

Changes.

Officially, spring began two weeks ago, and since then, we've had inches of snow, below-freezing nights, and seesawing daytime temperatures slightly above or below freezing. We've also had a few days where t-shirts were appropriate outdoor attire.

I read that severe heat and drought persist in other parts of the country and the world. I read about global warming and states and countries on fire, and I have also read of intense rains flooding places.

We had a nearly one million-acre fire sweep past here and a several-year drought, but not now. Our weather seems to have settled into what we used to call normal mountain weather.

Our lake is full, and the migratory animals and birds are returning. The hibernating bears have awoken and are hungry, as the overturned and pillaged garbage cans prove. Geese and other species fly and call high overhead as they return to parts far north of here, settling there until winter's dark and icy grip once again returns.

The rhythm of the earth is still in tune and in time, and the beat of nature is still the best.

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