

Sonoran Desert

Fragile Land of Extremes

A video presentation and discussion

Research Ecologists Cecil Schwalbe and Todd Esque will introduce the 2003 USGS video *Sonoran Desert: Fragile Land of Extremes*, present an update on recent research, and answer your questions.

- ❖ Learn about the fantastic biodiversity in North America's lushest desert
- ❖ The venomous Gila Monster is turning out to be a medical miracle
- ❖ Why is the saguaro cactus, icon of the Sonoran Desert, going up in smoke?
- ❖ Scientists hop to it!—to help the lowland leopard frog face the challenges of fire, flood, drought, and disease
- ❖ What can we do about the threat posed by buffelgrass, an aggressive invasive species from Africa?



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USGS, Conference Room A, Bldg 3, Menlo Park, California

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