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Trees have never been more important for their ecological services in mitigating the climate emergency; we have entered a state of entropy from one of dynamic equilibrium. The world is currently @carbon positive," meaning that humans emit more carbon dioxide than Nature (land and oceans) remove during a single year. Carbon neutral is the moment when humans are releasing no more carbon dioxide to the atmosphere than Nature and Nature removing and storing.

Carbon neutral is not a goal to be achieved, but a moment in time around 2050 that is followed by net negative when humans are emitting less carbon dioxide than Nature is removing.

Forests are important because they are removing nearly 30% of our emissions annually - the most of any ecosystem. They also store vast quantities of carbon in the wood of trees and in forest soils.

It has been found that managing forests differently to let more trees reach a large size could store twice as much as they now do.

Current practice of sustainable forestry - if it were practiced everywhere would keep the amount of carbon in forests forever at the current level. We need to be increasing the carbon stored in forests by proforestation management- letting more trees grow without harvest.

Doctor William Moomaw.

Climate Change is really not hard to understand, the why how come at all.Image Earth in the beginning all the way to the creation of an atmosphere with enough oxygen to support life; it all began with plants, to trees, and then animals to Humans. That Magnitude of nature has been reduced, this accumulative effect, in addition Industrial Man in his Progress and economy, has been anti-nature, That Impact, since the 1700s, and the over-population of a disenfranchised from nature lack of ecologic paradigm of human ways and means of living, especially in a capitalistic endless growth non-sustainable way outside the laws of nature, we have now reached a period of self inflected climate change, man has replaced great nature not for the better.

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Biodiversity per se is not the underpinning of ecological stability. Ecosystem integrity and function set the necessary conditions for biodiversity to flourish by achieving stability. Biodiversity then is a function of the relationship between ecosystem structure and dynamics and processes. But it is a stability precariously balanced-constantly ebbing and flowing with each wave of ecosystem change. The Critical Natural Keystone species in maintaining this delicate and ever-shifting balance is Homo sapiens. Disturbance

Two scientific aspects of any forest or biosphere to be considered is disturbance. Think of any environmental problem and you will see it is a process where complex systems are being simplified or concentrated materials are being diffused...Tom Wessels Myth of Progress

As much of the remaining intact biosphere of forest must be maintained as a ecosphere or strategic forest reserve to mitigate man-made climate change. Products like paper can be gotten from other sources, hemp, knotweed and recycled paper, which can be increased through public educational programs. Natural Inheritance of remaining nature is the right of all humanity, not private interest. No economic interest should ever be above the reverence for life itself.

Sincerely Forest Task Force.