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Today's Weather: Hot,  
humid, highs in low 100s,  
cooling towards evening,  
8-14 inches of snow over-  
night - but better soon!

Biodiversity for a Livable Climate

Special Edition: Finally, Hope on the Climate Front!

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## Life Rallies to End Global Warming!

### Millions of Species Eagerly Volunteer To Do the Work For Free; Humans Help!

Low-cost, low-risk, low-tech approach saves billions of lives, trillions of dollars, ends unemployment and hunger

Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe. Microbes, fungi, plants, insects, animals have all signed up for a coordinated effort to save earth from devastating global warming. "We're more than happy to do our share and more," noted a puffball mushroom on behalf of the sporulating community, "but really, those *homo sapiens* types need to pitch in. If they set the stage the rest of us can go into overdrive and bring just about all the ruined lands and waters back to life." Added an earthworm, wearing the latest stylish beret: "And fast. We're really good at the life thing, we've been doing it for hundreds of millions of years!" A bacterium, who asked to remain anonymous due to ongoing investigations, interjected, "Actually, some of us have been at it for 3.5 billion years. We're experts." The antelope representative further noted that while ruminants are relative newcomers, "We're important here too. Grasslands everywhere turn to deserts without us, and that's 40% of the land on this planet!"

An ancient redwood summed it up nicely: "We can and must reverse global warming. We all need to pull together. None of us can do it alone, life only works as a team. It's been that way since the beginning and that's not going to change any time soon."

### Plants Worldwide Resolve to Pull More Carbon Dioxide Than Ever Out of Atmosphere and Bury It in the Ground Where It Belongs

*Gleeful soil organisms have huge party, vow to turn ruined lands green, re-freeze Arctic; people apologize for very big mess, swear they won't do it any more*

Emerging from an intensive two weeks of negotiations, representatives of photosynthetic life forms from around the world announced an agreement to redouble their efforts to transfer carbon from the atmosphere, where it's causing global warming and ruining life for species everywhere, and restore it to the soils where it's desperately needed by thirsty and hungry animals, insects, fungi and microbes. "We green plants are more than a pretty face," declared *Alstroemeria*, representing the flowering species, "without us doing our job life ends for lots of creatures. And we need humans to help. They're a big part of the problem, poisoning us, over-fertilizing us, thinking they know more about our genes than nature does. We hope that this sixth great extinction we're in will get them to listen up!"

"Speaking for the microbes," said one mildly irritated cyanobacterium, "we need healthy soils and waters too. Another word of advice to humans: 9 trillion of the 10 trillion cells in your body are my brother and sister bacteria, and without our help you'd be dead meat! Besides, we cyanobacteria are the ones who moved in with green plants as chloroplasts, and terraformed the earth so you could evolve and have a place to live. So show some respect!"

*Speaking for the World Organization of Wildlife ("WOW"), spiders promise that in just a few years WOW members will make land like this . . .*



*look like this:*



### EPA Announces: "Emissions down 30% we'll get to zero eventually . . ."

Washington, D.C. - Today the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that this year's greenhouse gas emissions are down thirty percent from the ten-year average, bringing annual manmade output of carbon dioxide and other emissions down from 2 ppm (parts per million) to 1.4 ppm. "We could get to zero emissions within twenty years if we work at it," said EPA spokesman Will Ted Forest. "Unfortunately," he continued, "that doesn't take all the extra gases out of the atmosphere, and we no longer have any control over all the methane from the melting permafrost and seabeds. We've sent a formal request to the soil biota to help, we hope to hear from them soon." [See other stories, this page.]

### NYC Gets Record 16" of Rain in Thirty Seconds; Local Climate Skeptics Drenched

Attendees at the annual meeting of the Everything's Fine Institute were caught by surprise on their way to lunch yesterday by the sudden deluge. While no one was hurt, there was consternation within the group as members struggled to invent an explanation for the celestial outburst. A respected climate scientist pointed out that "while this is an unexpectedly extreme event, it is consistent with global climate models and recent climate developments. At this point it should be crystal clear that anyone doubting global warming is all wet."