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**RFF Connection** is a regular newsletter from Resources for the Future that alerts subscribers to new RFF research and policy analysis on environmental, energy, natural resource, and public health issues, forthcoming events, and selected media highlights.

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## RFF Re-Launches Weathervane



Contributions from Phil Sharp, Ray Kopp, Dallas Burtraw, and Ian Parry kick off RFF's new blog on climate policy. [Learn more here.](#)

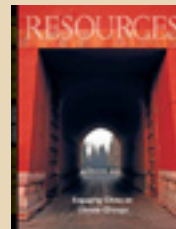
## Engaging China on Climate Policy

RFF University Fellow Jonathan Wiener outlines why China's national interest in climate policy is no longer as negative as has been supposed. [Read the full article here.](#)

## Weekly Policy Commentary

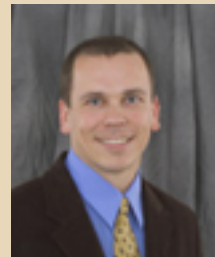
The Successful International Response to Stratospheric Ozone Depletion by [James K. Hammitt](#)

## Publications



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## Researcher Spotlight



[Juha Siikamäki](#) discusses his interest in blending economics with biology in gauging the value of ecosystems. [Watch the video.](#)

## Outdoor Recreation Up Twofold in 50 Years



Americans are spending twice as much time enjoying outdoor pursuits than they did 50 years ago, according to findings in a new paper by Juha Siikamäki. Policies to improve access to outdoor recreation have likely contributed to the trend, the paper notes. [Read the full feature here.](#)

## New Research from RFF

[Energy Efficiency: Efficiency or Monopsony?](#)

[Teaching Opportunity Cost in an Emissions Permit Experiment](#)

[Combining Rebates with Carbon Taxes: Optimal Strategies for Coping with Emissions Leakage and Tax Interactions](#)

## Media Highlights

### Power Struggle

June 17, 2009, *The New Republic*

In an article on energy technology in the June 17 issue of *The New Republic*, RFF visiting scholar Robert Fri points out the difficulties that governments encounter when trying to shepherd scientific advances into the commercial marketplace. [Read the full article.](#)

### What the Feds Can Do About Hurricanes

May 31, 2009, *St. Petersburg Times*

Three legislative approaches are being considered to create effective public policies to deal with catastrophic natural disasters such as large-scale hurricanes. An op-ed in the *St. Petersburg Times* by Roger Cooke and Carolyn Kousky examines the merits of each. [Read the full op-ed.](#)

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