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Two local books discuss water,

Publications help readers understand environment

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Two new books are joining the collection of works written by local people that focus on or are applicable to environmental issues in Southwest Colorado. One offers budget-fitting, practical tips for leading a "green" lifestyle. The other introduces a new generation – third-graders

to fifth-graders – to the source and preciousness of a vital resource: water.

In bookstores already is *Picture Yourself Going Green* by freelancer Erinn Morgan, who relocated to Southwest Colorado from New York City five years ago. Due off the press within a couple of weeks is *My Water Comes from the San Juan Mountains* – an adaptation by the Mountain Studies Institute of *My Water Comes from the Mountains*, written by Tiffany Fourment about the Boulder watershed.

Youngsters reading the San Juan Mountains version learn how water that starts as snow in the lofty San Juan watersheds sustains vegetation, wildlife and humans on its way to lower ele-

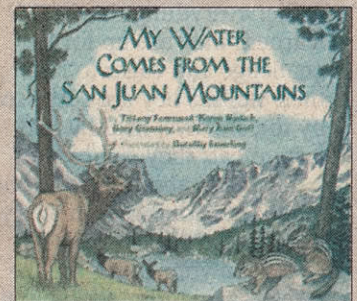
vations on the Western Slope. The book contains quotes and art from schoolchildren in La Plata County.

"The book is free to classrooms in Archuleta, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan and Dolores counties," said Mountain Studies Institute director Koren Nydick. "Teachers can sign up for a workshop and an activity guide that accompanies the book."

Nydick and Gary Gianniny of the Fort Lewis College geosciences department contributed the Western Slope perspective to Fourment's basic text. Mary Ann Goff, in the FLC teacher education department, adapted

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For a copy of *My Water Comes from the San Juan Mountains*, contact the Mountain Studies Institute at 247-7071 or www.mountainstudies.org.

Erinn Morgan, author of *Picture Yourself Going Green*, will sign copies of her book from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday at Maria's Bookshop, 960 Main Ave. The glossy, four-color, 218-



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