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These experts can answer media questions about the Arctic Climate Impact Assessment (ACIA) report, *Impacts of a Warming Arctic*, and its key findings:

- Arctic climate is now warming rapidly, and much larger changes are projected.
- Arctic summer sea ice is projected to decline by at least 50% by the end of this century and may disappear completely.
- Melting of the Greenland Ice Sheet will contribute to global sea-level rise.
- Polar bears may be driven toward extinction.
- Indigenous Peoples face serious health and food security challenges; even the survival of some cultures may be threatened.

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