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ANNUAL MEETING
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1912 Center - 412 East 3rd Street, Moscow

While the recent work of climate scientists has added greatly to our understanding of the fragility of climate, the public rarely hears from geologists— even though geologists have been studying climate change for almost 200 years. The typical American has the impression that climate would be stable if it weren't for industrialization and the production of greenhouse gases from smokestacks and cars. However, geologic history reveals a ceaselessly changing climate going back millions of years before the modern economy.

As The Whole Story of Climate explains, several long, cold spells have been punctuated by short, warm ones. We are, in fact, currently living in one of the short, warm periods that the Earth has seen many times before. There is even a serious hypothesis worth exploring that if it weren't for the greenhouse gases created for millennia by agriculture we would today be headed back into a time of bitterly cold temperatures worthy of the mastodons and mammoths many of us read about as children.

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