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PROPOSITIONS

accompanying the PhD thesis 'Mountain geoecosystems – GIS modelling of rockfall and protection forest structure' by Luuk Dorren

1. Dying of trees caused by rockfall promotes the protective function of mountain forests against rockfall.
2. User-friendly methods of automated image understanding would considerably increase the added value of remote sensing for forestry.
3. Conflict management is a primary prerequisite for sustainable development of mountain forests.
4. Playing with models provides insight into the functioning of the modelled system, but does not necessarily provide true understanding of the real system.
5. It is easier to wrap landscapes up in concrete and asphalt than to understand how they are functioning.
6. Physical geographers working with simulation models should do fieldwork to keep in touch with reality.
7. A geographic information system increases the power of mapping.
8. Rockfall is not lethal as long as the rocks fall.
9. Relief creates room for creativity.
10. The wider the valley, the broader your view.

