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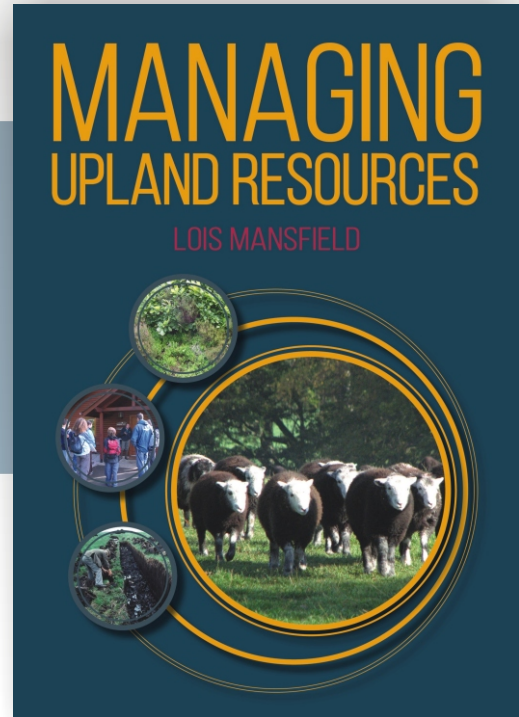
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MANAGING UPLAND RESOURCES

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- ➔ **A comprehensive synthesis of academic and practical experience in understanding and managing upland environments**
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The overarching approach of the book is to provide a tool kit for those individuals, groups or organisations looking to manage the upland resource for the benefit of all. Readers are provided with a range of practical options to develop their own solutions. The book is written in such a way that readers can dip in and out of sections to plug knowledge gaps or read in its entirety for those experiencing a first foray into the complexities of upland resource management.

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