



Major Uses of Land and Water (Classic Reprint)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.Excerpt from Major Uses of Land and Water Total area of the 50 States that comprise the United States is 2,314 million acres, of which 2,271 million acres is land and 43 million water. The addition of Alaska and Hawaii as States has greatly enlarged the acreage of the United States. Alaska has increased significantly the land and water areas, forest, rangeland, and waste; Hawaii the tropical crops and rangeland. The rest of the land-and water-use changes are within areas previously inventoried for the 48 contiguous States that resulted largely from changing technology and growing population. Of the total land area in the 50 States, 20 percent is cultivated cropland, 28 percent grassland pasture and range, 34 percent forest, and the rest, or about 18 percent, other uses. Drainage has improved 25 percent of the cropland and irrigation 7 percent. Major changes in use of land have occurred in the last 3 decades. For example, 30 million acres or more of poorly adapted cropland have been shifted to forest and pasture, while at the same time...



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