued reliance on the rational actor model when analyzing collective action and social dilemmas. After establishing a series of well-substantiated facts about human behavior based on extensive fieldwork: I believe that one is forced by these well-substantiated facts to adopt a more eclectic (and classical) view of human behavior (Ostrom, 2000: 141). She developed a second-generation model of rationality in which humans are complex, fallible learners who seek to do as well as they can given the constraints that they face and who are able to learn heuristics, norms, rules, and how to craft rules to improve achieved outcomes (Ostrom, 1998: 9). The second-generation model of rationality predicts that reciprocity, reputation, and trust as core relationships can lead to increased net benefits (Ostrom, 1998: 13). This theoretical model identifies individual attributes that are particularly important in explaining behavior in social dilemmas: these attributes include [1] the expectations individuals have about others;

behavior (trust), [2] the norms individuals learn from socialization and life's experiences (reciprocity), and [3] the identities individuals create that project their intentions and norms (reputation) (Ostrom, 1998: 14). Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) Institutional arrangements are relevant solutions that can and often do outperform government regulation and market regulation. Ostrom's contribution goes well beyond recognizing the limits of models and acknowledging what is theoretically feasible. While it is important to understand Ostrom's concerns about model-induced myopia, it is equally if not more important to appreciate how she responded to those concerns. In *Governing The Commons: The Evolution Of Institutions For Collective Action*, for example, Ostrom (1990) explained how models such as the tragedy of the commons lead to myopic analysis of solutions and policy prescriptions. She suggested that neither the Leviathan (government regulation) nor Privatization (market regulation) is a panacea, and that model-induced myopia leads analysts to ignore alternative institutional arrangements that may be more effective tools for governance. But that is merely the beginning literally, chapter one of the book (Ostrom, 1990). Ostrom was a scientist. Her response to concerns about model-induced myopia was to do the scientific work of systematically studying actual resource systems and governance institutions. Over decades, Ostrom demonstrated through a rich empirical program how self-organized community governance often is an effective alternative for a wide range of shared resources. In some contexts, communities can and do solve tragedy of the commons, collective action, and other related resource management problems without (turning to) government regulation or market-driven allocation as a panacea. They do so in a variety of ways, often relying on informal mechanisms for coordinating behavior. Community solutions do not always succeed or always fail; they sometimes succeed and sometimes fail. The temptation to seek out regulatory panaceas based on universal models, whether through private property, state action, or even notions of community, must be resisted in favor of a more nuanced approach (Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010a: 676). Context matters. Recognizing that people sometimes cooperate effectively and build institutions to enable sustainable shared use of common pool resources opened up the solution space and focused scholarly attention on complexity, context, communities, and institutions. This broader field of vision not only brought informal institutions into view and encouraged their systematic study, but it also improved our understanding of formal institutions by revealing the many different ways that government, market, and community institutions depend on each other to be successful. And it yielded two significant lessons, one substantive and one methodological.

Ostrom's Substantive Lesson:

As explored in a recent book, Ostrom's vision allows us to appreciate that government regulation of shared environmental resources does not replace or eliminate the commons altogether for that would be the true tragedy! Rather, in many cases, government regulation constructs a semi-commons where a narrow range of resource users/uses are constrained in order to sustain freedom in the commons for a wide range of other resource users/uses (Frischmann, 2012). Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) Embrace complexity and context for simply, reality. There is tremendous value in systematically

studying actual contexts that present potential tragedies and institutional arrangements aimed at averting tragedies. Be wary of model-induced myopia, supposed panaceas, and binary thinking. The deep problem with Hardin's tragedy of the commons allegory is not the allegory itself or its translation into a model or even a theory about how people might externalize costs in specific settings. The deep problem is the myopia that the model induced and the binary government-or-market thinking that followed. We consistently make the mistake of thinking in binary terms, individual or social, private or public, market or government. This leads to great distortions in our perceptions about the world and the plans we make. Reality is much more complicated. Standing alone, this lesson may be underwhelming, or perhaps even offensive to the scholar. You might be thinking, "This is not a lesson. We all know that studying reality beats studying fictitious scenarios that do not match reality." Naturally, the next question is how should one go about studying reality? This leads to the second lesson.

Ostrom's Methodological Lesson: Embrace systematic, evolutionary learning through various interdisciplinary methodologies, theories, and empirical approaches, including case studies. There is tremendous value in a research framework that facilitates such learning while itself being subject to adaptation and refinement over time. Ostrom did not presume community based institutions were successful or ubiquitous. Community based institutions required systematic study. To facilitate research on these institutions across diverse resource systems, Ostrom worked for decades on developing a scientific approach to studying and evaluating institutions. She devoted incredible energy to methodology, bridging disciplines, and enabling systematic, collaborative social science. To systematize research, she developed the Institutional Analysis and Development (IAD) framework. It encourages interdisciplinary research and seeks to avoid path dependencies from

The risk of model-induced myopia that Ostrom identified also provides a strong basis for taking a pluralistic approach to thinking about, and teaching, economics, especially if one cannot go out and study reality as Ostrom did. I discuss the IAD framework as a prominent example, but the reader should understand that Ostrom extended her ideas to the development of a more complex framework for the analysis of Social-Ecological Systems (Ostrom, 2009). Moreover, even when applying the IAD framework, the specific context shaped the research protocols. For example, as reported in Hayes and Ostrom (2005), Ostrom and colleagues associated with the Center for the Study of Institutions, Population, and Environmental Change (CIPEC) and the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis, both at Indiana University, developed a complex question-based framework tailored for analyzing forests:

Our research team spent two years developing a series of ten protocols, that enable scholars to examine the impact of diverse ways of owning and governing forests (such as individual ownership, joint ownership by a

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Interdisciplinary or methodological blinders, problems akin to the model-induced myopia discussed above. The IAD framework structures a common set of research questions to apply across diverse contexts. Ostrom (2005: 28-29) explained the relationships between a research framework, theories, and models: "The development and use of a general framework helps to identify the elements (and the relationships among these elements) that one needs to consider for institutional analysis. Frameworks . . .

provide the most general set of variables that should be used to analyze all types of settings relevant for the framework. . . . The development and use of theories enable the analyst to specify which components of a framework are relevant for certain kinds of questions and to make broad working assumptions about these elements. Thus, theories focus on parts of a framework and make specific assumptions that are necessary for an analyst to diagnose a phenomenon, explain its processes, and predict outcomes. . . . Microeconomic theory, game theory, transaction cost theory, social choice theory, public choice, constitutional and covenantal theory, and theories of public goods and common-pool resources are all compatible with the IAD framework (Ostrom, 2006). The development and use of models make precise assumptions about a limited set of parameters and variables. Logic, mathematics, game theory models, experimentation and simulation, and other means are used to explore the consequences of these assumptions systematically on a limited set of outcomes. Multiple models are compatible with most theories. . . . The framework-driven approach is functionalist. It seeks to integrate theoretical and empirical research in coherent manner. Critically, Ostrom did not reject theories or models, but instead embraced the idea that different theories and models could work better for some observed phenomena than for others. The IAD framework aims to systematize research efforts by facilitating a more rigorous evaluation by matching and testing of theories and models with observed phenomena, and most generally, enable learning over time (Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010a: 678). It depends heavily on empirical data, and consequently, on a systematic approach to gathering data. The IAD framework identifies the most general set of variables that should be used to analyze all types of settings relevant for the framework and divides the investigation of such variables into groups. The first group is exogenous variables and includes biophysical characteristics, community attributes, and rules-in-use (or governance mechanisms). With respect to the community, and different forms of government ownership) on investment, harvesting, protection, and managing activities and their consequences on forest conditions, including biodiversity (Hayes and Ostrom, 2005: 603-604). She did reject the idea of a one-size-fits-all theory. The following four paragraphs are adapted from Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg (2010a: 678-680). Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) . . . analysis of a particular situation, these attributes of a commons are fixed. In the case of the lobster fishery, for example, these attributes might include the relevant biological characteristics of lobsters, such as the rates at which they age and reproduce; attributes of the community of fishermen, such as the proximity in which they live to others, the existence of familial relationships, and the skill sets needed for lobster fishing; and the rules explicit or informal that govern fishing. The second group is the action arena, which refers to the social space where participants with diverse preferences interact, exchange goods and services, solve problems, dominate one another, or fight (among the many things that individuals do in action arenas) (Ostrom, 2005: 14). In other words, the action arena is the context in which the exogenous variables combine in particular instances, leading over time to observed patterns of interactions and outcomes. Ostrom's work emphasizes the diversity of possible combinations of exogenous

variables that determine what actually happens in particular instances and, hence, the outcomes that result. The rules governing lobster fishing contribute to the activity's long-term sustainability, for example, but the patterns of interaction actually observed depend on the richness of the particular environment for lobsters, the degree to which rules are actually enforced, seasonal factors such as weather, and interaction with outside influences such as pollution and the state of the larger economy. Understanding the observed success or failure of a commons enterprise such as a lobster fishery may require accounting for all of these factors, even though it may turn out that outcomes are relatively impervious to some of them. The foundation of the framework-driven analysis is structuring questions in clusters about the exogenous variables, the action arena, and the patterns of interactions and outcomes. This approach aims to systematize data gathering across complex, diverse phenomena while remaining amenable to diverse disciplinary perspectives and empirical methodologies. One interesting aspect of the IAD framework is its accommodation of and heavy reliance on case studies. Case studies are an important component to the research program because case studies provide rich, detailed descriptions of institutional arrangements in context. In addition, case studies provide feedback for the research framework itself.

Of course, case studies also slow

To implement the IAD framework, Ostrom and her collaborators employed a three-pronged approach: First, they engaged in a broad range of case studies of natural resource commons to form a basis for a bottom-up practice-based taxonomy of successful and unsuccessful approaches to resource management. Second, they developed a framework, based on the initial case studies, for identifying the variables that are significant in determining the success or failure of a commons enterprise and of the viability of institutions in particular contexts. Third, they preserved flexibility in their framework so that it could be adapted and revised in response to learning derived from the case studies. Based on the information obtained by applying their framework to structured case studies, they developed theories and models for particular commons situations, designed experiments to test those theories, and advanced a set of design principles for successful natural resource commons (Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010a: 676-677). Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133>

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things down, making the empirical work more laborious, contentious, and incremental. Arguably, this is a virtue. Good (social) scientific research often takes time. A framework-driven approach is particularly attractive for studying the complex interactions between ecological and social (institutional) systems because of the many different disciplines and methodologies that must be brought to bear if progress is to be made (Ostrom, 2009). Ostrom's embrace of complexity goes further than studying reality and adopting a framework to accommodate different theories and methodologies. She also embraced collaboration among different people, disciplines, and cultures. She worked hard to establish a common ground in the fractured academic world of the natural and social sciences (Becker and Ostrom, 1995: 114). Her work was forcefully interdisciplinary, and throughout her career, she called on various disciplines to remove their disciplinary blinders. In her Presidential Address to the American Political Science Association, for example, Ostrom called for expansion of the type of research methods regularly used in political science and suggested that more understanding is

required across the social and biological sciences (Ostrom, 1998). Ostrom recognized that studying commons requires a kind of commons of its own, an interdisciplinary community for sharing skills, knowledge, research, and experience. So she built one. With an ad hoc group of scholars including political scientists, anthropologists, economists, historians, and natural resource managers she founded the International Association for the Study of the Commons. She was the first President of the IASC. The IASC's three goals are 1. to encourage exchange of knowledge among diverse disciplines, areas, and resource types; 2. to foster mutual exchange of scholarship and practical experience; and 3. to promote appropriate institutional design. In pursuit of these goals, the IASC hosts major international conferences, publishes The Commons Digest and the International Journal of the Commons, and engages in many other activities that promote knowledge sharing and build social capital and connections among those concerned with commons. Ostrom's legacy is most vividly seen in the thousands of people around the world, in many different disciplines and professional settings, who consider themselves a part of the research commons she helped construct.

Actually, she built many. Of particular note, with her husband Vincent Ostrom, also a renowned political scientist, she founded the Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis. The Workshop is an autonomous research center at Indiana University dedicated to the interdisciplinary, collaborative, and comparative study of institutions (see Indiana University Bloomington, 2008). In honor of the couple, IU renamed the workshop, The Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis. See International Association for the Study of the Commons (2012b). For more details, see International Association for the Study of the Commons (2012a). Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> <http://www.iasc-commons.org/commons-digest> <http://www.thecommonsjournal.org/index.php/ijc>

Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) 11 II. Applying Ostrom's Lessons to Commons in the Cultural Environment (or Knowledge Commons) Ostrom may be most well known among environmental scholars, but her lessons extend well beyond natural environmental resources. Here, I focus on commons in the cultural environment. This label sometimes confuses people; so let me briefly explain. I use the term *cultural environment* to refer to the various cultural, intellectual, scientific and social resources/systems that we inherit, use, experience, interact with, change, and pass on to future generations. Commons in the cultural environment thus refers to information commons, science commons, cultural commons, data commons, and other types of intellectual resource commons (Frischmann, 2012: 253-314; Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010a; Frischmann, 2007). As shorthand, I and others sometimes refer to these as knowledge commons (Hess and Ostrom, 2005). There are good reasons for casting a wide net and grouping information, science, knowledge, culture, data, and so on together. For brevity, I may refer to one member or another, but the analysis that follows applies to all. It turns out that intellectual resources have their own *tragedy of the commons*-type allegory. It is usually invoked the *free rider* as the selfish actor. Replace Hardin's pasture with an intellectual resource for example, an idea and consider what happens when the resource is

not openly accessible to all. Everyone who can profitably make use of the idea will do so, as much and as often and in whatever manner suits them. So what? You may ask, Where is the tragedy in that? There is no depletion and so there is no ruin. Ideas are public goods, not common pool resources; ideas are consumed nonrivalrously; they have infinite capacity and are not congested nor depleted. Unconstrained consumption does not seem to pose a problem. However, there is a catch. We posited an existing idea. The trouble is that, unlike a pasture, ideas are products of human intellect; they must be created and often require investment. Unconstrained consumption of intellectual resources presents a risk for potential investors because it may be difficult to recover a sufficient return from those who consume the idea. We might call these consumers free riders because they are getting a free ride on the idea creator's investment. The result of free riding is not too much consumption; rather, it is consumption without payment, and that might lead to underproduction of the shared resource, that is, the idea. When viewed from a dynamic perspective, tragic underproduction of intellectual resources appears to be an inevitable social dilemma so long as consumption is unconstrained. In fact, the underlying problem can be modeled to look exactly like Hardin's tragedy of the commons

There are a number of complications. First, even if consumers pay something to contribute to the production of the public good, they may behave strategically and misrepresent their actual preferences with the objective of letting others bear a greater proportion of the costs (Samuelson, 1954). This is a variant of the free-riding problem discussed in the text, but it does not correspond to ex post opportunism and is not solved by exclusion via intellectual property rights (Frischmann, 2012: 265). Second, some consumers (competitors) who obtain access to the resource can share it with others at a marginal cost of zero. Such sharing may fuel competition but undercut investors' ability to secure a return. Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) The free rider allegory. At its core, the free rider allegory also illustrates a standard externality problem: each individual rationally maximizes his or her private welfare without accounting for external costs. In this context, the social costs encompass the risk to investment and resulting underproduction of public goods over time. Again, the model can be easily translated into a classic collective action problem. Avoiding tragedy seems to require collective action to manage use of the shared resource. Simply put, unconstrained consumption appears unsustainable. A solution is needed. In remarkable parallelism, many analysts simply assume the free rider allegory describes a normal (rather than exceptional) problem. Again, a binary solution set naturally follows: To avoid tragedy, society must turn to production subsidized by government or to intellectual property-enabled markets. Government subsidization does not involve introducing constraints on consumption. Instead, the underproduction problem is dealt with head on. Government directs funds to research activities that yield intellectual resources and thus investment risks no longer matter. These intellectual resources can be shared openly and freely. On the other hand, intellectual property rights, such as patents and copyrights, lower the costs of exclusion, enable transactions, and mitigate the risk to investment posed by free riders. Intellectual property rights thus enable markets to function more effectively in supplying intellectual resources. Both approaches

rely on collective action through government but differ substantially in terms of the manner in which resource allocation decisions are made.¹⁶ The free rider allegory, like the tragedy of the commons allegory, has played a powerful role in shaping the relevant discourse, policy, and law (Lemley, 2005). It figures prominently in the classroom (textbooks), courtroom (legal opinions), and halls of Congress (political debate). Yet we should focus on reality and be wary of powerful allegories. Following Ostrom, we should ask two foundational sets of questions: First, how well does the free rider allegory describe reality? Is it a useful theory for making predictions about real-world behavior of individuals? Does it describe a normal or exceptional situation? Does it provide a useful basis for choosing or designing regulatory solutions? Second, does the binary choice between government subsidization and intellectual property-enabled markets reflect the full range of options? Are there alternative institutions and/or means for collective action? Free riding—the act of freely using resources generated by another person without payment or even authorization—is normal. As I (Frischmann, 2012: 161) argued recently: free riding is pervasive in society and a feature, rather than a bug, of our economic, cultural, and social systems. There are innumerable examples of free riding in society, and there is little reason to think that such behavior is inefficiently suppressing investment incentives systematically throughout society. Rather, idea diffusion and competition,

For a discussion of how government and market resource allocation decisions depend on fundamentally different demand signals and evaluation, and how these differences impact the cultural environment, see Frischmann (2012: 109–110, 253–314).

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Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) Among other important social processes, depend significantly on free, unauthorized, unlicensed, unapproved and often unpaid riding. The more difficult question is whether free riding that involves intellectual resources systematically reduces incentives to invest in such resources. Does such free riding normally lead to a social dilemma? The claim that it does hinges on certain premises about the behavior of investors. How does free riding impact actual people who invest time, money, effort, or other resources to produce intellectual resources? Does the risk of free riding diminish their incentives to invest?

Whether private incentives are in fact inefficiently suppressed by this risk depends on the type of investment, the intellectual resource in question, and the particular context. Many intellectual resources plainly are not subject to this particular concern, as evidenced by the fact that people consistently generate the resources without being disabled by concerns over misappropriation. In many situations, people make investments because the expected private benefits exceed their fixed costs, regardless of whether or not others free ride. Appropriating benefits through market exchange of the intellectual resource or some derivative product may not be relevant to the investor. For example, we engage in many intellectually productive activities because participation itself provides sufficient private benefits (Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010a; Frey, 2008: 35). Participation can be fun, intellectually stimulating, educational, service-oriented, among other things (Benkler, 2006; Schweik and English, 2012). Participation may not be effortless or free; it may require substantial investment. Regardless, the private value derived from participation may be sufficient, and external benefits

conferred to others that use or consume the \n\output (i.e., the intellectual resource) may be irrelevant to incentives to invest.\n18 \n\nSimilarly, in many \n\nsituations, people create, invent, and innovate because the anticipated returns from their own use of \n\nthe results are sufficient to justify the investment. There is a rich literature on user innovation that \n\ndemonstrates how many significant innovations result from users seeking to solve their own \n\nparticular problems, needs, or curiosities (Von Hippel, 2006; Strandburg, 2009: 871-888). People \n\noften engage in such activities without disabling concern over free riding. \n\nThere are many other examples, but the point should be clear. Free riding does not necessarily \n\nreduce incentives to invest and does not inevitably lead to a social dilemma. Reality is \n\nconsiderably more complex than the free rider allegory suggests, and there is no good reason for \n\nsystematically marginalizing the many situations in which free riding that involves intellectual \n\nresources does not reduce incentives to invest. Such myopia is inexcusable. The bottom line is \n\n

\n17 If free riding does diminish incentives to invest, we would still need to investigate how and to what degree. \n\nAmong other things, reducing free riding via intellectual property rights likely exhibits diminishing returns in terms \n\nof the impact on incentives. For further discussion, see Frischmann and Lemley (2007). \n18 Even if those benefits could be internalized, such internalization could potentially decrease incentives to invest \n\nand prove quite costly (Pink, 2010: 37; Amabile, 1996: 17; Benkler, 2006: 298; Frischmann and Lemley, 2007). \n\nElectronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133>\n\n\nJournal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) \n\n \n\n14 \n\n \n\nthat the allegory rarely describes shared resource settings in a sufficiently complete manner to \n\nqualify as a useful theory for making predictions or prescribing solutions. Much more is needed. \n\nMy hypothesis is that free riding negatively impacts investment incentives and leads to social \n\ndilemmas in only exceptional circumstances, but frankly, I do not have empirical evidence to test \n\nthis hypothesis (nor does anyone else, to my knowledge). My hypothesis is based on anecdote and \n\nobservation, as well as a broad conception of the relevant universe of free riding phenomena and \n\ncircumstances (investment opportunities). Regardless, as noted above, I confidently claim that \n\nfree riding is ubiquitous and often quite beneficial in the sense that it is an important feature of \n\ncompetition and idea diffusion in society, often generating positive externalities as free riders use \n\nideas productively (Frischmann, 2012). Consequently, we must take care when prescribing \n\nsolutions to solve supposed social dilemmas associated with free riding. \n\nEven in situations where free riding reduces incentives to invest and a social \u201cunderproduction\u201d \n\ndilemma arises,\n19\n\nit turns out that there are many complications that are too easily overlooked. \n\nOstrom\u2019s substantive lesson applies with equal force. First, there are no panaceas. Government \n\nsubsidies and intellectual property rights are prominent means for addressing social dilemmas, \n\nbut both \u201csolutions\u201d are far from perfect; both are incomplete and introduce their own \n\ncomplications, biases, and inefficiencies.\n20\n\nSecond, and more important for purposes of this \n\narticle, there are many alternative solutions that people regularly employ to avoid tragedy. \n\nCommons in the cultural environment are an important set of alternatives that deserve systematic \n\nstudy (Hess and Ostrom, 2005). \n\nBefore proceeding, it is important to be clear about what I mean when I refer to commons; the \n\nconcept is remarkably fluid and varies considerably in its usage across different disciplines. \n\nHere is how I use it: \n\nCommons is an institutionalized

community practice, a form of community management or governance. It applies to resources, and it involves a group or community of people, but the commons itself is not the resources, the community, a place, or a thing. Commons is the institutional arrangement of these elements. The basic characteristic that distinguishes commons from noncommons is institutionalized sharing of resources among members of a community (Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010b: 841). Critically, there is incredible variance among commons in terms of the types of resources and communities, and consequently, in terms of the institutions through which governance is practiced or implemented. Of course, there are various obstacles to sustainable sharing. The tragedy of the commons allegory highlights one, and the free riding allegory highlights another. In reality, communities can and often do overcome these and other obstacles through constructed as well as emergent

The classic example of a context in which this dilemma arises is the pharmaceuticals industry (Burk and Lemley, 2009.) There is a rich literature that defies a brief summary. Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013)

And yet, as Ostrom made clear, commons can and often do fail, and thus demand systematic study. Commons in the cultural environment refers to the institutionalized community practice of sharing information, science, knowledge, data, and other types of intellectual and cultural resources. Many communities regularly share such resources and overcome concerns about free riding and other dilemmas. Most obvious may be research commons, given the importance of sharing and collaboration norms within scientific research communities (Reichman and Uhler, 2003; Merton, 1973). Reichman and Uhler (2003) examined scientific data commons, pressures on the sharing ethos within various scientific communities, and institutional means for reconstructing commons. Cook-Deegan and Dedeurwaerdere (2006) examined research commons in the life sciences and mapped out some of the relationships between the structure and function of the resource commons and the relevant community. The National Research Council of the National Academies sponsored an international conference in 2009 that explored microbial research commons. Participants examined how upstream microbial research inputs microbial data, literature, and research materials can be managed as a commons (Uhler, 2011; Reichman, Dedeurwaerdere and Uhler, forthcoming).

Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg (2010a) discussed the following less obvious examples: intellectual property pools, in which owners of patents in a technological domain license their patents to a common pool from which producers of complex products can obtain all of the permissions needed to make and sell goods that use the patents; open source computer software projects, which offer users of open source programs the ability to create and share modifications to the programs; Wikipedia, which offers users of this Internet encyclopedia the power to add to and edit its contents; the wire service for journalism operated by the Associated Press, which allows individual member media outlets the opportunity to publish work produced by other members; and jamband fan communities, which record, share, and comment on musical performances of their favorite groups with the permission of the artists themselves. We mentioned additional examples, including medieval guilds, the modern research university and

The distinction between constructed and emergent commons arose in the exchange we had with Professors Wendy Gordon and Gregg Macey in the Cornell Law Review (Gordon, 2010: 735, n.14; Macey, 2010: 785–780; Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010b: 846–847). Some dilemmas arise from the traditional solutions to the free rider problem. For example, intellectual property rights can interfere with productive use of intellectual resources and deter investments in areas where investors perceive a threat of exclusive rights blocking utilization or further development. I will not explore the various dilemmas here, but I would like to make clear that commons are sometimes constructed to overcome problems created by intellectual property rights (e.g., avoiding a so-called anti-commons). Yet in other contexts, intellectual property rights are critical inputs for creating a commons and facilitating cooperation and joint production (e.g., open source software development projects, such as Linux) (Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg, 2010a). For a systematic study of open source software projects using the IAD Framework, see Schweik and English (2012). Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) the departmental and disciplinary structures that lie within and above it, and the Request for Comments (RFCs) series that defines the technical protocols of the Internet. During a conference hosted at New York University in 2011, scholars presented case studies that ranged from rare disease research consortia to recreational roller derby leagues. There are many different commons in the cultural environment. Yet we know very little about them: How do such commons work? Where do they come from, what contributes to their durability and effectiveness, and what undermines them? In the past decade, scholars in various disciplines have become interested in studying these types of commons, and some have begun case studies. However, their research too often is focused narrowly on the specific case or an isolated area, such as academic publishing or open source software, and fails to investigate the broader institutional questions and to appreciate the need for systematic analysis.

As a result, they tend to consider only a limited number of descriptive variables, which makes integration and learning from a body of case studies quite difficult. Guided by Ostrom's methodological lesson and building on her IAD framework as well as her pioneering book with Charlotte Hess (Hess and Ostrom, 2005), Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg (2010a) developed a research framework to facilitate systematic study of commons in the cultural environment. The underlying nature and structure of the inquiry as well as the focus on complexity, context, communities, and institutions unites our project with her legacy. Nonetheless, we needed to adapt and extend the IAD framework to account for significant differences between commons in the natural environment and commons in the cultural environment. Most obvious, the resources are different, and as a result, the obstacles that must be overcome for institutionalized sharing to work are different. Thus, for example, the governance structures for commons in the cultural environment manage existing resources as well as production and integration of new resources. Another interesting complication is the complex role of legal institutions in delineating intellectual resources, for example, by defining what constitutes the expression in software that might be governed by open source software licenses. Notably, this complication raises resource boundary and corresponding resource management issues that are less salient for commons in the natural environment. Madison, Frischmann and Strandburg (2010a)

explored these and other differences extensively, and explained why the differences call for a series of inquiries specifically tailored to commons in the cultural environment. It turns out that the exogenous variables are more intertwined in this context because separating the managed resources from the attributes and rules-in-use of the community that produces them can be incredibly difficult, if not impossible in some

24 This is not a critique of those scholars. The point is that someone carefully studying a particular information commons say, a patent pool may not appreciate much less have the tools or incentives to observe, record, and evaluate the many descriptive variables concerning the shared resources, community members, institutions, and context that would facilitate comparison with other commons in the cultural environment say, other intellectual property pools, open source projects, online commons-based peer-production, jambands, and so on. Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) 17 contexts. Moreover, distinguishing outcomes from resources and community attributes is not always strictly possible, since the interactions of the participants in these commons are inextricably linked with the form and content of the knowledge output, which in turn is itself a resource for future production. At this stage, we have identified the most general set of variables that should be used to analyze all types of settings relevant for our framework and divided the investigation of such variables into groups of questions, summarized in the following abbreviated outline:

I. Background Environment

a. What is the background context (legal, cultural, etc.) of this particular commons?

b. What is the default status of the resources involved in the commons? Patented? Copyright? Open?

II. Attributes of the Commons

a. Resources

i. Identify all resources being pooled and how they are created or obtained

ii. Describe the characteristics of the resources, such as whether they are rival or non-rival, whether they are tangible or intangible, the technologies needed to create, obtain, or maintain them, and the technologies and skills required to use them

b. Community Members

i. Identify community members and describe their roles

ii. Describe the degree and nature of openness of the community with respect to each type of community member and the general public

c. Goals and objectives of the commons

i. Identify the goals and objectives of the commons

ii. Identify the history and narrative of the commons

III. Governance

a. What are the governance mechanisms of the commons (e.g., membership rules, resource contribution or extraction standards and requirements, conflict resolution mechanisms, sanctions for rule violation)

b. Who are the decision-makers and how are they selected?

c. What are the institutions that govern decision-making?

d. What informal norms govern the commons?

e. How do nonmembers interact with the commons? What institutions govern those interactions?

f. What legal structures (including intellectual property rules, subsidies, contract and licensing law, antitrust provisions) govern the functioning of the commons? Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133> Journal of Institutional Economics (forthcoming 2013) 18

IV. Patterns and Outcomes

a. What benefits are delivered to members and to others (including innovations and creative output, production, sharing, and dissemination of those innovations and output to a broader audience, and social interactions that emerge from the commons?)

b. What costs and risks are associated with the commons, including, for example,

negative externalities? Essentially, these clusters of issues guide more detailed inquiry. Case studies across disciplines and reviews of existing literature that address commons in the cultural environment will help specify relevant attributes within each cluster. We are developing a coding manual for case studies, and we expect the framework to evolve further as researchers apply it to specific case studies. This process is currently underway. Taking another page from Ostrom's lesson book, we have begun to build an international and interdisciplinary research community. Many case studies are underway; more are being planned. It may be a while before we have any major scientific findings to report; it may be slow-going, laborious, and incremental. But that is fine because, as Ostrom showed us, good (social) scientific research often takes time.

Conclusion Elinor Ostrom received the Nobel Prize because of her groundbreaking and path-setting research. Many people are only starting to realize and understand the import of her theoretical and empirical contributions to institutional economics. These contributions will continue to shape research and education in economics, political science, law, and other disciplines concerned with institutions that shape collective action and community governance of shared resources. The two enduring lessons I highlighted in this article are more basic. They derive from her scientific approach to research, and her corresponding demand for rigorous, systematic inquiry. I am grateful to have learned these lessons, as I believe they provide a basis for continuing her work and extending it to other contexts. Commons in the cultural environment are one example, but there are others e.g., infrastructure commons and privacy commons. Simple models of social dilemmas, as well as binary thinking about solutions (government versus market), are legion. I am grateful to have known Elinor Ostrom and to have learned all that she taught me. She is missed, but she remains present in the minds and hearts of the many people she influenced, as her dedication and insights inspire and fuel future work. Electronic copy available at: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=2252133>

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<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> Synthesis Growth and Collapse of a Resource System: an Adaptive Cycle of Change in Public Lands Governance and Forest Management in Alaska Colin M. Beier 1,2, Amy Lauren Lovecraft 1, and F. Stuart Chapin, III 1 ABSTRACT. Large-scale government efforts to develop resources for societal benefit have often experienced cycles of growth and decline that leave behind difficult social and ecological legacies. To understand the origins and outcomes of these failures of resource governance, scholars have applied the framework of the adaptive cycle. In this study, we used the adaptive cycle as a diagnostic approach to trace the drivers and dynamics of forest governance surrounding a boom-bust sequence of industrial forest management in one of the largest-scale resource systems in U.S. history: the Tongass National Forest in southeastern Alaska. Our application of the adaptive cycle combined a historical narrative tracing dynamics in political, institutional, and economic subsystems and a longitudinal analysis of an indicator of overall system behavior (timber harvests). We found that federal policies in concert with global market changes drove transformative change in both forest governance (policy making) and forest management (practices), through creation and dissolution of subsidized long-term lease contracts. Evidence of the systemic resilience provided by these leases was found in the analysis of industry responses to market volatility before and after Tongass-specific federal reforms. Although the lease contracts stabilized the Tongass system for a period of time, they fostered a growing degree of rigidity that contributed to a severe industrial collapse and the subsequent emergence of complex social traps. Broader lessons from the Tongass suggest that large-scale changes occurred only when the nested economic and policy cycles were in coherence, and a systemic effort to minimize social and ecological variability ultimately resulted in catastrophic collapse of governance. This collapse resulted in a pervasive and challenging legacy that prevents Tongass reorganization and limits the adaptive capacity of the larger social-ecological system of southeastern Alaska. Although this legacy has inhibited system renewal for two decades, recent trends indicate the emergence of new opportunities for progress toward sustainable governance of the Tongass National Forest. Key Words: adaptive cycle; Alaska; forest management; resource governance; rigidity traps; U.S. National Forests INTRODUCTION Government efforts to stimulate the development of natural resources for public benefit often seek to implement a vision at grand scales that, over time, creates a cycle of dependency that undermines the original social purpose as well as the resource base that was intended to be sustained. In the United States, this has occurred with respect to agriculture (Light et al. 1995), forestry (Repetto 1998, Trosper 2003), fisheries (Francis and Reiger 1995, Pauly et al. 2005), water (Ostrom 1990, Lee 1995), and many other types of resource systems (Holling and Meffe 1996). Similar cycles of dependency have emerged through international aid programs to developing nations that were intended to create self-sufficiency through resource development. Although the goals of these programs are often socially admirable and provide an economic stimulus to initiate changes that would otherwise lack the resources to emerge, i.e., to escape from poverty traps (Carpenter and Brock 2008) they often result in challenging social traps (Costanza 1987) that can constrain options

for future generations. Why have these governance efforts failed so consistently, and what lessons can be learned that would enlighten efforts to address new frontiers of resource governance and public welfare in a rapidly changing world? University of Alaska-Fairbanks, 2SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry This content downloaded from

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<https://about.jstor.org/terms> <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> <mailto:cbeier@esf.edu> <mailto:ffall@uaf.edu> <mailto:terry.chapin@uaf.edu> Ecology and Society 14(2): 5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> In this article, we analyze the rise, collapse, and aftermath of one of the largest resource governance programs in the history of the United States: industrial timber production in the Tongass National Forest (Tongass) of southeastern Alaska. Although large-scale industrial forestry emerged as a mechanism for stimulating social welfare and economic growth, the Tongass has become one of the most controversial issues of public land management in the United States (Wilkinson 1997). As such, its story has been framed in several ways: as the central theme in the history and purpose of the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska (Rakestraw 1989); as an acute example of political influence, mismanagement, and corruption resulting in environmental degradation (Durbin 1999); as a complex situation governed by entrenched influences and acrimonious personal relationships, as described by a former agency chief (Steen 2004); as a local drama of lost jobs and livelihoods due to economic vandalism by environmentalists (Soderberg and DuRette 1988); and as a study of cumulative regulatory complications and policy reforms resulting in conflicted governance and a deadlock among institutions and stakeholder groups (Nie 2006). Although each account yields valuable insights, they present an incomplete and often normative picture of the Tongass case and its broader implications for the regional social-ecological system (SES) of southeastern Alaska; and therefore, provide little guidance on how resource systems might be more effectively governed for long-term sustainability and greater public benefit. In this article, we present the first analysis that examines the links among policy, institutions, economies, and ecosystems that shaped the governance of the Tongass during the 20th century. We apply a resilience lens and use the framework of the adaptive cycle (Holling and Gunderson 2002) as a diagnostic tool to investigate the nested attributes of the Tongass system (Ostrom 2007). Building on a previous group of adaptive-cycle studies of management and governance systems (Gunderson et al. 1995), we (1) developed an adaptive-cycle narrative of the Tongass coupled with a quantitative indicator of system behavior (annual timber harvests), (2) traced the adaptive cycles of policy, institutional, and economic subsystems to identify synergistic feedbacks that drove transformative change at larger scales, and (3) compared adaptive-cycle interactions among subsystems to identify sources of resilience and vulnerability. Objectives and Key Questions In this case study, we apply the adaptive cycle as both a theoretical framework and a diagnostic method to reveal the dynamics and interactions of a resource governance and management system nested within a larger SES. We chose the adaptive cycle because the Tongass boom-bust cycle typified the pathology of resource management (Holling and Meffe

1996), characterized by a cyclical pattern of dynamics that links ecological (resource) and social (governance) systems in a higher-order coupled system (SES) (Gunderson et al. 1995, Holling et al. 2002b). The adaptive cycle explains the dynamics of a system that is initiated (organization), mobilizes and develops (growth), attains a stable configuration (conservation), changes to a different structure (collapse), and begins the process anew (reorganization). Our focus is on the coupled cycles of change in governance (through policy and leadership), resource management (through practices and planning), and private industry (through processing and sale of forest products), and their overall impacts on the southeastern Alaska SES. The adaptive-cycle framework supports the systematic identification of key interactions and feedbacks among system components that drove system dynamics, allowing us to address the following questions:

- What factors (ecological, economic, cultural, political) had the greatest overall influence on stability and change in Tongass governance and management?
- What aspects of Tongass governance (via policy) and forest management (via practice) were especially vulnerable to drivers of change?
- How did the system stabilize itself against external perturbation?
- What was the source of this resilience and how was it eventually lost? Was collapse triggered by changes in one or many aspects of the system?
- What aspects of the Tongass system resulted in the social-ecological legacy that currently inhibits renewal toward a more sustainable system of forest governance?

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How does this legacy inhibit progress? How can this legacy be overcome to facilitate system renewal and restore adaptive capacity?

Systems Framework

We define the Tongass system as a coupled system of governance (the set of structures and processes by which people make decisions and share power) and management (the set of actions that manipulate a system to achieve desired outcomes) nested within in the larger SES. We recognize three nested subsystems of the Tongass system (Fig. 1): the institutional subsystem, including the U.S. Forest Service, principally the Tongass administration; the policy subsystem that governs Tongass management and land-use decision making; and the economic subsystem that defines the structure, capacity, and efficiency of the regional industry and market value of its products. Each subsystem may experience adaptive cycles of change influenced by internal components and drivers of change (e.g., Tongass managers and their preferences, legislation specific to Tongass governance, and economic factors pertaining to local industry) as well as external components and drivers (e.g., national leadership in the Forest Service, federal legislation, and global timber markets) (Fig. 1). Our approach is to explain larger-scale SES dynamics by describing the subsystem dynamics, which are more easily observed and can generate transformative feedbacks at larger scales (Walker et al. 2004).

In this article, governance concerns the decisions made regarding the policy goals for the Tongass in the context of a broader vision and purpose for the region of southeastern Alaska,

specifically its communities and natural resources. Management is the active implementation of specific practices, such as industrial even-aged forestry, to reach these objectives. Governance emerges primarily from the policy subsystem and management emerges primarily from the institutional subsystem, although the two are functionally coupled.

For this case study, we narrowly define the regional ecosystem with a focus on environmental factors that directly influenced governance and management, and the processes that controlled ecological responses to management practices. These include the condition of the old-growth forest resource, spatial variation in forest productivity, and the remote and rugged geography of the region that shaped the options available for resource development (Fig. 1). We did not address successional dynamics because these primary forests were largely unmodified by human actions when industrial forestry began, and because second-growth forests did not reach a harvestable age during the short lifespan of industrial forestry in the region. Hanley et al. (2005) and Beier et al. (2008) address the longer-term ecological implications of clearcut harvesting and even-aged management practices in the temperate rainforests of southeastern Alaska.

APPROACH

Using this system structure and the adaptive-cycle framework, we developed a historical narrative of the Tongass system that traces a complete loop of the adaptive cycle, beginning with the creation of the Tongass National Forest (1908), passage of key legislation fostering industrial development (1947), boom years during which timber production peaked (1970), collapse of the regional industry (1997), and the contentious stalemate of the present day (2009). In parallel with this narrative, we traced system dynamics using annual timber outputs, a quantitative variable reflecting an emergent property of the Tongass system. Based on this longitudinal analysis (Fig. 2) and a historical timeline of key events in Tongass governance and management (Appendix 1), we described the adaptive cycle of each subsystem, the cross-linkages among adaptive cycles, and events that triggered tipping points in the larger SES. In summarizing the narrative, we address our research questions and revisit Holling and Meffe (1996) pathology of resource management concept to draw broader conclusions from the Tongass case.

SYSTEMS NARRATIVE

Organization Phase [1908–1947]

In the first half of the 20th century, the foundations of the Tongass system emerged during its organization phase analogous to the pioneer stage of forest succession, when several interacting

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Fig. 1. Conceptual diagram of the southeastern Alaska social-ecological system (SES), with an emphasis on the Tongass system, including components and drivers of change of interest in the case study. Factors dictate the organization of the mature forest in terms of structure, function, and composition. In the Tongass, the arrival of new actors, conditions, and drivers of change interacted to dictate the structure, dynamics, and controls over the future system. During the 19th century, forests in southeastern Alaska were harvested only for local use, primarily to support fur

traders, the salmon industry, and the Gold Rush. In 1908 a decade after the U.S. Forest Service was established, four decades after Alaska's purchase from Russia, and coincident with public recognition of Alaska's natural wealth in gold, salmon, and timber the 6.7 million acre Tongass National Forest was established, and within a year, President Theodore Roosevelt and U.S. Forest Service founder Gifford Pinchot expanded the Tongass by an additional 8.7 million acres to create the largest national forest in the United States. From

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5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> Fig. 2. Longitudinal analysis of annual timber harvest outputs from the Tongass National Forest and subsystem dynamics (see Appendix 2), divided into the four phases of the adaptive cycle: organization, growth, conservation, and collapse. Its earliest beginnings, Tongass managers were pioneers of a broad vision to encourage regional population growth and establish a clear U.S. presence in Alaska by developing a strong, self-sufficient economy based on timber production (Rakestraw 1989, Nie 2006). The roots of the Tongass approach to convert old-growth forests to more manageable second-growth stands, while fueling a forest-products industry based on pulp and sawtimber were evident upon completion of the first federal inventories. In 1909, Tongass officials suggested that pulp production was the best use of old-growth rainforests, that the chief need is for a planned harvest of the mature timber (Rakestraw 1989:23), and recommended revision of federal law to allow the sale of National Forest lands for development. However, this industrial approach required significant private investment to establish a self-sufficient economy of scale to make Tongass timber profitable. Despite the pursuit of such investments by key figures, including U.S. Forest Service Chief William Greeley in the 1920s and Alaska Regional Forester Frank Heintzleman throughout the 1930s and 1940s, these efforts were thwarted by economic

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5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> constraints, including poor regional infrastructure, distance from markets, and the Great Depression. World War II and its aftermath provided the catalyst to implement industrial forestry in the Tongass, because American wartime demand for airplane lumber exceeded supplies in Oregon and Washington, which had been depleted during World War I. To capture this opportunity, Heintzleman sought the advice of timber-industry executives in presenting his case for what became the Alaska Spruce Log Program (ASLP). Created as an agency in 1942, ASLP supplied mills in the continental United States with high-grade Sitka spruce logs from the Tongass. At the time, Tongass logging occurred

primarily by hand-felling the best trees in inaccessible sites, such as beach fringes and river bottoms. However, the collective opinion of Tongass managers, many of whom were professionally trained foresters, was that clearcutting was a far superior method (Rakestraw 1989). Taylor's (1935) Ecology article provided scientific justification for the change from high grading to clearcutting in the Alaskan rainforest. With this justification, Tongass managers shifted the silvicultural prescription to clearcutting and sought to demonstrate the economic viability of harvesting the low-grade timber that comprised the majority of the Tongass timber base.

In the 18 months of ASLP operation, the program exported 38.5 million board feet (MBF) of high-grade spruce to continental U.S. mills, and transferred 46 MBF of lower (utility) grade material to local Alaska mills. The ASLP-legislated target was 100 MBF/year of high-grade Sitka spruce, with no mention of low-grade materials whatsoever. Although short lived, the wartime program demonstrated the commercial viability of both sawtimber and utility-grade materials from the Tongass. It also forged strong relationships among Tongass officials, national policy makers, and timber-industry representatives (Rakestraw 1989).

In summary, the organization [] phase consisted of a series of events that initiated adaptive cycles simultaneously in the institutional, policy, and economic subsystems. These adaptive cycles in the subsystems defined the future configuration of the Tongass system and prepared it for transformation (Appendix 2). Key actors in these subsystems worked together to shape a common vision of industrial forestry in Alaska (i.e., built the horizontal links among subsystems), which they viewed as both the best path to economic growth and self-sufficiency and the best practice for using and managing the region's abundant forest resources.

Growth Phase [r] 1947-1975

The passage of the Tongass Timber Act (TTA) in 1947 was a landmark event in forest governance that moved the Tongass system into the growth [r] phase. With the TTA, Tongass officials applied a federally mandated blueprint to mobilize the resources and expertise required to make industrial forestry a reality in Alaska analogous to the rapid biomass accumulation and altered competitive balance among species in an early successional forest. In the Tongass, this involved development of a trained workforce and infrastructure; long-term timber leases that altered the relationship between forest managers and forest users; and increased production of forest products (Fig. 2). By authorizing long-term guaranteed contracts, favorable scaling and pricing rules, and several other subsidies, the TTA provided the impetus needed to overcome economic thresholds and transform to a new state of industrial forestry.

The provisions of the TTA were framed by legislators, Tongass officials, and timber-industry executives. The latter two groups of actors had negotiated terms of lease contracts before the legislation's passage (Rakestraw 1989). Other interests, including other federal agencies with stakes in Alaska land management, were summarily excluded from negotiations, and the bill received little debate in Congress. The preparation and passage of the TTA galvanized the close links among agency, legislative, and private-industry actors (Rakestraw 1989, Nie 2006), forming a policy monopoly (Baumgartner and Jones 1993, Kingdon 1995, True et al. 1999) of the Tongass system, which achieved unprecedented measures to foster industrial-scale forestry, including long-term leases that guaranteed non-competitive access to millions of acres of publicly owned forest land. Lease holders were required to operate pulp mills in the region and, in return, received low-interest loans, a favorable log-scaling system, and

forest governance by establishing new norms and venues for debate and decision making. For this reason, these events provide a window into how the Tongass system was stabilized, or conserved, in the face of change—these interactions are the focus of the following section.

In summary, during the growth [r] phase, Tongass timber outputs grew rapidly and stabilized at a harvest level roughly 20 times greater than during the organization [u03b1] phase (Fig. 2). This transformation in the Tongass system resulted from a solidification of the links among the institutional, policy, and economic subsystems, creating a rigid system that had minimal transparency or links to other processes such as the environmental lobby or small-scale logging companies that had interests in Tongass governance. The mills in Ketchikan, Sitka, and Wrangell prospered, and the regional industry supported an estimated 3500 local jobs and numerous local schools, which benefited from indirect transfers of timber-based revenues (Allen et al. 1998). At the beginning of the [r] phase, legislation created positive feedbacks in the policy subsystem that triggered implementation of the Tongass system; and toward its conclusion, legislation created negative feedbacks that increased the rigidity of internal links among all subsystems of the Tongass. During this period, the economic subsystem was driven largely by positive feedbacks fostering continued growth in forest-products manufacturing (Appendix 2), which peaked in 1970. Because of the tight links among the three subsystems, the positive feedbacks in the policy and economic subsystems drove the growth of the Tongass system.

Conservation phase [K] 1975–1990

Before 1975, the Tongass system and its policy monopoly remained largely unfettered by changes in public opinion and federal policy associated with

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the environmental movement. In 1975, for the first time, a federal court ruled against the practice of clearcut logging in the Tongass. This event moved the Tongass system into a conservation [K] phase—a state analogous to the climax stage of a mature forest when the dominant canopy trees strongly influence endogenous conditions and the system is largely resilient to disturbance (Holling and Gunderson 2002). During this phase, the Tongass system faced external, converging drivers of change in public policy (Nie 2006), institutional governance (LeMaster 1984), and global markets (Crone 2004). The interactions of these drivers with components of the Tongass system revealed the mechanisms providing stability and resilience, as well as incipient vulnerabilities. The conservation phase is aptly named in two senses: it was a period of growing influence of environmental (conservation) advocates in Tongass governance; and it was a period in which the Tongass system was stabilized (or conserved) against directional and mostly external drivers of change. The latter meaning—maintenance of the system status quo—is our focus.

In lawsuits against the U.S. Forest Service in Montana and West Virginia, federal courts ruled that clearcutting in National Forests was in violation of the intent and language of the Organic Act of 1898 (Nie 2006). Immediately afterward, environmentalists filed suit (*Zieske v Butz*) to prevent further Tongass

clearcut logging by KPC and won an initial victory. This ruling was the first indirect challenge to the legality of an existing Tongass long-term contract. By contrast, the Sierra Club v. Hardin action (1965-1971) sought to prevent a pending contract by opposing its associated pulp mill on environmental grounds. The Zieske v Butz decision set a powerful, albeit brief precedent against industrial-scale logging in the Tongass; if broadly applied, the decision would have forced the U.S. Forest Service to default on the timber contracts upon which the regional industry depended. The Tongass decision, and those that preceded it, led to a stalemate that required immediate intervention by the U.S. Congress.

The National Forest Management Act (NFMA), drafted largely to allow National Forest timber operations to resume, prescribed broad reforms to the U.S. Forest Service planning process. Adding further to complications created by earlier legislation, the NFMA required each National Forest to complete a comprehensive management plan using an interdisciplinary approach with greater opportunities for public participation.

Moreover, the NFMA strongly reiterated the multiple-use concept (of MUSYA), but neither provided specific guidelines for its application, nor reduced the agency's discretion in achieving the multiple-use objective. As a result, legislators left NFMA's intent open to debate and effectively transferred the venue of that debate to federal courts, in turn fostering the legal obstructionism that has become the principal source of paralysis in U.S. Forest Service planning (Nie 2006). With growing opposition to the long-term leases, the Tongass planning process became one of the most contentious in the nation (Malmsheimer et al. 2004).

Tongass governance was further complicated by the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1981, which reserved nearly one-third of Tongass lands as protected areas. As a result, the ANILCA effectively reduced the operable Tongass timber base (productive forest land), also by roughly one-third (Beier 2008). The Tongass was none of the most contentious issues in the ANILCA debate (Cahn 1982) because of vehement opposition by the Tongass policy monopoly and local stakeholder groups who viewed land withdrawals as a direct threat to regional economic welfare (Nelson 2004). In exchange for difficult compromises on wilderness designation in the Tongass, a number of provisions supporting the regional industry and assuring subsidies to leaseholders were included in the ANILCA (Beier 2008).

The most significant Tongass-related provision negotiated into the bill by Senator Ted Stevens authorized at least \$40 million annually to support the timber-sale program. With this guaranteed funding, the Tongass was instructed to supply the regional industry 4.5 billion board feet of timber volume per decade. This provision had the effect of formally redefining the allowable (maximum) sale quantity prescribed in the 1979 Forest Plan as the target harvest quantity. Tongass managers interpreted this as a mandate to harvest 450 MBF each year regardless of market demand (Nie 2006), in turn creating an additional source of rigidity in the institutional subsystem of the Tongass. The funding also supported low-interest loans for leaseholders, research for improvement of forest yields and processing efficiency, and new markets for Tongass forest products. The ANILCA also exempted the Tongass from federal guidelines requiring removal of non-commercial-grade forests from the operable timber base. In total, these provisions had the effect of reaffirming timber production as the best use of all non-reserved Tongass lands.

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5\http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/\n\n\nDuring this period, increased volatility in timber\nexport markets, and the industry response to these\nfluctuations, signaled the shift of the economic\nsubsystem into the [K] phase (Appendix 2). In 1979,\nexport markets for Tongass pulp products\nexperienced a dramatic decline that lasted\nthroughout much of the 1980s, due mostly to shifts\nin global demand and increased competition\n(Rakestraw 1989). Tongass harvests declined\nclosely in parallel with market fluctuations (Fig. 2),\nsuggesting that much of the regional industry was\noperating at or near the margin, despite the\nconsiderable subsidies received by the long-term\nlease holders. Meanwhile, increased competition\nand the growing disparity between Alaskan mills\nand their competitors, in terms of technology and\nefficiency, posed major challenges to the regional\nindustry (Crone 2004).\n\n\nIn summary, during the conservation [K] phase, the\nTongass system proved resilient to multiple\nperturbations from legal challenges and new\nlegislation that had either a national focus (NFMA,\nEndangered Species Act (ESA), National\nEnvironmental Policy Act (NEPA)) or an Alaska-\nwide focus (ANILCA), as well as market\nfluctuations driven by global demand and increased\ncompetition. Although federal environmental\nlegislation and subsequent judicial decisions began\nto erode the primacy of U.S. Forest Service\ndiscretion in governance, the Tongass policy\nmonopoly was able to minimize the impact of these\nchanges; and in response to its most direct threat (to\ndate), was able to safeguard its authority in the\nANILCA debate (Beier 2008). Hence the policy\nsubsystem was in a [K] phase because the policy\nmonopoly remained resilient in the face of rapidly\nstrengthening and expanding drivers of change\n(Appendix 2). Resilience in the policy subsystem\nprevented these perturbations from strongly\ndestabilizing either the institutional or the economic\nsubsystems, thus stabilizing the entire Tongass\nsystem. However, this stability arose entirely\nthrough the addition of rigidity to existing links\namong subsystems, setting the stage for collapse of\nthe entire Tongass system, as we describe below.\n\n\nCollapse Phase [\u2126] 1990\u20132008\n\n\nPassage of the Tongass Timber Reform Act (TTRA)\ninitiated the collapse [\u2126] phase of Tongass\nmanagement\u2014analogous to the release stage\ntypically initiated by a stand-replacing event, such\nas a fire or disease outbreak, that exceeds the\nresilience of the mature forest. Likewise, the\nmature Tongass system became rigid and\nmaladaptive in response to a confluence of events\nthat fostered simultaneous collapse dynamics in the\npolicy and economic subsystems. Within 5 years of\nthe passage of the TTRA, Tongass timber\nproduction declined by roughly 85% and stabilized\nat an output level equivalent to the pre-industrial\nproduction level (Fig. 1).\n\n\nIn a 1983 lawsuit, Reid Bros. Logging v Ketchikan\nPulp Co., the plaintiffs claimed that KPC unfairly\nforced smaller operators out of the industry. The\ncourt ruled that KPC had engaged in illegal\nconspiracy and anti-competitive practices, and in\nsubsequent lawsuits, ruled that KPC and APC had\ncolluded to marginalize the smaller timber\ncompanies (Durbin 1999). These rulings did not\nimmediately affect the long-term leases, but\ncertainly contributed to the legislative rebuke of the\nlease structures codified several years later in the\nTTRA (Nie 2006).\n\n\nIn a strong rebuke of the legitimacy of the long-term\nleases, the TTRA essentially dismantled the\nTongass policy monopoly, which in turn drove the\npolicy subsystem to collapse.

First and foremost, the TTRA repealed the minimum annual harvest mandate and associated subsidies that were won by Tongass advocates in the ANILCA debate and instead instructed managers to provide for the multiple use and sustained yield of all renewable forest resources, to seek to provide a supply of timber according to market demand, and to promote fair competition in the regional industry [emphasis added]. The law modified the lease contracts by eliminating bidding preferences, purchaser road credits, and pricing advantages given to lease holders. The TTRA also created Tongass-wide stream buffers to protect local fisheries, which removed some of most productive (and valuable) remaining Tongass stands from potential harvest (Nie 2006). As interpreted by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the TTRA instructed that Tongass management was to be guided by not an inflexible harvest level, but a balancing of the market, the law, and other uses, including preservation [emphasis added].

In the economic subsystem, investors and industry executives viewed the TTRA as a sign that Tongass-based operations would no longer be predictable or profitable (Nie 2006). A number of other indicators,

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5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> mostly related to market volatility and aging mill infrastructure, also pointed to industry collapse. First, the APC contract depended on the sustained levels of high Japanese demand for Alaskan sawtimber and cellulose pulp, even after post-war reconstruction had been completed. By 1985, due to a decline in pulp markets, the Tongass share of U.S. timber exports to Japan dropped to its lowest point (6%) since APC began operations in Sitka. Second, by the 1980s, most mill facilities in Alaska lagged far behind regional and global competitors in terms of efficiency and technology. Yet because of the age and capital amortization of most mills in the region, decisions about both production levels and mill improvements were largely driven by short-term profitability. Coupled with the high operating costs in southeastern Alaska, poor markets triggered sporadic mill closures and re-openings throughout the 1980s and 1990s (Morse 2000). Between 1984 and 1987, all of the major mills in the region except those owned by KPC and APC closed for at least a 3-year period, and two of these mills never reopened (Brackley et al. 2006). This volatile economic environment, in concert with growing political uncertainty, strongly discouraged further investment in mill operations nor improvements. Soon after the TTRA, Alaskan export markets experienced another cyclical downturn similar to that of the 1980s, although of lesser magnitude in terms of price deflation (Crone 2004). This time, however, lease holders decided to close the major pulp mills in Sitka (in 1994) and Ketchikan (in 1997). These mill closures violated the terms of the lease contracts, which were subsequently terminated by the U.S. Forest Service, prompting a round of lawsuits by the lease holders; APC lost their case, and KPC settled for \$140 million.

In the institutional subsystem, the TTRA ushered in an era in which Tongass decision making effectively shifted to judicial and political venues outside of the agency (Nie 2006). A recent study estimated

that from 1997 to 2003, 88% of NEPA-required environmental impact statement (EIS) decisions were appealed on the Tongass; of these, nearly all concerned timber sales, road permits, and other related development activities (U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Forest Service 2004). The accumulation of several decades of environmental policies and planning statutes concerning the U.S. Forest Service fostered an environment where the threat of judicial review, injunction, remand, and the like cast a very long shadow on agency decision making (Nie 2006). Two events immediately following the TTRA created further uncertainty in the Tongass administration: first, a 1991 moratorium on National Forest logging in Oregon and Washington was enacted in response to the northern spotted-owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*) controversy and the ESA (Trosper 2003); second, the election of President Clinton (1992) caused major political shifts in the U.S. Forest Service, symbolized most clearly by the appointment of wildlife biologist Jack Ward Thomas as agency chief, the first non-forester in agency history to hold that position (Steen 2004). During this turbulent period, the Forest Service was in the process of revising the 1979 Tongass Forest Plan, as required by NFMA. Because the TTRA was enacted 3 years into the Forest Plan revision process, the law required Tongass officials to go back to the drawing board, which eventually resulted in a decade-long, \$13 million planning effort (Nie 2006). In many ways, this planning process and its priorities suggested a new direction for Tongass governance, as the new Forest Plan and the process of its development were starkly different from its predecessor. The 1997 Tongass Land Management Plan (TLMP) incorporated the principles of ecosystem management, species conservation, and old-growth forest reserves, and designated roughly 36% of the Tongass in a land-use category of Natural Setting, where minimal timber harvesting and road construction is allowed. In doing so, the 1997 TLMP reduced the operable Tongass timber base and maximum allowable annual sale quantity by nearly half. Including the reserves created by the ANILCA in 1980, the 1997 TLMP left 28% of the Tongass land base for timber production. By contrast, roughly 95% of productive forest lands were scheduled for harvest when Congress passed the Tongass Timber Act in 1947. Clearly, the Tongass had reorganized its institutional priorities, as forced primarily by new factors, namely decades of policy reforms and political shifts related to public opinion against clearcutting (Bliss 2000). Despite new factors shaping the Tongass system, this period has been consistently influenced by powerful remnants of the erstwhile policy monopoly. Although the Alaska congressional delegation unsuccessfully obstructed the passage of the TTRA and strongly opposed the conservation directives of the 1997 TLMP, they effectively used legislative committee positions and seniority to

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<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> exert their influence through budget riders and additions to bills unrelated to their intent and other instruments, some of which have been adversarial in nature. For example, in exchange for allowing the TLMP planning process to proceed with additional conservation areas and reduced emphasis on timber operations, Senator Stevens

appropriated \$110 million of Tongass Disaster Relief Funds from the federal budget, yielding individual payouts ranging from \$30 000 to \$100 000 per lost job (Whitney 1996). Senator Stevens and the Alaska delegation also used, with varying levels of success, numerous riders to influence Tongass governance, including: a separate annual payment of approximately \$30 million in relief funds to the city of Ketchikan; a 1995 provision that would have strictly limited the discretion of Tongass managers to set new logging limits and conduct NEPA-required environmental research; and a 1998 provision that would have instructed the Tongass to prepare exactly 253 MBF for sale the following year. This last provision, which was removed from the budget before passage, outlined specific legal and fiscal consequences if Tongass managers did not fully comply. As of 2008, these appropriations politics would have remained the dominant way the Tongass is governed by the Congress (Nie 2006).

In summary, the collapse [26] phase was initiated by dramatic and Tongass-focused policy changes (TTRA) that effectively dismantled the Tongass policy monopoly and thus irreversibly transformed the policy subsystem. Closure of the pulp mills in Sitka and Ketchikan, triggered largely by fiscal concerns arising from both loss of lease subsidies and market volatility, forced action in the institutional subsystem to terminate the long-term lease contracts. As the glue that held the entire governance system together (i.e., coupling the institutional, economic, and policy subsystems of the Tongass into a rigid configuration) the dissolution of lease contracts had catastrophic consequences. Rigidity in the system, created initially to promote growth but increased over time as a mechanism to resist external changes, precluded any efforts to adapt or transform. Since collapse, Tongass governance has been largely incapable of reorganization.

DISCUSSION

The preceding narrative suggests the importance of changes in federal policy and larger-scale economic factors as the key drivers of adaptive-cycle dynamics in Tongass governance. Policy mobilized much of the initial growth, provided much of the stability during the conservation phase, and served to destabilize at first incrementally and then rather suddenly the industrial forestry regime of the Tongass. The changing economic context dictated the timing of policy implementation (growth phase) and eroded the resilience of the Tongass system during its collapse. We found that, in both the initiation and collapse of the Tongass system, transformative change occurred only when the adaptive cycles of two or more subsystems were incoherence in other words, when some synergy existed in economic, political, and institutional components. Our observation that policy drivers resulted in brief, dramatic changes (or clutches) interspersed with long periods of relative stability, is consistent with punctuated equilibrium theories of policy making (True et al. 1999). As observed in other forest-governance systems (Baskerville 1995), this suggests that non-linear shifts in policy can drive similar dynamics in larger-scale governance systems involving ecological, economic, and institutional components and controls (Holling et al. 2002b).

We can trace the importance of the policy monopoly throughout the Tongass adaptive cycle. In the fore-loop of growth [r] and conservation [K], the policy monopoly fostered change by creating the long-term leases and subsequently provided stability to the system against external perturbations. Growth was fostered by policies that created incentives for local investment to capture the market opportunities emerging from post-World War II reconstruction. These horizontal links between the policy and economic subsystems fostered resilience. Stability was also fostered in the institutional subsystem

by maintaining exclusive control over venues of decision making and planning, by ensuring leaseholder subsidies, and by influencing policy making at various scales as it pertained to the Tongass. Overall, by maintaining the legitimacy of the long-term leases, the policy monopoly conserved the entire system's stability. Over time, however, this monopoly was eroded as the feedbacks of environmental and regulatory reforms accumulated in both the institutional and policy subsystems. These reforms reflected broader changes in public

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associated with the environmental movement at scales larger than the Tongass and were specifically provoked by management outcomes and legal actions in other National Forests (Trosper 2003). As these cross-scale feedbacks (panarchy) drove collapse in the policy subsystem, the Tongass system lost its resilience to market-oriented perturbations and experienced a precipitous decline in output initiating dynamics of collapse [2126] and providing opportunities for potential reorganization [03b1] that have not yet been realized. Evidence of this policy-supported resilience can be found by comparing system dynamics (annual harvest outputs) during two periods of price depression in Alaskan export markets: (1) during the 1980s while the long-term lease subsidies were in place and (2) during the 1990s after the TTRA eliminated lease subsidies. During the first severe price depression faced by the Tongass-based industry, although the long-term leases and subsidies were considered safe, market volatility resulted in similar fluctuations in harvest output. When market prices recovered and stabilized, harvests rebounded to previous levels (Fig. 2). In other words, when the policy subsystem was resilient, it afforded resilience to the economic subsystem by assuring investor confidence in the long-term leases and future profit potential (Nie 2006). In contrast, when a second, but less severe, market downturn occurred in the early 1990s (Crone 2004), the entire system collapsed, triggered by closure of the regional pulp mills and the subsequent termination of both lease contracts. We suggest the principal difference was the state of the policy subsystem, which had entered a collapse [2126] phase (upon passage of the TTRA) before the second market downturn. Therefore, by reducing investor confidence in a stable timber supply from the Tongass (Nie 2006) in addition to eliminating subsidies, the TTRA destabilized the economic subsystem, making it much less resilient to market volatility. Lastly, our case study illustrated the importance of scale mismatches and cross-scale interactions in the SES. Because of a relatively short observation period, the apparent lack of negative impacts of even-aged management practices in Alaska led managers to falsely conclude that ecological responses to logging practices were benign, if not favorable. In fact, the short-term feedbacks at the local scale were almost entirely positive, both in terms of societal benefits and reinforcing scientific assumptions about forest responses to clearcutting (Rakestraw 1989). Today, however, recognition of the lagged ecological costs of forest harvest in Alaska (Beier et al. 2008) has prompted urgent efforts to

sustain subsistence and commercial resources while managing second-growth forests. Of course, this mismatch in temporal scales (i.e., ecological processes vs. human observation) was apparent in the longer-term outcomes from similar forest management in the U.S. Pacific Northwest. Environmental advocates who perceived the degradation of these National Forests resulting from similar industrial practices (Troster 2003) feared a similar fate for the Tongass in Alaska (Durbin 1999). Their dramatic influence on National Forest governance in the late 20th century acted across scales to end industrial logging in the Tongass. This suggests that ecological feedbacks from other regions, through processes fostered by a democratic society, act to drive transformative change in governance.

Holling's Pathology and the Tongass Rigidity Trap

In many ways the Tongass case epitomizes the "pathology of resource management" described by Holling et al. (2002a: 6):

New policies and development usually succeed initially, but they lead to agencies that gradually become rigid and myopic, economic sectors that become slavishly dependent...and a public that loses trust in governance.

For the Tongass, an initial period of rapid growth gave way to a period in which Holling's pathology became obvious. Forest managers became bound to the rigid requirements of the long-term contracts regardless of dramatic changes in their political and economic landscape. As this landscape shifted, Tongass governance remained rigidly focused on executing lease contracts and sustaining the regional industry. The fate of the industry and its dependent communities hinged on lease holder subsidies that sought to ensure the local manufacture of forest products would continue in conjunction with favorable export markets. In addition to employment and infrastructure development provided by the forest-products economy, many remote southeastern Alaska communities relied on

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heavily on U.S. Forest Service timber receipts for public-school funding (Allen et al. 1998). Not unique to the Tongass, this slavish dependence of agency, economy, and community has been a characteristic outcome of U.S. National Forest timber programs (Repetto 1988), especially in the Pacific Northwest (Troster 2003).

The Tongass adaptive cycle illustrates how command-and-control management (Holling and Meffe 1996) the attempt to control system variability, and the assumption that outcomes would be static and predictable may emerge in the organizing principles of a resource system, be unsuccessful for a period of time, but eventually yield to catastrophic failure. Overall, this approach created intrinsic vulnerabilities that were largely masked during the boom years of Tongass timber, but have left a multifaceted legacy that includes the current political stalemate (Nie 2006), a less competitive regional industry (Crone 2004, Brackley et al. 2006), and concerns about capacity of managed forest watersheds to sustain local production of resources including timber essential for subsistence and commercial economies (Beier et al. 2008). Each of these outcomes points to the existence of rigidity traps preventing reorganization of the Tongass

system to address new challenges and opportunities (Carpenter and Brock 2008). First and foremost, the loss of trust in governance is probably the only shared perspective among the environmental advocates, industry representatives, legislators, and local residents who engage in continuous conflict over the Tongass. Although the Tongass situation is not unique in the National Forest system, its importance as an icon of the global environmental movement (Durbin 1999) has raised the stakes considerably. In the current state, Tongass managers are pitted between environmental advocacy groups (via litigation and appeals) and pro-timber legislators and executive officials (via budgets and national leadership). This situation acts to maintain day-to-day Tongass decision making in a highly stable but inflexible state that constrains managers from responding adaptively to changing conditions and, ultimately, from finding a sustainable direction for the future governance of the Tongass. As long as the dominant venues of stakeholder input in Tongass decision making are adversarial i.e., through appeals and litigation the institutional subsystem will remain trapped in the collapse [2126] phase. Likewise, the Tongass timber leases left a difficult legacy for the economic subsystem, in terms of the local capacity to profitably manufacture forest products. Because the lease contracts were linked with the pulp mills, when the mills closed and the leases were terminated, the industry lost its capacity to process the low-grade materials that comprise much of the Tongass timber base. Despite improving markets in recent years, local industry production has remained near historical lows, indicating that the industry has lost much of the flexibility that was apparent during the market downturns of the 1980s (Brackley et al. 2006). One explanation for this outcome is the decline of local mill infrastructure; in terms of technology and efficiency, most regional mills have remained largely unimproved since the 1980s (if not earlier). Industry analysts suggest that improvements in local mills are needed to compete in global markets (Crone 2004). Yet with a high degree of uncertainty that future timber sales will survive appeals and litigation (U.S. Forest Service 2004), any substantial investments in local mills is unlikely in the near term (Nie 2006). This uncertainty, in concert with structural changes in the regional industry, maintains the economic subsystem in a rigidity trap that will be difficult to escape. Lastly, the yielding of Forest Service control over harvesting schedules to timber companies led to the landscape-scale high grading of the Tongass, in which lease holders targeted the most productive forests to maximize profits (Durbin 1999). Although precise data are not available, based on biophysical models and historical harvest maps, it is estimated that less than one-third of the most productive big-tree rainforests in the entire Tongass remain unharvested (C. Beier, unpublished data). Nearly all of these remaining big-tree forests are either protected by federal legislation (such as the ANILCA) or reserved from logging in the old-growth networks of the 1997 Forest Plan. As a result, the most productive stands in the current timber base of the Tongass are many decades from being harvestable, which further constrains opportunities for reorganization. Escaping the Legacy of Social Traps Recent developments suggest a potential pathway out of these rigidity traps and reorganization toward more sustainable governance of the Tongass. In 2000, with the cooperation of a regional

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5\n<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/>\n\n\nenvironmental advocacy coalition, forest managers\nbegan a \u201cmicrosale\u201d program that offers very small\nquantities of very high-grade timber, relative to\nhistorical sales. These offers involve up to 50 000\nboard feet per sale, which may equate to as few as\n10 individual trees; in contrast, standard clearcut\nharvest units typically range into several millions\nof board feet across hundreds of acres. With\nmicrosales, trees are harvested using selection\nlogging and aerial yarding methods that have\nminimal ecological impact compared with the large\nclearcut harvests of the past five decades. Tongass\nmicrosales also meet local demand and provide\nopportunities for value-added manufacturing, and\nperhaps most importantly, all sales have involved\ncompetitive bidding and none have been challenged\nin court. Further advancements in cooperation and\nbuilding trust among stakeholders are also evident.\nIn 2006, the Tongass entered into its first-ever\ninstitutional partnership with an environmental\norganization\u2014The Nature Conservancy of Alaska\u2014to support community-based management of\nsecond-growth forests for improving wildlife\nhabitat, future timber values, and several other\necosystem services. Both programs suggest an\ninstitutional change that may allow adaptation to\nnew conditions while allowing forest managers to\ncontinue to produce economic benefits for local\ncommunities, in part through timber production. At\nthe same time, globalization and changes in national\nand global values have altered the economic context\n(e.g., through expanded ecotourism; Colt et al. 2006) and provided new ways in which the Tongass\ncan provide valuable ecosystem services to society.\n\n\nCONCLUSIONS AND

BROADER\nIMPLICATIONS\n\nGovernance of the Tongass National Forest began\nas a large-scale social experiment to bring manifest\ndestiny into the 20th century. The vision was to spur\nregional development and solidify political\ninfluence over the resource-rich Alaskan territory\nthat had been acquired by the U.S. only a few\ndecades previously. The social goal was to create\nsustainable livelihoods for local residents and\ndemonstrate the economic self-sufficiency needed\nto justify Alaskan statehood. Today, a century later,\nthe emergence of large-scale forestry, agricultural,\nand hydroelectric projects in developing nations has\na strikingly familiar tone, although now framed in\na different paradigm. These governance systems are\noften centrally designed and funded to achieve\npolitical, social, and economic goals, and are\nimplemented in ways that buffer against economic\nand political uncertainties so as to ensure success.\nYet our case study of the Tongass, like many others\n(Gunderson et al. 1995), suggests this \u201ccommand-\nand-control\u201d approach is bound to failure (Holling\nand Meffe 1996). How can our application of the\nadaptive-cycle diagnostic to the Tongass case help\nguide a more adaptive and sustainable governance\nof resources to achieve broad societal goals?\n\n\nOur case study warns against formation of a policy\nmonopoly\u2014of government funders, agency\nmanagers, and resource users\u2014for rigidly buffering\na governance system against change. This \u201ciron\ntriangle\u201d (Kingdon 1995) made the Tongass\ninefficient in producing timber and supporting local\neconomic growth during its boom years, but became\nincreasingly rigid and prevented adaptation to\nchanging social preferences as well as shifting\neconomic and ecological realities. This rigidity\ncontributed to the

rapid, catastrophic nature of the system collapse and its persistent legacy in the region. Since collapse, remnants of this policy monopoly have continued to constrain institutional adaptive capacity over a decade since closure of the last pulp mill in Alaska, most timber sales offered by Tongass managers are for pulp-grade timber (Beier 2007), few of which are ever harvested in the face of vigorous legal challenges. After decades of contentious debate among politicians, managers, and resource users, these actors have heretofore been reluctant to reach any consensus on alternative visions for the future of the Tongass. The Tongass case also affirms that when agencies charged with management of common property resources yield too much authority to narrowly focused private interests, even in the pursuit of improving human well-being, the public welfare suffers in the long run (Ostrom 1990). Such rent-seeking behavior has been a common symptom among large-scale forest governance systems around the world (Repetto and Gills 1998, Ross 2001). Our case study illustrates how boundaries can be distorted between the governance of a SES and the management of a specific resource, and how negative outcomes can emerge and persist, regardless of the initial purpose of managers and decision makers. In other words, when governance becomes too driven by a singular management emphasis that is rigidly organized, even the best-laid plans will likely fail. This content downloaded from

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5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> Lastly, our case study suggests that efforts to resist social and ecological change will ultimately fail, and attempts to stabilize the system through rigidity will constrain future adaptive capacity. The Tongass system was designed to minimize SES change in response to external perturbations and constrain variability in every possible dimension: (1) political variability was minimized through a policy monopoly that established and safeguarded the long-term lease contracts and associated subsidies; (2) economic variability was buffered through subsidies and incentives designed to overcome local economic challenges and constrain the impact of global markets on local profitability; (3) ecological variability, specifically the structural heterogeneity of the future forest, was constrained through even-aged management practices; and (4) institutional variability, such as the growing emphasis on environmental research to understand impacts of management activities, was suppressed through appropriation politics and similar measures. In each of these subsystems, this rigidity has resulted in social traps that act in concert to inhibit the adaptive renewal of Tongass governance, and to some extent, the larger regional SES. Overall, this legacy has interrupted the Tongass adaptive cycle because the system has been unable to reorganize for renewal in the new post-collapse context. We suggest this has occurred because the Tongass system emphasized the control of variability and prevented the gradual adaptation to changing social and economic conditions. An analogy between a democratic society and a forest ecosystem helps illustrate this point; in both, release and renewal e.g., through regular elections or forest fires need to occur regularly. Suppressing inherent variability prevents these dynamics (Holling et al. 2002b). In

such cases, if the system is prevented from going through these cycles for example, through policy monopoly or fire suppression practices then when collapse does not occur, it is typically catastrophic, with a difficult legacy that impedes renewal. In both cases, the aftermath suggests the difference between a healthy and a pathological dynamics of an adaptive cycle; when pathological, the system remains trapped in the collapse [26] phase far longer. For the Tongass, as of 2009, this prolonged collapse has lasted almost two decades. Reorganization of the Tongass into a more sustainable system ultimately depends on reconciliation among local and national stakeholders, their advocates, and the agency that manages their interests for the common benefit. In a study of a similar deadlock in forest governance in New Brunswick, Canada, Baskerville (1995) showed how abrupt changes in forest policy can foster such a reconciliation, and in turn, transformation of governance toward a sustainable balance of forest values. In Alaska, several promising trends improving market conditions, a growing emphasis on managing second-growth for future values, new partnerships with conservation organizations, and new political leadership at the state and national levels suggest the critical opportunity for Tongass renewal is now. Responses to this article can be read online

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external economic and policy changes.\n\n2. ****Policy and Economic Drivers****: It identifies federal policies and global market dynamics as critical drivers that shaped the governance outcomes, pointing out how policy alignments and economic conditions can precipitate systemic changes.\n\n3. ****Resilience and Vulnerability****: The analysis discusses the system's resilience provided by long-term lease contracts and how increasing rigidity contributed to its vulnerability and eventual collapse.\n\n### Relevance to Sustainable Resource Management\n\nThe findings are highly relevant to sustainable resource management, illustrating the importance of flexibility and adaptability in policy frameworks. The Tongass case study serves as a cautionary tale of how rigid policies, coupled with failure to adapt to changing economic conditions, can lead to severe resource management failures. The insights suggest that sustainable governance should incorporate adaptive management practices that can respond dynamically to ecological, economic, and social changes, promoting resilience and avoiding rigidity traps that lead to systemic collapses. This approach is crucial for managing common property resources effectively and sustainably, avoiding the pitfalls seen in the Tongass National Forest management."}], "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": true, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"finish_details": {"type": "stop", "stop_tokens": [100260]}, "citations": [], "gizmo_id": "g-V2KIUSj0", "is_complete": true, "message_type": null, "model_slug": "gpt-4", "default_model_slug": "gpt-4", "pad": "AAAAAAAAAAAA", "parent_id": "3058ef90-233d-462c-af93-e25ccfe59290", "request_id": "87d449e50fdf0e6a-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute"}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, "parent": "3058ef90-233d-462c-af93-e25ccfe59290", "children": [{"id": "aaa21f64-589c-451f-b77a-e2e3b533c1dd", "parent_id": "aaa21f64-589c-451f-b77a-e2e3b533c1dd", "message": {"id": "aaa21f64-589c-451f-b77a-e2e3b533c1dd", "author": {"role": "user", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1714613984.739843, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["GENERALLY ADAPTABILITY IS KEY IN ALL THINGS. WHAT ARE SOME BARRIERS TO ADAPTABILITY?"]}, "status": "finished_successfully", "end_turn": null, "weight": 1.0, "metadata": {"request_id": "87d44c94add63752-MXP", "timestamp_": "absolute", "message_type": null}, "recipient": "all", "channel": null}, "parent": "0fa810f6-6865-401a-acad-2570c632dad5", "children": [{"id": "f6abdbbf-1875-42fa-9dbc-da2107027ad4", "parent_id": "f6abdbbf-1875-42fa-9dbc-da2107027ad4", "message": {"id": "f6abdbbf-1875-42fa-9dbc-da2107027ad4", "author": {"role": "assistant", "name": null, "metadata": {}}, "create_time": 1714614005.577445, "update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": ["Adaptability is indeed crucial in various contexts, from business and technology to environmental management and personal growth. However, several barriers can hinder adaptability in organizations, systems, and individuals:\n\n1. ****Organizational Structure****: Rigid, hierarchical organizational structures can slow decision-making processes and inhibit the ability to respond swiftly to changing circumstances. Such structures often lack the flexibility needed to adapt to new challenges or opportunities.\n\n2. ****Cultural Resistance****: Cultural norms and values that emphasize tradition over innovation can create resistance to change. In some organizations or communities, there may be a deep-rooted preference for maintaining the status quo, which can prevent the adoption of new and potentially beneficial practices.\n\n3. ****Lack of Resources****: Limited financial, human, or technological resources can constrain adaptability. For example, a lack of investment in training and development can prevent employees from acquiring new skills necessary for adapting to changes in the marketplace.\n\n4. ****Inadequate**

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Information Systems**: In the absence of robust information systems, organizations might not effectively collect or analyze data essential for making informed decisions. This can lead to delays in recognizing shifts in the environment or in responding appropriately.

5. **Short-term Focus**: Focusing too heavily on short-term results can deter long-term planning and investment in adaptability. This might include neglecting to develop strategies that ensure sustainability and resilience in the face of future challenges.

6. **Psychological Barriers**: Fear of failure and uncertainty can discourage individuals and organizations from taking the risks associated with adapting to change. This can lead to a lack of innovation and experimentation, which are often necessary for successful adaptation.

7. **Poor Leadership**: Leadership plays a crucial role in promoting or hindering adaptability. Leaders who are not committed to fostering a culture of learning and resilience may fail to encourage their teams to adapt to changing circumstances.

8. **Regulatory and Policy Constraints**: In some sectors, especially those heavily regulated by government policies, legal constraints can limit the ability to adapt. Regulations that do not evolve in tandem with technological and social changes can hinder progress and innovation.

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cffective collective action. Social dilemmas occur whenever individuals in interdependent situations face choices in which the maximization of short-term self-interest yields outcomes leaving all participants worse off than feasible alternatives. In a public-good dilemma, for example, all those who would benefit from the provision of a public good such as pollution control, radio broadcasts or weather forecasting find it costly to contribute and would prefer others to pay for the good instead. If everyone follows the equilibrium strategy, then the good is not provided or is underprovided. Yet, everyone would be better off if everyone were to contribute. Social dilemmas are found in all aspects of life, leading to momentous decisions affecting war and peace as well as the mundane relationships of keeping promises in everyday life. Social dilemmas are called by many names, including the public-good or collective-good problem (Olson 1965, P. Samuelson 1954), shirk-ning (Alchian and Demsetz 1972), the free-rider problem (Edney 1979, Grossman and Hart 1980), moral hazard (Holmstrom 1982), the credible commitment dilemma (Williams, Collins, and Lichbach 1997), generalized social exchange (Ekch 1974; Emerson 1972a). Yet, the theory of collective action is the central subject of political science. It is the core of the justification for the state. Collective-action problems pervade international relations, face legislators when devising public budgets, permeate public bureaucracies, and are at the core of explanations of voting, interest group formation, and citizen control of governments in a democracy. If political scientists do not have an empirically grounded theory of collective action, then Elinor Ostrom is Arthur F. Bentley Professor of Political Science; Co-Director, Workshop in Political Theory and Policy Analysis; and Co-Director, Center for the Study of Institutions, Population, and Environmental Change; Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47408-3895. The author gratefully acknowledges the support of the National Science Foundation (Grant #SBR-9319835 and SBR-9521918), the Ford Foundation, the Bradley Foundation, and the MacArthur Foundation. My heartiest thanks go to James Alt Jose Apesteguia, Patrick Brandt, Kathryn Firmin-Sellers, Roy Gardner, Derek Kau- neckis, Fabrice Lehoucq, Margaret Levi, Thomas Lyon, Tony Mate- nczyk, Mike McGinnis, Trudi Miller, John Orbell, Vincent Ostrom, Eric Rasmusen David Schmidt, Sujai Shivakumar, Vernon Smith, Catherine Tucker, George Varughese, Jimmy Walker, John Williams, Rick Wilson, Toshio Yamagishi, and Xin Zhang for their comments on earlier drafts and to Patty Dalecki for all her excellent editorial and moral support. The term "tragedy of the commons" refers to the problem that common-pool resources, such as oceans, lakes, forests, irrigation systems, and grazing lands can easily be overused or destroyed if property rights to these resources are not well defined (see Hardin 1968).

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B S T R A C T\n\nThe tragedy of the commons provides a powerful narrative for a class
of environmental problems, and serves to\nframe them in a way that allows people to
identify effective solution strategies. But the problem frame also rests\non a set of
factual and value-based assumptions, and is inappropriate to guide decision-making
when these\nassumptions are violated. The climate change mitigation challenge \u2013
reducing greenhouse gas emissions, mainly\nfrom the energy sector, to limit global
warming to less than 1.5 or 2 \u00b0C \u2013 violates these assumptions.
Climate\nchange requires us not to reduce, but to completely prohibit greenhouse gas
emissions. Before any such\nprohibition is feasible, it is first essential to develop
a clean energy system that can meet our basic needs. The\nmain barriers to this are
not economic, but rather are associated with evolving knowledge, networks,
and\ninstitutions. Framing climate change in evolutionary terms can help us to
appraise policy options more\neffectively, and ultimately identify those that get us
where we need to go.\n\n1. The tragedy of the commons\n\nThe biologist and ethnic
nationalist Garrett Hardin wanted society\nto restrict people\u2019s reproductive
freedom, and believed that only those\nparents who would raise their children the
right way should be entitled\nto have babies [1,2]. To support this politically
charged belief, Hardin\ndeveloped an argument based on the idea of the tragedy of the
commons,\na game theoretic model involving farmers\u2019 letting their cows graze
on\nthe communally owned village green [3]. Every farmer obtains the full\nbenefit of
placing an extra cow on the commons to graze, while\nsuffering only a small share of
the cost to the community as a whole,\nin terms of less grass being available to the
other cows. Overgrazing is\nthe inevitable equilibrium, unless the community as a
whole steps in.\n\nLimiting the number of cows, and ideally allocating them to
those\nfarmers who can manage them most profitably, is the obvious solution.\n\nThe
lesson transferred well to the point Hardin was trying to make\nabout people in his
now famous article.\n\nToday, few would use a tragedy of the commons framing, or
related\nterms such as commons problem, common pool resource problem,
or\nexternalities problem, to describe the issue of human population growth.\n\nThis is
largely because the world has witnessed birthrates falling\nglobally, on most
continents to below replacement levels, as a result\nof factors Hardin didn\u2019t
consider: the education of women, reductions in\ninfant mortality, and urbanization
[4,5]. But most analysts do use\nHardin\u2019s idea to describe other environmental
problems, most notably\nclimate change, and based on this framing suggest a strategy
similar to\n\nwhat Hardin advocated [6]. The framing may be appropriate for some\nof
these problems, fisheries management being an example that comes\nto mind. But it is
not appropriate for climate change, and the sooner we\nstop framing climate change in

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this way, the better. As a starting point, it is worth considering what the key aspects of a commons problem actually are. Hardin himself described four, and these are as valid today as they were then. First, of course, there needs to be a common pool resource, such as the grass on a village green, or the global carrying capacity for people. Second, there needs to be a use of that resource, or an activity that depletes it, that is legitimate and valuable, accepted by society at large. In Hardin's model, we do want cows to graze on the village green, as long as they do so productively, just as we do want a planet that is home to people. In fact, because the use is so valuable, we want to ensure that it takes place in a manner that is both optimal and sustainable. Third, the common-pool nature of the resource has to be the thing that leads people to overuse or over-deplete the resource, to the point that is clearly suboptimal, perhaps even exceeding its sustainable limits. Fourth, there cannot be a technical solution. By this, Hardin meant that it is not possible to use technology to expand the resource in order to continually accommodate the growing use. The tragedy of the commons acts a problem frame. The effect of a problem frame is to take a complex issue which affects multiple values and can be considered from a variety of perspectives and to simplify it around one particular conceptualization, leading to one particular solution strategy [7]. In the case of this framing, it is the third

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pool resource of public safety, but murder is not an activity that we want, so we don't solve it by imposing a tax or allocating a limited number of permits. We prohibit it. To illustrate failure on the third criterion, drinking alcohol is a behavior that we tolerate in moderation, and even encourage in some situations, but when people get drunk and start breaking things, they become a public nuisance. Yet we don't believe that internalizing the cost of drunken behavior will get the person on the verge of intoxication to say no to another drink. So we address it by other means, including charging bartenders with cutting people off, and providing treatment programs for alcoholism. To illustrate failure on the fourth criterion, the local public school may be overcrowded, but we can solve this by enlarging the building and hiring more teachers. So we do that, rather than limiting the number of places available or imposing high school fees. Failure on any of these criteria matters. Climate change fails on all three.

2. Why climate change fails the tragedy of the commons criteria

Many people see the 2015 Paris Agreement as representing a turning point in climate governance, but in fact the events that foreshadowed Paris occurred a decade prior to then, culminating in 2007. It was then that the idea of the 2 °C target gained popularity, based on risk management arguments, and was incorporated into a global action plan agreed to in Bali, Indonesia, at the closing of a failed set of negotiations to extend or replace the Kyoto Protocol [8]. Paris built on this decision, and added an additional level of ambition by suggesting the desirability of limiting climate change to 1.5 °C. More importantly, Paris set up a process that could help countries to take the steps to achieve one or the other, in terms of a regular global stocktake, as well as a set of mechanisms to provide financial and capacity-building support to developing countries.

The one thing that the Paris Agreement does not include is a set of negotiated binding national targets, of the kind that are the heart of the Kyoto Protocol. In fact, the failed desire to include such binding targets is what led to the eight-year delay, starting in Bali. And yet this failure should not surprise us, for a simple reason. The tragedy of the commons framing suggests that negotiating binding targets should be politically infeasible, with the main hurdle being the identification of a mutually acceptable allocation rule for the net benefits. But this presupposes that the global target is one that will maximize the value to society of whatever activity it is that degrades the common pool resource. Partial decarbonization as per Kyoto could take place by eliminating inefficiencies in the energy system, and arguably could deliver immediate net economic benefits; negotiating the allocation rule took less than two years. Achieving the Paris targets of 2 °C or 1.5 °C, however, requires that net anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere cease entirely in the second half of this century [11].

Finding immediate net benefits to allocate that are associated with a complete halting of emissions is more or less impossible, and so negotiating such an agreement required convincing people to pay attention to large benefits anticipated in the future, in some cases centuries hence [12,8]. So the temperature target qualitatively changed the character of negotiations, making them far more difficult, arguably impossible. More fundamentally, the need to eliminate emissions entirely, essentially as soon as possible, makes those emissions something that society will no longer tolerate. So climate change fails the second of the four criteria Hardin identified, just like murder.

There has been another major change since about 2007, and that is the recognition that the medium-term costs of eliminating greenhouse gas

emissions are likely to be trivial, and may in fact be negative, even before considering the long-term benefits from avoided climate impacts [13,14]. What drove this recognition was the realization from the field of evolutionary economics that policies to expand renewable energy also make them cheaper [15,16]. This fact has become especially salient lately, as the costs of supplying energy from some renewable resources have fallen to below those of fossil fuels [17], especially if one takes into account local environmental effects such as air pollution or water demand [18]. A study in the United States, for example, examined the avoided local and regional environmental impacts associated with installing wind and solar power instead of new coal capacity, and found the value of those impacts to be far larger than the difference in cost between the two technologies [19]. As another example, the costs to own and drive an electric car charged by wind or solar power are approaching parity with those of a conventional gasoline model, at least under some conditions [20].

These trends suggest two additional ways in which the tragedy of the commons framing fails for climate change. First, there is no longer a necessary misalignment of incentives between the emitters of greenhouse gases and society at large. Every country, with the possible exception of major oil and gas exporters, has reason to mitigate climate change and transform its national energy sector away from fossil fuels, regardless of what other countries may do. Every household will soon have a financial incentive to stop burning oil and gas, regardless of what their neighbors do. So if fossil fuels are still in business, it will not be because of an unjust cost advantage, born from the existence of an externality. Climate change is like the example of public drunkenness: internalizing the cost will not change anything qualitatively. Second, it now appears that a technical solution does exist for climate change. Integrated assessment models suggest that by switching to non-fossil energy sources, we can continue to see global economic activity grow, at roughly the same pace, even as greenhouse gas emissions come to a halt [21]. Climate change is like enlarging the public school.

3. Framing today's challenge in evolutionary terms

But we still have a problem needing to be solved. Using electric cars as an example, a household may soon have a financial incentive to switch over from their gasoline model, but it will not do so unless there is a dense network of charging stations where they want to take long trips. At the same time, there is no business case to install such a network as long as the number of electric cars on the road remains low. This is a chicken and egg problem: you need a chicken to get an egg, but an egg to get a chicken. Similar problems exist across the energy sector.

At the most general level, we need to prohibit greenhouse gas emissions, which almost certainly means prohibiting fossil fuels. But which comes first: prohibition, or clean energy? Before prohibition can be politically and socially feasible, we need a clean energy system that

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is good enough to sustain us. Yet given more than a century already spent improving and optimizing an energy system based on fossil fuels, the first steps towards a clean energy system are necessarily expensive, clunky, and unreliable. Most of the improvements to the clean energy system built around new knowledge, networks, and institutions only come once we start relying on it. Progress can occur, but without policy intervention, it will be slow. It took millions of years to get a chicken when the starting point was a dinosaur. Accelerating evolution is the key challenge for climate policy.

Just as the tragedy of the commons framing offered clear guidance in terms of the appropriate

policy instruments, so too does an evolutionary framing, based on insights from the emerging scientific study of socio-technical transitions [22]. Our policy instruments need to be those that build the new knowledge, networks, and institutions that will enable a clean energy system to function smoothly and affordably, which is a prerequisite to phasing out fossil fuels. When we think about all of the policies that support renewable energy innovation and deployment – state-sponsored R & D, tax credits or feed-in tariffs for project developers, and streamlined permitting processes for green infrastructure – that is exactly what is going on. As they create a new system that is viable, these policies lay the groundwork for a second generation of sectoral regulations, already beginning to appear, which prevent new investment into fossil fuel infrastructure. If you frame climate change as an evolutionary problem, it is this sequence of policy instruments that makes the most sense [23].

The issue of how we frame climate change mitigation is important, precisely because the two framings point us in different directions with respect to policy. When there is a true tragedy of the commons, then neo-classical economics and game theory provide a solid basis to favor market-based instruments, those that allocate limited rights to deplete the resource or internalize the costs of doing so [24]. Confusion can arise, however, because proponents of market-based instruments also suggest that these will provide the needed stimulus for innovation, promoting systemic change [25,26]. But just because these instruments are the best solution to one kind of problem does not mean they are very good or effective with respect to another. In fact, a growing literature shows that they aren't, and that the effective policies to stimulate a transition are those that directly support the development of new knowledge, networks, and institutions, directly addressing the barriers to systemic change [27]. The choice of how we frame climate change dictates the terms by which we evaluate the relative strengths and weaknesses of the different possible solution strategies. Judged by the appropriate criteria, market instruments are generally a poor fit.

The tragedy of the commons framing made sense at a time when we believed that people needed to adjust the energy system at the margins, and believed that the cost of doing so would be high. We no longer believe these things. The atmosphere may be a common pool resource, but using it as a place to put our greenhouse gas emissions is no longer something for which we have any long-term rights to allocate. To prohibit dumping our greenhouse gases there, we first need to accelerate a technological transition towards non-fossil sources of energy, for which the main barriers have to do with knowledge and networks, rather than an inherent difference in cost. Policies providing active and indirect governmental support for new technologies and technological systems can change the conditions that hold the new technologies back. In fact they have already done a great deal; they have led to a dramatic decline in the costs of key energy technologies, and contributed to the possibility that global emissions have already peaked. There is still more work to be done, and we can solve climate change if we build on what we have learned. At all costs, we should resist the temptation to reverse course because the policies don't fit one man's convenient story of too many cows on a village green.

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longitudinal analysis of an indicator of overall system behavior (timber harvests). We found that federal policies in concert with global market changes drove transformative change in both forest governance (policy making) and forest management (practices), through creation and dissolution of subsidized long-term lease contracts. Evidence of the systemic resilience provided by these leases was found in the analysis of industry responses to market volatility before and after Tongass-specific federal reforms. Although the lease contracts stabilized the Tongass system for a period of time, they fostered a growing degree of rigidity that contributed to a severe industrial collapse and the subsequent emergence of complex social traps. Broader lessons from the Tongass suggest that large-scale changes occurred only when the nested economic and policy cycles were in coherence, and a systemic effort to minimize social and ecological variability ultimately resulted in catastrophic collapse of governance. This collapse resulted in a pervasive and challenging legacy that prevents Tongass reorganization and limits the adaptive capacity of the larger social-ecological system of southeastern Alaska. Although this legacy has inhibited system renewal for two decades, recent trends indicate the emergence of new opportunities for progress toward sustainable governance of the Tongass National Forest.

Key Words: adaptive cycle; Alaska; forest management; resource governance; rigidity traps; U.S. National Forests

INTRODUCTION

Government efforts to stimulate the development of natural resources for public benefit often seek to implement a vision at grand scales that, over time, creates a cycle of dependency that undermines the original social purpose as well as the resource base that was intended to be sustained. In the United States, this has occurred with respect to agriculture (Light et al. 1995), forestry (Repetto 1998, Trosper 2003), fisheries (Francis and Reiger 1995, Pauly et al. 2005), water (Ostrom 1990, Lee 1995), and many other types of resource systems (Holling and Meffe 1996). Similar cycles of dependency have emerged through international aid programs to developing nations that were intended to create self-sufficiency through resource development. Although the goals of these programs are often socially admirable and provide an economic stimulus to initiate changes that would otherwise lack the resources to emerge, i.e., to escape from poverty traps (Carpenter and Brock 2008) they often result in challenging social traps (Costanza 1987) that can constrain options for future generations. Why have these governance efforts failed so consistently, and what lessons can be learned that would enlighten efforts to address new frontiers of resource governance and public welfare in a rapidly changing world?

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In this article, we analyze the rise, collapse, and aftermath of one of the largest resource governance programs in the history of the United States: industrial timber production in the Tongass National Forest (Tongass) of southeastern Alaska. Although large-scale industrial forestry emerged as a mechanism for stimulating social welfare and economic growth, the Tongass has become one of the most

controversial issues of public land management in the United States (Wilkinson 1997). As such, its story has been framed in several ways: as the central theme in the history and purpose of the U.S. Forest Service in Alaska (Rakestraw 1989); as an acute example of political influence, mismanagement, and corruption resulting in environmental degradation (Durbin 1999); as a complex situation governed by entrenched influences and acrimonious personal relationships, as described by a former agency chief (Steen 2004); as a local drama of lost jobs and livelihoods due to economic vandalism by environmentalists (Soderberg and DuRette 1988); and as a study of cumulative regulatory complications and policy reforms resulting in conflicted governance and a deadlock among institutions and stakeholder groups (Nie 2006). Although each account yields valuable insights, they present an incomplete and often normative picture of the Tongass case and its broader implications for the regional social-ecological system (SES) of southeastern Alaska; and therefore, provide little guidance on how resource systems might be more effectively governed for long-term sustainability and greater public benefit. In this article, we present the first analysis that examines the links among policy, institutions, economies, and ecosystems that shaped the governance of the Tongass during the 20th century. We apply a resilience lens and use the framework of the adaptive cycle (Holling and Gunderson 2002) as a diagnostic tool to investigate the nested attributes of the Tongass system (Ostrom 2007). Building on a previous group of adaptive-cycle studies of management and governance systems (Gunderson et al. 1995), we (1) developed an adaptive-cycle narrative of the Tongass coupled with a quantitative indicator of system behavior (annual timber harvests), (2) traced the adaptive cycles of policy, institutional, and economic subsystems to identify synergistic feedbacks that drove transformative change at larger scales, and (3) compared adaptive-cycle interactions among subsystems to identify sources of resilience and vulnerability.

Objectives and Key Questions

In this case study, we apply the adaptive cycle as both a theoretical framework and a diagnostic method to reveal the dynamics and interactions of a resource governance and management system nested within a larger SES. We chose the adaptive cycle because the Tongass boom-bust cycle typified the pathology of resource management (Holling and Meffe 1996), characterized by a cyclical pattern of dynamics that links ecological (resource) and social (governance) systems in a higher-order coupled system (SES) (Gunderson et al. 1995, Holling et al. 2002b). The adaptive cycle explains the dynamics of a system that is initiated (organization [O]), mobilizes and develops (growth [R]), attains a stable configuration (conservation [K]), changes to a different structure (collapse [C]), and begins the process anew (reorganization [O]). Our focus is on the coupled cycles of change in governance (through policy and leadership), resource management (through practices and planning), and private industry (through processing and sale of forest products), and their overall impacts on the southeastern Alaska SES. The adaptive-cycle framework supports the systematic identification of key interactions and feedbacks among system components that drove system dynamics, allowing us to address the following questions:

- What factors (ecological, economic, cultural, political) had the greatest overall influence on stability and change in Tongass governance and management?
- What aspects of Tongass governance (via policy) and forest management (via practice) were especially vulnerable to drivers of change?
- How did the system stabilize itself against external

perturbation?

What was the source of this resilience and how was it eventually lost? Was collapse triggered by changes in one or many aspects of the system?

What aspects of the Tongass system resulted in the social-ecological legacy that currently inhibits renewal toward a more sustainable system of forest governance?

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How does this legacy inhibit progress? How can this legacy be overcome to facilitate system renewal and restore adaptive capacity?

A Systems Framework

We define the Tongass system as a coupled system of governance (the set of structures and processes by which people make decisions and share power) and management (the set of actions that manipulate a system to achieve desired outcomes) nested within the larger SES. We recognize three nested subsystems of the Tongass system (Fig. 1): the institutional subsystem, including the U.S. Forest Service, principally the Tongass administration; the policy subsystem that governs Tongass management and land-use decision making; and the economic subsystem that defines the structure, capacity, and efficiency of the regional industry and market value of its products. Each subsystem may experience adaptive cycles of change influenced by internal components and drivers of change (e.g., Tongass managers and their preferences, legislation specific to Tongass governance, and economic factors pertaining to local industry) as well as external components and drivers (e.g., national leadership in the Forest Service, federal legislation, and global timber markets) (Fig. 1). Our approach is to explain larger-scale SES dynamics by describing the subsystem dynamics, which are more easily observed and can generate transformative feedbacks at larger scales (Walker et al. 2004).

In this article, governance concerns the decisions made regarding the policy goals for the Tongass in the context of a broader vision and purpose for the region of southeastern Alaska, specifically its communities and natural resources. Management is the active implementation of specific practices, such as industrial even-aged forestry, to reach these objectives. Governance emerges primarily from the policy subsystem and management emerges primarily from the institutional subsystem, although the two are functionally coupled.

For this case study, we narrowly define the regional ecosystem with a focus on environmental factors that directly influenced governance and management, and the processes that controlled ecological responses to management practices. These include the condition of the old-growth forest resource, spatial variation in forest productivity, and the remote and rugged geography of the region that shaped the options available for resource development (Fig. 1). We did not address successional dynamics because these primary forests were largely unmodified by human actions when industrial forestry began, and because second-growth forests did not reach a harvestable age during the short lifespan of industrial forestry in the region. Hanley et al. (2005) and Beier et al. (2008) address the longer-term ecological implications of clearcut harvesting and even-aged management practices in the temperate rainforests of southeastern Alaska.

APPROACH

Using this system structure and the adaptive-cycle framework,

we developed a historical narrative of the Tongass system that traces a complete loop of the adaptive cycle, beginning with the creation of the Tongass National Forest (1908), passage of key legislation fostering industrial development (1947), boom years during which timber production peaked (1970), collapse of the regional industry (1997), and the contentious stalemate of the present day (2009). In parallel with this narrative, we traced system dynamics using annual timber outputs, a quantitative variable reflecting an emergent property of the Tongass system. Based on this longitudinal analysis (Fig. 2) and a historical timeline of key events in Tongass governance and management (Appendix 1), we described the adaptive cycle of each subsystem, the cross-linkages among adaptive cycles, and events that triggered tipping points in the larger SES. In summarizing the narrative, we address our research questions and revisit Holling and Meffe's

(1996) pathology of resource management concept to draw broader conclusions from the Tongass case. **SYSTEMS NARRATIVE**
Organization Phase [1908-1947]
In the first half of the 20th century, the foundations of the Tongass system emerged during its organization phase analogous to the pioneer stage of forest succession, when several interacting

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<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> Fig. 1. Conceptual diagram of the southeastern Alaska social-ecological system (SES), with an emphasis on the Tongass system, including components and drivers of change of interest in the case study. Factors dictate the organization of the mature forest in terms of structure, function, and composition. In the Tongass, the arrival of new actors, conditions, and drivers of change interacted to dictate the structure, dynamics, and controls over the future system. During the 19th century, forests in southeastern Alaska were harvested only for local use, primarily to support fur traders, the salmon industry, and the Gold Rush. In 1908 a decade after the U.S. Forest Service was established, four decades after Alaska's purchase from Russia, and coincident with public recognition of Alaska's natural wealth in gold, salmon, and timber the 6.7 million acre Tongass National Forest was established, and within a year, President Theodore Roosevelt and U.S. Forest Service founder Gifford Pinchot expanded the Tongass by an additional 8.7 million acres to create the largest national forest in the United States. From

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<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> Fig. 2. Longitudinal analysis of annual timber harvest outputs from the Tongass National Forest and subsystem dynamics (see Appendix 2), divided into the four phases of the adaptive cycle:

organization, growth, conservation, and collapse. Its earliest beginnings, Tongass managers were pioneers of a broad vision to encourage regional population growth and establish a clear U.S. presence in Alaska by developing a strong, self-sufficient economy based on timber production (Rakestraw 1989, Nie 2006). The roots of the Tongass approach to convert old-growth forests to more manageable second-growth stands, while fueling a forest-products industry based on pulp and sawtimber were evident upon completion of the first federal inventories. In 1909, Tongass officials suggested that pulp production was the best use of old-growth rainforests, that the chief need is for a planned harvest of the mature timber (Rakestraw 1989:23), and recommended revision of federal law to allow the sale of National Forest lands for development. However, this industrial approach required significant private investment to establish a self-sufficient economy of scale to make Tongass timber profitable. Despite the pursuit of such investments by key figures, including U.S. Forest Service Chief William Greeley in the 1920s and Alaska Regional Forester Frank Heintzleman throughout the 1930s and 1940s, these efforts were thwarted by economic

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5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> constraints, including poor regional infrastructure, distance from markets, and the Great Depression. World War II and its aftermath provided the catalyst to implement industrial forestry in the Tongass, because American wartime demand for airplane lumber exceeded supplies in Oregon and Washington, which had been depleted during World War I. To capture this opportunity, Heintzleman sought the advice of timber-industry executives in presenting his case for what became the Alaska Spruce Log Program (ASLP). Created as an agency in 1942, ASLP supplied mills in the continental United States with high-grade Sitka spruce logs from the Tongass. At the time, Tongass logging occurred primarily by hand-felling the best trees in accessible sites, such as beach fringes and river bottoms. However, the collective opinion of Tongass managers, many of whom were professionally trained foresters, was that clearcutting was a far superior method (Rakestraw 1989). Taylor (1935) Ecology article provided scientific justification for the change from high grading to clearcutting in the Alaskan rainforest. With this justification, Tongass managers shifted the silvicultural prescription to clearcutting and sought to demonstrate the economic viability of harvesting the low-grade timber that comprised the majority of the Tongass timber base. In the 18 months of ASLP operation, the program exported 38.5 million board feet (MBF) of high-grade spruce to continental U.S. mills, and transferred 46 MBF of lower (utility) grade material to local Alaska mills. The ASLP-legislated target was 100 MBF/year of high-grade Sitka spruce, with no mention of low-grade materials whatsoever. Although short lived, the wartime program demonstrated the commercial viability of both sawtimber and utility-grade materials from the Tongass. It also forged strong relationships among Tongass officials, national policy makers, and timber-industry representatives (Rakestraw 1989). In summary, the organization [phase] consisted of a series of events

that initiated adaptive cycles simultaneously in the institutional, policy, and economic subsystems. These adaptive cycles in the subsystems defined the future configuration of the Tongass system and prepared it for transformation (Appendix 2). Key actors in these subsystems worked together to shape a common vision of industrial forestry in Alaska (i.e., built the horizontal links among subsystems), which they viewed as both the best path to economic growth and self-sufficiency and the best practice for using and managing the region's abundant forest resources.

Growth Phase [r] 1947–1975

The passage of the Tongass Timber Act (TTA) in 1947 was a landmark event in forest governance that moved the Tongass system into the growth [r] phase. With the TTA, Tongass officials applied a federally mandated blueprint to mobilize the resources and expertise required to make industrial forestry a reality in Alaska analogous to the rapid biomass accumulation and altered competitive balance among species in an early successional forest. In the Tongass, this involved development of a trained workforce and infrastructure; long-term timber leases that altered the relationship between forest managers and forest users; and increased production of forest products (Fig. 2). By authorizing long-term guaranteed contracts, favorable scaling and pricing rules, and several other subsidies, the TTA provided the impetus needed to overcome economic thresholds and transform to a new state of industrial forestry.

The provisions of the TTA were framed by legislators, Tongass officials, and timber-industry executives. The latter two groups of actors had negotiated terms of lease contracts before the legislation's passage (Rakestraw 1989). Other interests, including other federal agencies with stakes in Alaska land management, were summarily excluded from negotiations, and the bill received little debate in Congress. The preparation and passage of the TTA galvanized the close links among agency, legislative, and private-industry actors (Rakestraw 1989, Nie 2006), forming a policy monopoly (Baumgartner and Jones 1993, Kingdon 1995, True et al. 1999) of the Tongass system, which achieved unprecedented measures to foster industrial-scale forestry, including long-term leases that guaranteed non-competitive access to millions of acres of publicly owned forest land. Lease holders were required to operate pulp mills in the region and, in return, received low-interest loans, a favorable log-scaling system, and refunds of road-building costs (Soderberg and DuRette 1988). Harvest units in leases were planned largely by company foresters and then released to lease holders on demand (without open bidding) by the Tongass. The U.S. Forest Service planning process at this time was relatively unfettered by legislative

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5 <http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> complications, public participation, or judicial decisions (Nie 2006). As a result, there was a low degree of transparency and a high degree of internal control in the execution of the long-term timber contracts; such traits are characteristic of industries operating on public resources through a policy monopoly (Repetto 1988). Early in this period, the Tongass system mobilized rapidly in the direction prescribed and supported

by its policy monopoly. Immediately after the TTA, the U.S. Forest Service and the newly formed Ketchikan Pulp Company (KPC) agreed to preliminary terms of a lease contract. The KPC contract was finalized in 1951 and guaranteed over 8.5 billion board feet of timber over 50 years, subject to 5-year reviews by the U.S. Forest Service; the KPC contract set aside nearly one-fifth of the Tongass for exclusive bidding rights (Soderberg and DuRette 1988). In 1953, the Japanese-owned Alaska Pulp Development Co. was incorporated in the United States and signed a 50-year, 4.5 billion board foot contract requiring construction of a large sawmill and pulp mill in Sitka. By 1959, the Alaska Pulp Company (APC) was in operation in Sitka. Another long-term contract with the Pacific Northwest Timber Co. was finalized with the construction of large sawmill in Wrangell. Other lease offerings included large tracts in some of the most biologically rich areas of the Tongass, e.g., one lease included nearly 90% of productive forests on Admiralty Island, which today exists as a keystone reserve of regional biodiversity (Beier 2008). Within 5 years of passage of the TTA, roughly 14 billion board feet of Tongass timber was under contract to lease holders. In 1953, Regional Forester Heintzleman retired from the U.S. Forest Service and was appointed Territorial Governor of Alaska, where he continued vigorous pursuit of progressively larger timber leases in the region (Rakestraw 1989). The three existing lease contracts produced over 90% of Tongass timber harvested during the 1960s and 1970s. In the early 1970s, the system's growth phase reached several milestones: maximum annual harvest from the Tongass (560 MMBF), maximum Alaskan share of U.S. timber exports to Japan (42%), and the small town of Ketchikan became the third-largest producer of cellulose pulp in the world. During this period, a series of legislative and judicial decisions (Appendix 3), beginning in 1960 with the Multiple Use Sustained Yield Act (MUSYA), began to erode the discretionary authority of the U.S. Forest Service (LeMaster 1984). These perturbations to the Tongass policy subsystem were largely driven by the growing influence of the U.S. environmental movement. With the exception of one major lawsuit (Sierra Club v Hardin), these events were not specific to the Tongass and did not significantly influence system behavior, based on harvest trends (Fig. 2). However, these events did begin to challenge the Tongass policy monopoly and its control over forest governance by establishing new rules and venues for debate and decision making. For this reason, these events provide a window into how the Tongass system was stabilized, or conserved, in the face of change; these interactions are the focus of the following section. In summary, during the growth [r] phase, Tongass timber outputs grew rapidly and stabilized at a harvest level roughly 20 times greater than during the organization [o] phase (Fig. 2). This transformation in the Tongass system resulted from a solidification of the links among the institutional, policy, and economic subsystems, creating a rigid system that had minimal transparency or links to other processes such as the environmental lobby or small-scale logging companies that had interests in Tongass governance. The mills in Ketchikan, Sitka, and Wrangell prospered, and the regional industry supported an estimated 3500 local jobs and numerous local schools, which benefited from direct transfers of timber-based revenues (Allen et al. 1998). At the beginning of the [r] phase, legislation created positive feedbacks in the policy subsystem that triggered implementation of the Tongass system; and toward its conclusion, legislation created negative feedbacks that increased the rigidity of internal links among all subsystems of the Tongass. During this period, the economic

subsystem was driven largely by positive feedbacks fostering continued growth in forest-products manufacturing (Appendix 2), which peaked in 1970. Because of the tight links among the three subsystems, the positive feedbacks in the policy and economic subsystems drove the growth of the Tongass system. Conservation phase [K] 1975-1990 Before 1975, the Tongass system and its policy monopoly remained largely unfettered by changes in public opinion and federal policy associated with

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<http://www.ecologyandsociety.org/vol14/iss2/art5/> the environmental movement. In 1975, for the first time, a federal court ruled against the practice of clearcut logging in the Tongass. This event moved the Tongass system into a conservation phase a state analogous to the climax stage of a mature forest when the dominant canopy trees strongly influence endogenous conditions and the system is largely resilient to disturbance (Holling and Gunderson 2002). During this phase, the Tongass system faced external, converging drivers of change in public policy (Nie 2006), institutional governance (LeMaster 1984), and global markets (Crone 2004). The interactions of these drivers with components of the Tongass system revealed the mechanisms providing stability and resilience, as well as incipient vulnerabilities. The conservation phase is aptly named in two senses: it was a period of growing influence of environmental (conservation) advocates in Tongass governance; and it was a period in which the Tongass system was

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"update_time": null, "content": {"content_type": "text", "parts": [{"### Values and Perspectives on Resource Use\n\n**Garrett Hardin's 's Tragedy of the Commons':** posits that individuals acting independently and rationally according to each one's self-interest behave contrary to the whole group's long-term best interests by depleting a common resource. This theory is undergirded by the values of individualism and the assumption that resources are limited and must be protected from overuse by individual actors. Hardin's approach often suggests regulatory or privatization solutions to manage resources.\n\n**Elinor Ostrom's 's Community Governance':** counters the tragedy by showing how local communities can successfully manage resources without external controls or privatization, through collective action and self-governance. Her theory is grounded in values of community, mutual benefits, and adaptability, demonstrating that collective, context-specific solutions can sustainably manage resources.\n\n### Assumptions in Hardin's Theory\n\nHardin assumes that:\n1. **Rational Individuals:** People act independently based on rational self-interest, leading inevitably to resource overuse.\n2. **Limited Resources:** Resources are finite and must be either regulated or privatized to prevent depletion.\n3. **Necessity of External Intervention:** External authorities or privatization are needed to manage resources sustainably.\n\nI would argue that while Hardin's view helps understand certain dilemmas like pollution or overfishing, it does not account for the complexities of human behavior and the potential for cooperative governance seen in Ostrom's work. Ostrom's approach acknowledges the capabilities of communities to create rules and institutions that manage resources effectively without external enforcement.\n\n### Systems of Controls\n\n**Hardin's Solutions:** Often involve top-down regulations or privatizing resources to align individual incentives with societal good.\n\n**Ostrom's Solutions:** Focus on bottom-up, community-based management where rules are adapted to specific local conditions and resource systems, demonstrating flexibility and adaptability.\n\n### Real-World Example: Palm Oil Industry\n\n#### Sustainability Measures and Transparency\n\nThe palm oil industry, often criticized for deforestation and habitat destruction, has seen initiatives like the Roundtable on Sustainable Palm Oil (RSPO) which certifies sustainable palm oil production. Companies under RSPO must adhere to criteria ensuring environmental, economic, and social sustainability.\n\n#### Ethical Production Ratings\n\nSome palm oil producers have received certifications indicating better practices, but global standards vary significantly, and enforcement is uneven.\n\n#### Potential Improvements\n\nCompanies could improve by enhancing transparency in supply chains, committing to zero deforestation, and increasing support for smallholder farmers.\n\n#### Argument for Additional Sustainability Measures\n\nImplementing stricter sustainability measures could significantly benefit the environment by reducing deforestation and carbon emissions. Social benefits include improved conditions for workers and reduced conflict over land. These benefits likely outweigh the costs of implementing such measures, which include increased financial investments and potential short-term decreases in profit margins.\n\n#### Enforcement\n\nEnforcement could be managed through stricter national regulations, international agreements, and consumer pressure demanding certified products.\n\n#### Complexity and Cost\n\nTransitioning to sustainable practices involves complex changes in supply chain management, increased costs for certification, and potentially higher operational costs. However, the long-term benefits of maintaining biodiversity, reducing carbon footprints, and improving social outcomes provide a compelling case for these

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national regulations that align with EU policies, coupled with incentives for farmers to adopt sustainable practices. Industry associations like Assitol could play a critical role in promoting these practices through education and certification programs.

Complexity and Cost

Adopting advanced sustainable technologies and practices might involve high initial costs, but these can be offset by long-term gains such as increased efficiency, improved product quality, and access to markets that value sustainability. Costs might also be mitigated by government subsidies and EU funding aimed at promoting sustainable agriculture.

System Change Challenges

Transitioning to more sustainable production involves overcoming challenges like the small scale of many olive farms, which can make it difficult to invest in new technologies. However, cooperative models and shared resources among small producers can facilitate this transition.

Conclusion

The Italian olive oil industry's move towards increased sustainability and ethical production is not only feasible but beneficial both environmentally and socially. While challenges exist, particularly in terms of cost and complexity, the long-term benefits of such initiatives significantly outweigh these difficulties. The application of Elinor Ostrom's community governance approach could be particularly effective here, leveraging local knowledge and collective action to manage resources sustainably while preserving the cultural heritage of Italian olive oil production.

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