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Letters to the Editor

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## **Global Warming affecting man and animal alike**

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To the Editor:

On May 14, 2008, polar bears were officially listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act because of the sea ice melting beneath their feet. But hundreds of other species are also feeling the effects of global warming, even in our own backyards.

The latest U.N. IPCC report said that in some regions up to 60 percent of wildlife and plants could go extinct due to global warming.

The loss of species hurts people, too. For our own well-being, our food and soil, clean air and water, medical advances, we need healthy natural areas with diverse species. Our leaders at the national, state, and local level should work together to lower greenhouse gas emissions while protecting wildlife who are threatened now.

Do you not think that it is time for you to take action and do something for the animals and other species that this affects?

--Terri Martin

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