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Terry Root has been a Senior Fellow at the Woods Institute for the Environment since January 2006. She shared the Nobel Peace Prize with fellow lead IPCC authors in 2007. Her section of the IPCC report was "Impacts and Vulnerabilities" (Chapter 1), Working Group II, Fourth Assessment Report of the Intergovernmental Panel of Climate Change, 2003 – 2007. Her research interests include: Ecological analyses of the distribution and abundance patterns of species on a continent-wide scale and the influence of global warming on the biogeography of species and composition of communities. According to Terry, "My career in academics is increasingly providing me with the platform I seek to make a significant difference in mitigating human abuse of the natural world. One obvious academic opportunity is personal contact with students. But more importantly I am increasingly able to help inform colleagues, aides to policy makers, and the general public about the crises in biological conservation. As I said in the introduction to a scientific symposium I recently convened, academics hold privileged positions with much respect, but we must stop pretending to be above the battle since that only abdicates to interest groups our power to shape policies that could help slow habitat degradation. I also argued that we must steer our research to where the problems take us, not just work on what is traditionally valued by the disciplines or those who fund the disciplines." She lives in California with her husband, Stephen Schneider, whom she once said helped change her career path with a talk on global warming at a 1990 US FWS conference.