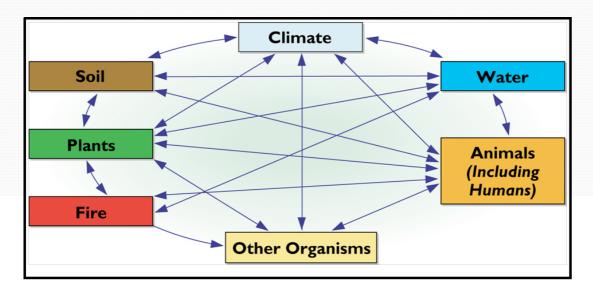
# **Ecosystems**

- All of the organisms living in an area together with their physical environment.
  - There can be great variation from one ecosystem to another.
  - However, ecosystems overlap.
  - Requirements include energy, mineral nutrients, water, oxygen, and living organisms.



## Components of an Ecosystem

- **Biotic** factors (living) include...
  - Plants
  - Animals
  - Dead organisms & Waste Products (came from living at one time)
- Abiotic factors (nonliving) include...
- Air
- Water
- Rocks
- Sand
- Light
- Temperature

# Habitat

- The place where an organism lives.
- Specific characteristics that the organism needs to survive.
- Typically, a species cannot survive for very long if their habitat changes too drastically.

Do you see evidence of  $\underline{\text{habitat fragmentation}}$  in this photo? If so, identify the human activities responsible for fragmenting the landscape.



## FEEDING RELATIONSHIPS...



#### **HOMEWORK...**

- Biome Brochure is due on FRIDAY

\*Graphic Organizer #1 and EcoPoints Inventory were due TODAY... better late than never!