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Why the Fuss About Conserving Mountains?

With illustrations from around the world, the important role that mountains fill in the arenas of biological diversity, water resources, mountain livelihoods/cultural diversity and spiritual/non-material values is shown. As we go about resource development, their special characteristics and properties require that they be treated much differently than surrounding lowlands. Many negative environmental and social impacts of global change are magnified in mountains, and these are illustrated. Especially significant are climate change, air pollution and war or conflict.

The role that protected areas of various kinds can play in mountain conservation is stressed. The need for connectivity along the ranges for these "sky islands" is given highest priority as well as summits-to-sea altitudinal connections, with examples of major mountain conservation corridors given.

Date: March 19, 2008

Time: NOON - 1:30 pm

Place: Carolyn Hoff Lynch Auditorium

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