The adverse health impacts from human-induced environmental changes will be distributed unequally. The poor, the geographically vulnerable, the politically weak and other disadvantaged groups will be most affected. Addressing the intersection between social determinants of environmental change and the impact of environmental change on health inequities will benefit sustainable ecology and population health alike. Health inequities will benefit sustainable ecology and population health alike.

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