

## **Natural Inquirer** Reader Series

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Note: For more background information and lesson plans, visit <http://www.naturalinquirer.org> and click on “*Natural Inquirer* Reader Series.”

Background Information: Precipitation is important for all plants, including trees. Trees and forests respond differently when they receive more or less precipitation. Over time, more or less precipitation can even change the type of tree species growing in a forest. Ms. Laseter was interested in discovering how trees and forests might be affected by more or less precipitation over time. Students can be challenged to think of whether animals might also be affected by more or less precipitation. For more information about this research, read “Flow Down!” in the *Natural IQ* Southern United States Climate Change edition at <http://www.naturalinquirer.org>.

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