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... Last winter, an ample mast crop — the acorns and seeds generated the previous summer — kept the herbivores, like deer, well fed. This summer, however, a persistent drought, along with the broad defoliation of the oak trees by the gypsy moth invasion, rendered the mast crop a failure. “There’s not as much food around,” ...