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Topic: Invaders from Planet Earth

Help your students understand the intricacies of invasive species and their impact on various ecosystems.

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Video: Dr. Susan Prichard and Pine Beetles

What effect does the pine beetle have on western forests?

Video length: 4:47 min.

Audience: Middle School, High School

Take a look at the CLEAN collection of resources pertaining to pine beetles.

Learn all about this infamous invasive species from Dr. Susan Prichard from the University of Washington. She specifically discusses how climate change and rising

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Activity: Climate Feedback Loops

This activity on climate feedback loops covers the ways that invasive species can create a positive feedback loop to destroy an ecosystem.

Activity length: 1 to 2 fifty-minute class periods.

Audience: High School

Browse more activities related to invasive species.

This activity is the seventh of a nine-part lesson on "Visualizing and Understanding the Science of Climate Change." This activity is useful in understanding how negative feedback loops create stable climate systems, while positive feedback loops create unstable systems.



Climate & Energy in the News

Have you ever considered how rat populations could affect coral reefs? This story from <u>BBC News</u> examines one study in Nature that indicates rats have a more substantial negative impact on marine ecosystems than previously thought.

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