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As this book goes to press, we are saddened to report that the Naval Arctic Research Laboratory has closed its doors to the support of scientific research. This results from the lack of funds to operate the Laboratory. Those of us who have literally spent hundreds of field seasons conducting field and laboratory research in the Barrow environs hope that the closure of this scientific facility on the shores of the Arctic Ocean is a temporary action and that future generations of scientists will enjoy the logistic opportunities we have been privileged to experience over the past several decades.

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