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Soil Carbon and Nutrient Cycling in Forests

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Dear Colleagues,

Rapid changes in forest ecosystems, driven by climate change and escalating nitrogen deposition, underscore the urgency of understanding forest responses to these environmental stressors. Integral to this understanding is a comprehensive understanding of the forest carbon cycle that goes beyond the analysis of aboveground dynamics to include belowground carbon dynamics involving roots and soil. Recent research is shedding light on the critical link between these carbon dynamics and the cycling of essential nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus. This Special Issue aims to add to the existing body of knowledge by delving deeper into the multifaceted, yet somewhat mysterious, forest carbon cycle and its interactions with nutrient cycles. We cordially invite wideranging studies that focus on carbon and nutrient cycles and their interactions throughout forest ecosystems—from the leafy canopy to the intricate root systems and soils below. Through this collaborative effort, we seek to demystify nature's complex intricacies and better equip ourselves to address the impending environmental challenges.









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