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The Changing environment of northern Michigan: a century of science and nature at the University of Michigan biological station, ed. by Knute J. Nadelhoffer, Alan J. Hogg Jr., and Brian A. Hazlett. Michigan, 2010. 214p bibl index afp ISBN 9780472070756 <<http://worldcatlibraries.org/wcpa/isbn/9780472070756>>, \$65.00; ISBN 9780472050758 <<http://worldcatlibraries.org/wcpa/isbn/9780472050758>> pbk, \$26.95 (reviewed in CHOICE August 2010).

This 200-page work is a collection of essays on the natural environment of the University of Michigan's Biological Station, an area of 10,000 acres along Burt and Douglas Lakes in the northern Lower Peninsula and 3,200 acres on Sugar Island near Sault St. Marie, Michigan. Essay authors, who have previously worked and taught at the station, explore the history of people and science at the station, the relationship of indigenous people to the land, geophysical history, terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems, key organisms (fungi, vascular plants, algae, lichens, mosses, birds, mammals, fish, insects, and reptiles/amphibians), critical environmental challenges, and future considerations. The theme for each essay is change--namely the recovery of the environment and organisms of the region from the trauma of 19th- and early-20th century logging to today's extensive second-growth forests. Each essay is eight to ten pages long and written in language accessible to the layperson. Some essays read as field guides, identifying species likely to be seen at particular locales. Although references are not cited, a "further reading" list of three to five key sources is provided at the end of each essay. Summing Up: Recommended. Regional academic and public libraries, all levels.

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