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Forestry Expert to Discuss Wildfires and Global Warming March 18

SAN LUIS OBISPO – How do California’s catastrophic wildfires and the actions we take – or fail to take – afterwards affect global warming? Cal Poly Research Scholar in Residence Thomas Bonnicksen will address this question during his talk, “Wildfires, Protecting Communities, and Fighting Global Warming,” scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at 7 p.m., in Room 510-B of the Kennedy Library. The event is free and open to the public.

Bonnicksen’s talk will focus on the role of forests and forestry in sequestering carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. He will present his latest findings using the new Forest Carbon and Emissions Model, which he created.

A former department head at Texas A&M University and former professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bonnicksen’s work emphasizes the history and restoration of North America’s forests, and how forests contribute to reducing climate change.

For more information about the event, contact Cal Poly’s Research and Graduate Programs office at 756-1508.

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