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Re: Moving climate goal posts again

Dear Editor,

Remember back when the people who denied climate change vehemently insisted that global temperatures were not rising? Well the goal posts have been moved once again as we've seen in a couple of recent letters. Apparently now average global temperatures are rising, but it is merely because of all that ice which melted some 15,000 years ago.

According to these folks, the recent warming in the last few hundred years from fossil fuel burning and cutting down of forests (as scientists have extensively documented), can't be from human activities because the planet has warmed from natural causes in the distant past. That's like claiming, because we had forest fires naturally tens of thousands of years ago, forest fires today cannot possibly be caused by humans.

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