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Climate Change; Myth 15 Consensus Is Science; Myth 16 Computer Models Are True

Myth 17 All Populations Are Always Bound to Grow So Rapidly That They Exceed the Ability of Their Environment to Support Them and Then Go Extinct. This Will Be the Inevitable Fate of the Human Population. Myth 18 Predators Are Absolutely Necessary to Control the Populations of Their Prey; Myth 19 Maximum Sustainable Yields Are Possible for Fish and All Wildlife; Myth 20 We Can't Do Much about Environmental Risks-From Smaller Ones like a Local River Flooding to Large Ones like Hurricanes; Myth 21 Smokey Bear Is Right: Only You Can Prevent Wildfires

Myth 22 Forests Are an Important Place for Long-Term Carbon Storage Myth 23 Solar and Wind Energy Require Huge Areas; Myth 24 Large-Scale Solar Energy Projects Work Only in Very Hot Climates; Myth 25 Compared to Climate Change, All Other Environmental Issues Are Minor; Final Overview; Endnotes

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