

Ecological Issues

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Fire

- Clears habitat for new growth
- Recycles nutrients
- Helps some seeds open
- Some animals may lose their homes and experience a temporary population decline
- <http://www.cleanvideosearch.com/media/action/yt/watch?videoid=8fqsejy1aiq>

Drought

- Short term droughts cause a temporary decline in plant and animal life
- Trees do not usually die during short term droughts
- Long term droughts can cause plant and animal species to become extinct
- <http://www.cleanvideosearch.com/media/action/yt/watch?videoid=0BRV0jba7aE>

Floods

- Can bring needed nutrients to soil for plants
- Due to human impact, flooding tends to cause soil and water pollution
- Severe flooding can cause plants to be uprooted and reduce habitat for animals
- <http://www.cleanvideosearch.com/media/action/yt/watch?videoid=1kNUC6G3bNk>

Earthquakes

- Primary Issue: Shaking can loosen plant roots, change habitats
- Secondary Issues: Can lead to Tsunamis (flooding), fires, and land slides, and volcanoes

Climate Change

- Flooding
- Fires
- Drought
- Change in habitat
- More severe weather