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Comments: Forests play an important role in mitigating near-term effects of climate change and they provide a crucial part of the solution of drawing down excess carbon from the atmosphere. A recently published study shows that a century of forest restoration (credited to the Weeks Act of 1911) is responsible for an "anomalous warming hole" due to the power of forests to cool the planet. To keep this carbon safely stored and to maximize sequestration capacity, forests must be allowed to grow naturally. Furthermore, microbes on tree bark absorb methane.