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# The Cost of Impeding

Gray's and Torrey's Peaks, Colorado

The fine line between accessibility and preservation is controversial. Being able to provide roads for people to visit certain hikes and parks is important to reignite people's passion for combatting climate change. However, it can sometimes come at the cost of impeding on wildlife habitats or overcrowding by people in certain areas. The juxtaposition of this "carbocleaner" van with the scenery of Gray's and Torrey's Peak symbolizes this ongoing debate. (Shot on black & white film: hand developed and printed).



### **American Pika**

#### Gunnison National Forest, Colorado

The American Pika is a small mammal found at high elevations throughout the Rocky Mountain West, and although they can be difficult to spot, many people will have heard their high-pitched calls reverberating through talus slopes and alpine meadows in the mountains of Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming. Pikas are well adapted to the cold climate at these elevations but are extremely sensitive to climate change. They depend on heavy snowpack for insulation in the winter and the alpine plants they eat, and as climate change continues to impact precipitation patterns and alter plant distributions in alpine meadows, this iconic species will face increasing threats. I was lucky enough to spot this pika as he scrambled my research site in the Gunnison National Forest. I chose this photo to serve

as a reminder of the widespread ecological threats of climate change and the importance of research on indicator species to inform conservation efforts.



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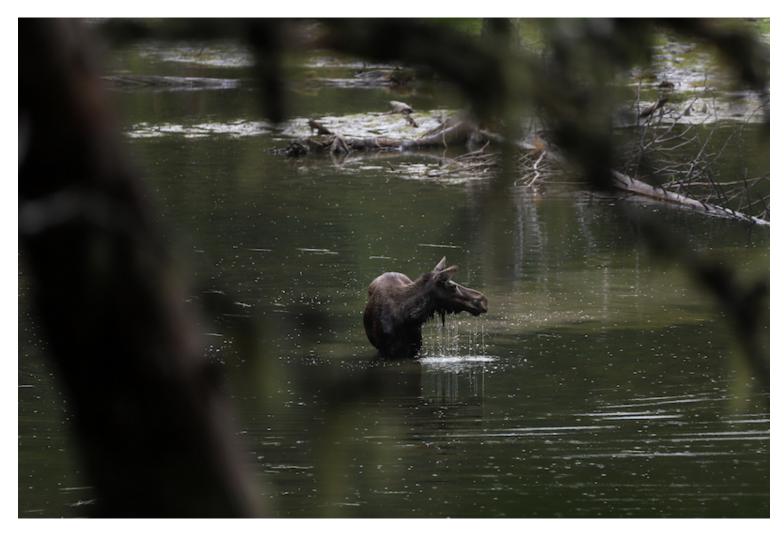


I understand moose to be furtive, solitary animals – rarely seen, even in protected areas. Perhaps these characteristics I assign to moose can be attributed to their recent population decline. Since the 1990's, moose population has declined in the temperate regions of North America. Much of this is attributed to direct and indirect human interaction, such as logging, increased road coverage, decreased habitable land due to bark beetle infestations, and rapid seasonal temperature upswings. Through the natural framing and dark, green ambience, this image captures my constructed and human caused connotations of moose, yet it also captures the mysterious beauty of moose. Moose are massive creatures, yet viewing moose's distant front profile this emphasizes their fragility as living beings in our world – one we need to actively protect.

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### **Foraging**

#### Glacier National Park, Montana





# Moonlit Hoodoos



#### Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dark skies are incredibly important to many plant and animal lifecycles. Dark skies and light pollution also often receive much less notoriety regarding conservation. Presenting natural spaces under the night sky can be a successful method to emphasize the importance of dark sky protection. The Paint Mines are just under an hour from Colorado Springs, and even this short of a distance reveals so much more beauty of the night sky. Colorado Springs is a rapidly expanding city, bringing light pollution with it and threatening spaces like this. Many actions can be taken to reduce light pollution – protecting dark sky spaces and their inhabitants.



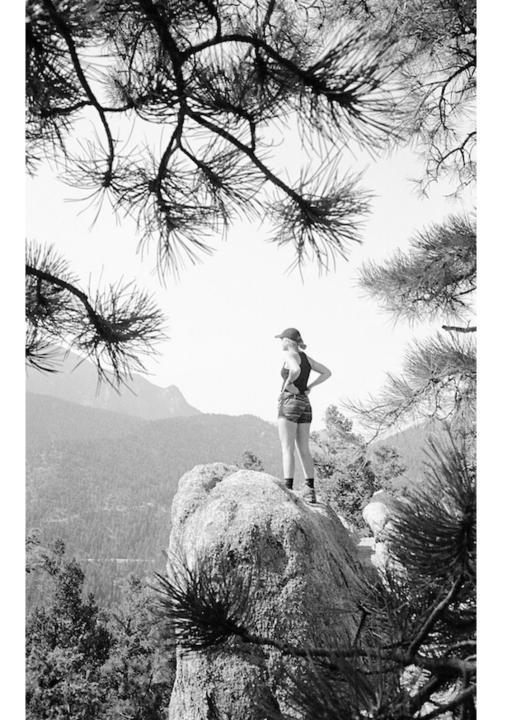
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# Awe & Wonder

Mount Muscoco Colorado Springs, Colorado

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Being able to engage in outdoor recreation is only possible because of our access to public land and preservation of it- which is being threatened. This photograph captures a moment of awe and wonder: a reminder of why we care about restoring and preserving public land. Upon reaching the summit at Mount Muscoco, a friend stood, perfectly framed by the branches in the foreground. (Shot on Black & White Film: hand developed and printed).

# **Fraser Fire**

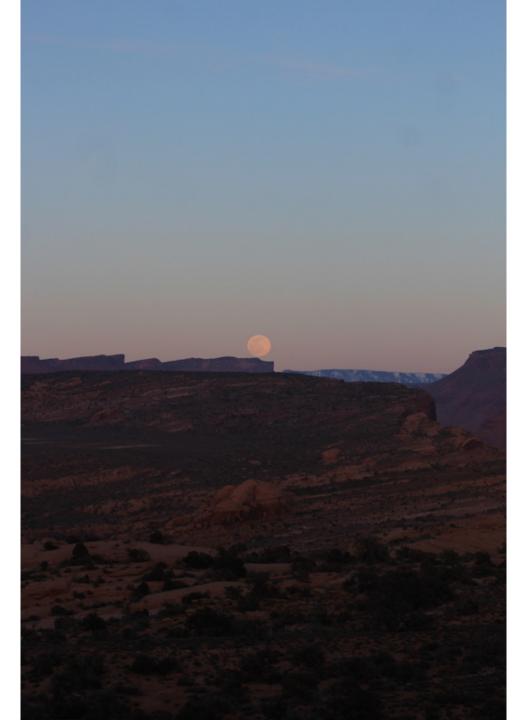
#### Fraser, Colorado

A photo from the 2020 William's Fork fire near Fraser CO. The beautiful clouds are actually a huge bank of smoke. The photo captures the massive scale of more recent wildfires and reminds us we need to do more to preserve the environment.

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# **Full Moon**

Arches National Park, Utah

During one sunset in Arches National Park, upwards of 100 people crowded around the North Window arch to watch the full moon rise as the sun set in the other direction. This was an incredibly beautiful moment, but to what degree was it affected by overcrowding? Not only do large numbers of people concentrated into specific areas inhibit the enjoyment and view, but the wildlife and the land itself becomes increasingly vulnerable, especially during peak seasons.

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### **Snowmass Lake**



Beautiful Snowmass Lake is one of the most sought-after destinations for backpackers exploring the Maroon Bells-Snowmass Wilderness. However, overuse of this gorgeous destination has made it vulnerable to pollution and human waste accumulation. Conservation efforts are essential to preserve places like Snowmass Lake—not just for hikers like us, but for the natural ecosystems they sustain.

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### **Water Cuts**

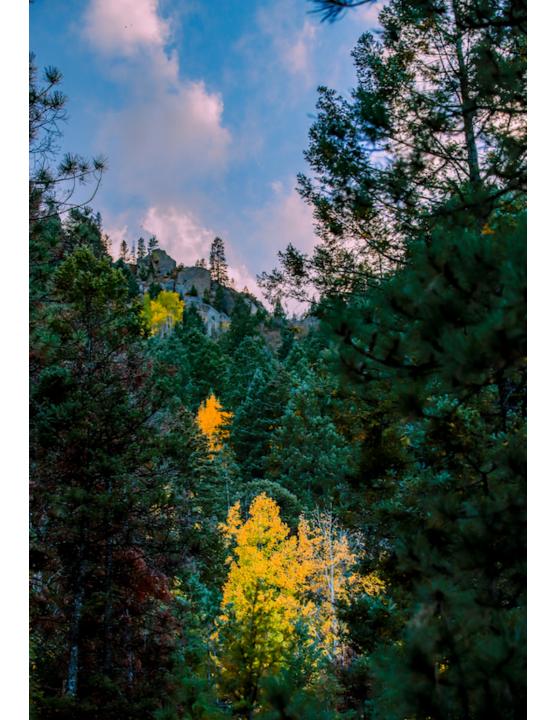
# In 2021, Southwestern states saw the first ever water cuts for the Colorado River, the result of long lasting drought due to climate change. The water levels in Lake Mead and Lake Powell are both at all time lows, and experts predict this pattern will continue. The Colorado River provides water to almost 40 million people, and we will need to adapt water use practices quickly as the Colorado's volume declines. Climate induced drought is already one of the most critical problems in the Rocky Mountain West, and to protect the water that millions of humans and other species depend on, we will need rapid action to reduce fossil fuel use and limit warming. From this photo's vantage point, with the Colorado reduced to just a thin glimmering thread, it is easy to see that even the river that carved the Grand Canyon can be vulnerable.

### Grand Canyon, Utah



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# **A Fleeting Glance**

Green Mountain Falls, Colorado

Sometimes the fleeting glances as you leave a natural space behind are the most emblematic of that space. Too many people are regarding the natural world in such a way today – seeing our era as the last to experience and appreciate natural wonders. I believe this image captures that notion – a fleeting glance of beauty with the sun casting its last light of the day on the clouds above, and the aspens delivering their last exuberant show before the long, cold winter.

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# **Sense of Possibility**

Moab, Utah

The conversation of making the outdoors accessible to ALL people is oftentimes performative. The natural world has a unique capability in fostering a very special type of bond between humans, as captured in this moment– but who really is able to have the privilege of time, safety, and comfort to engage in that luxury? The beautifully colored, massive rocks that the two friends stand on and the whispering white clouds in the vast sky above them represent a sense of possibility.

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# **Morning Rays**

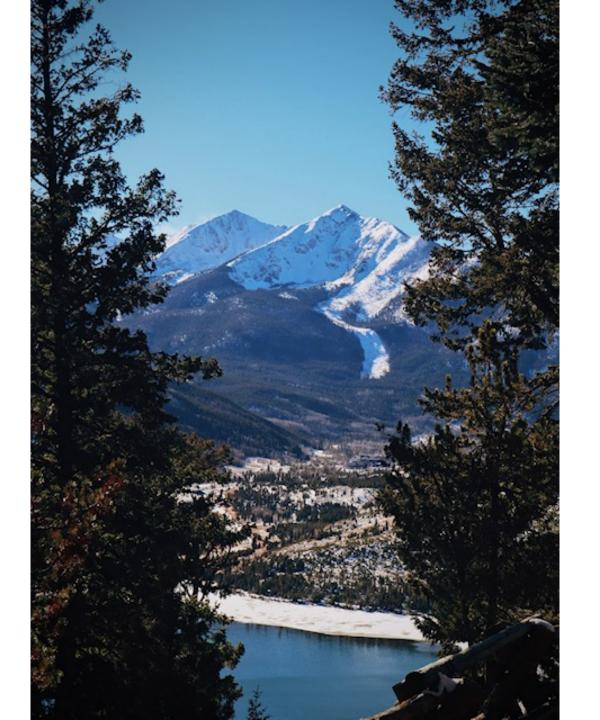


#### Grand Canyon, Arizona

While taking this photo one summer sunrise on the south rim of the Grand Canyon, temperatures hovered comfortably in the upper 60s. Within just a few short hours, temperatures were well within triple digits and even higher at the bottom of the canyon. Dehydration and overheating are the primary cause of severe illness and injury, rescue missions, and death in the canyon during the summer. Climate change is causing areas that are already predisposed extreme to temperatures to become unbearable and deadly for humans and other forms of wildlife.



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# All-In-One

### Frisco, Colorado

A photograph of Mount Royal in Frisco Colorado, I found this view while on a hike with some fellow CC students on an Outdoor Ed trip. I was fascinated by the fact that I could see a stunning mountain, lake, and nearby forest greenery all in one shot. I think that this serves the prompt well because these are all different facets of nature that I want to protect. Colorado's beauty never fails to leave me speechless!

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# **Everyday Beauty**

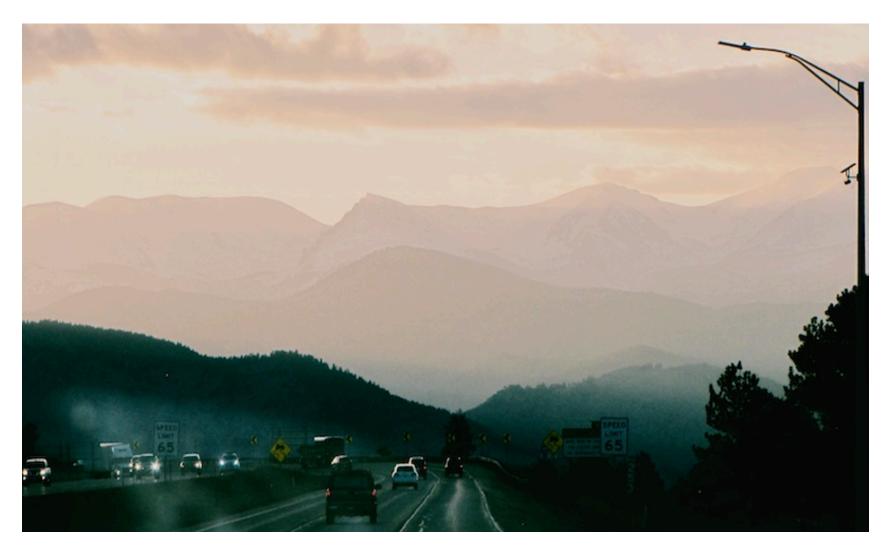
Colorado Springs, Colorado

This is a morning view of Tava, or Pikes Peak, from the heart of Colorado Springs. This mountain is a prime example of the conflict between environmental tourism and conservation. While the Pikes Peak Highway and Cog Railway provide accessible ways for all people to experience the joys of a mountain summit, runoff and erosion from this infrastructure threaten a wide variety of native Colorado flora and fauna. Conservation of this fragile zone is essential to maintaining the primary water source for the city of Colorado Springs.



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**Urban River** 

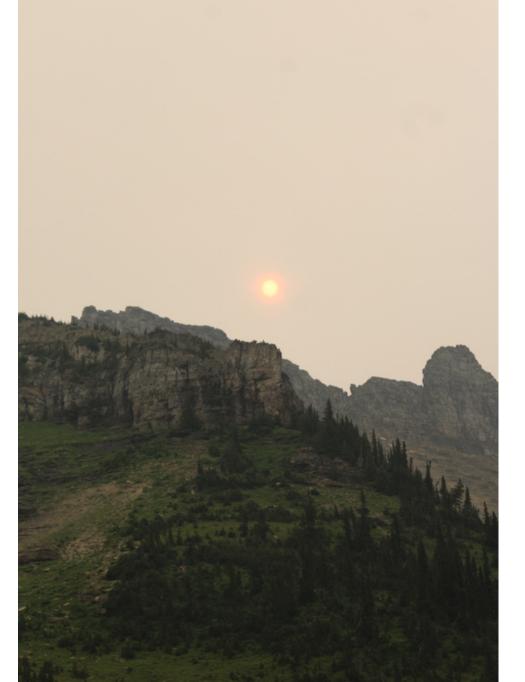
Bergen Park, Colorado

This photo was taken on I-70 west at dusk, near Bergen Park, CO. The pass has become more heavily trafficked as the population of Denver grows. This image represents the growing metropolis of Denver and it's tightening grasp on the Rocky Mountain Wild. The cityscape is flowing into the mountains as a young river would form.

# Pink Sun

Glacier National Park, Montana

Early one summer morning at Glacier National Park, the pink glow of the sun was felt trying to pierce the thick clouds of smoke. For most of the day, it was difficult to see even a few miles of visibility due to the wildfires coming from surrounding areas. Not only do wildfires threaten the views within national parks and other areas, but they also pose a direct threat to the wildlife and land itself. Climate change induced wildfires are increasing in number, size, and destruction, and will continue to do so.



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### <u>Desert</u>

Great Sand Dunes, Colorado

The great sand dunes fill me with a sense of awe. The mere size of the dunes and surrounding mountains is humbling und the interplay between water and desert unique to the Rocky Mountain region. At first glance it may just look like a lot of sand, yet there is an intricate ecosystem in and around the sand dunes that is home to numerous plants and animals.



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# **Red Rock Rainbow**

Sedona, Arizona

A rainbow splits the sky above Sedona, Arizona as a much-needed rain shower wets the red rock and earth below. Sedona is a prime example of a populous desert town with water usage that exceeds what can sustainably be provided. As the Southwest becomes drier due to climate change, towns like Sedona will have even less access to water than they currently do, forcing residents to either move, or let their water usage cause exponentially more harm to the desert environment. Water is quickly becoming among the most valuable resources worldwide, and the Southwest United States, including Sedona, will be one of the first places to suffer.



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# **Just Beyond City Borders**



#### Pike's Peak, Colorado

I took this picture last year while hiking up Pike's Peak. I didn't notice it at the time, but someone was waving at the camera in the distance, and I was able to capture it. I really like this photo specifically for this contest, as it shows the necessity to conserve what beautiful creations of nature lie just beyond our city borders. In the left corner of the image, you can see the end of the Colorado Springs sprawl as the urban area fades into the mountain. While cities are cool, it is incredibly important that we preserve the natural spaces that lie just outside of them and protect the ability for more reckless college students like myself to spend an entire day hiking 13 miles up the side of a mountain.



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# **Flower Field**

Cheyenne Mountain State Park, Colorado

This photo was taken at Cheyenne Mountain State Park in Colorado Springs and displays a beautiful prairie-like field of flowers. This may appear like an empty, open space, but just about 180 degrees in the other direction towers Cheyenne Mountain. These wildflowers are a critical part of our ecosystem and are involved in a large chain providing sustenance for pretty much all animals, including humans. Primarily supplying pollen and nutrients to support insects and all wildlife, the Earth and humans would not be the same without these often underappreciated awe-inspiring wildflowers.







### **Fireweed**

White River National Forest, Colorado

Fireweed blooms where the landscape has been impacted by fires, avalanches, or landslides. This tinv powerhouse stabilizes the soil and provides an important food source for deer, bears, and elk; it is becoming an ever more crucial defender of our mountain ecosystems as Colorado's fire seasons worsen due to climate change and drought. Photo taken while backpacking the Four Loop, White Pass River National Forest.



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### Sunrise on Crestone Needle



### Sagre de Cristo Range, Colorado

The first colors of sunrise trace the craggy ridgeline and peak of the Crestone Needle (14,197 ft), which towers above South Colony Lake. Most alpine lakes, including these in the South Colony Lakes Basin, are fed by snowpack melting throughout the summer. This photo was taken in July, when water levels were still high and alpine meadows were still green, allowing ample grazing for herds of bighorn sheep which were spotted later in the day. As Colorado becomes dryer and warmer due to effects of climate change, especially in the Sangre de Cristro range which lies in the Southern part of the state, winter snowpack will decrease in its accumulation, and what still does accumulate will melt faster, increasing the length of the late summer through early fall dry season, making it more difficult for wildlife to survive.



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# **Starry Night**

### Canyonlands, Utah

I took the second image (DSC 5146) over Spring Break while backpacking in Canyonlands National Park in Utah. It has always been a passion of mine not only to observe the night sky but also to try and photograph it so I could share the beauty I see in it with others who may not have the ability to walk outside and be surrounded by a blanket of stars. This hobby of mine was



incredibly hard to practice in Massachusetts where I grew up, as the light pollution from major cities such as New York and Boston covers most of the New England area.

Dark Skies are an incredibly

underrepresented area of conservation, and currently there are few efforts to significantly reduce the amount of light pollution emitted by urban areas. Looking up at the stars in a remote area on a clear night truly takes your breath away, and if more efforts were made to help reduce the artificial light produced by cities, that remote area would be way more accessible for people to go see the true beauty of the stars.



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### <u>Home</u>

#### Poudre Canyon, Colorado

Wildfires are natural in Colorado. Extreme fires as we have seen them in recent years are not. The Cameron Peak Fire burnt 208,913 acres in 2020 and is the largest wildfire in recorded Colorado history. I found this burntdown cabin at the side of the road when passing through a charred canyon up in Colorado last Fall. A year after the fire, first plants are starting to reclaim the place. The burn marks however are unmistakable. I felt choked walking across this site that has been somone's home for decades, with memories and emotion attached, and that has been stripped to the bare minimum by the fire. To me this picture represents the dichotomy of human vulnerability to human-caused climate change and the rightful land reclamation of nature.

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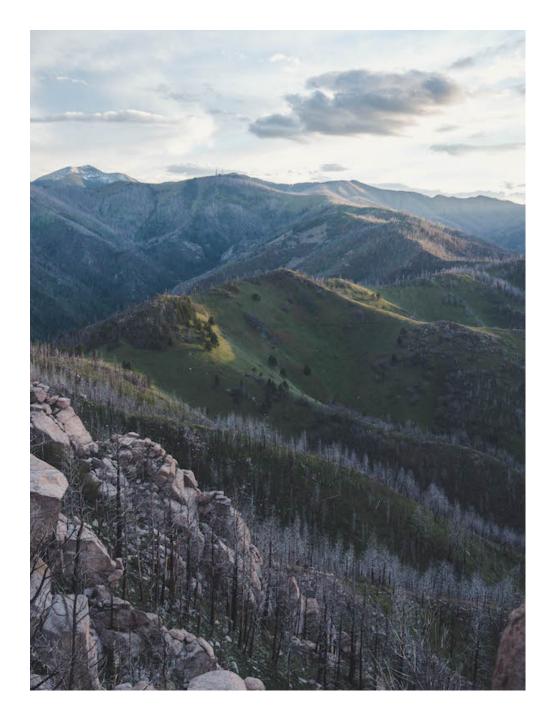
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# Sangre de Vida

Crestone Peak, Colorado

The dramatic North-West face of Crestone Peak (14,294 ft) rises above Kit Carson peak's infamous ridgeline, nicknamed "The Prow." Crestone peak is the second highest point in the Sangre de Cristo range, where spring snowpack has decreased more quickly than much of Colorado, due to the range's southern orientation leading to decreased precipitation and increased temperatures. The Sangre de Cristo's melting snowpack is one of the most important water sources for the Rio Grande, which runs through the San Luis valley into New Mexico's agricultural heart. Less water in the Rio Grande means less water to share between farmland and riparian habitats, which will eventually lead to food shortages and extinctions in the Southwest.



# **Beetle Kill**

#### Ruidoso, NM

Perched atop Monjeau Fire Lookout the layers of mountains caught my eye. Alpine forest is a rare sight in Southern New Mexico and with rising global temperatures, the size of these forests are due to shrink. Swaths of forest have succumbed to the bark beetle that roams the forest, leaving vast acres of trees dry and primed for another fire.

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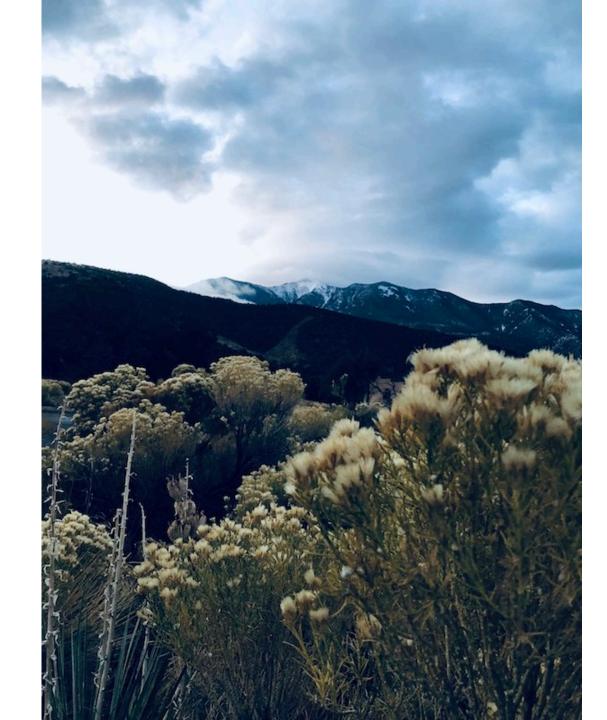


### **Rubber Rabbitbrush**

Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colorado

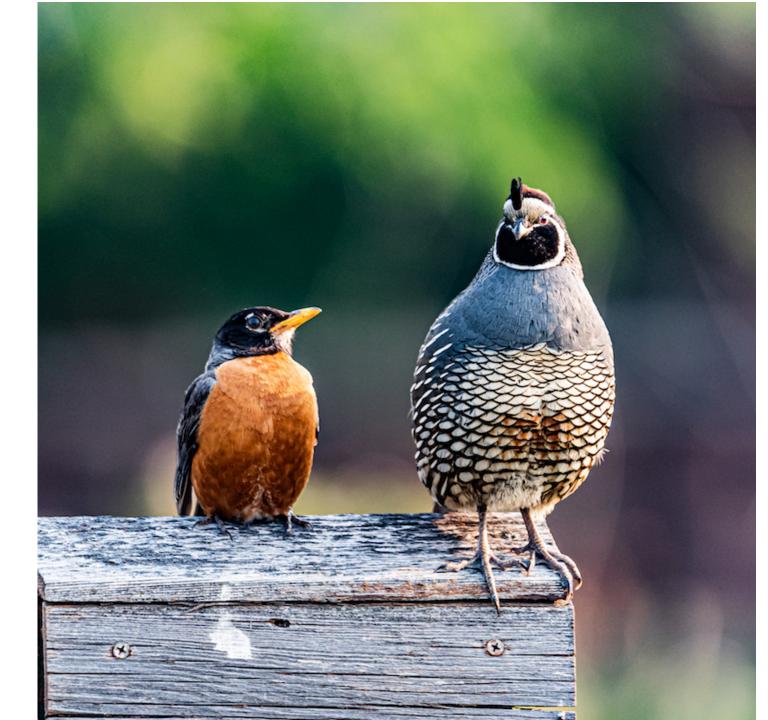
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This view, with the rubber rabbitbrush in the foreground contrasted significantly with the Great Sand Dunes in the background, elevating the beauty of nature and the need to preserve the vast diversity of flora and fauna, so that to fully appreciate the value of what the location offers, conservation efforts must continue so that everyone has the chance to experience the magnificence of this park inperson. A mere photo doesn't do justice for the experience that the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve provides for future generations to enjoy.

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### **Brothers**

#### Western Montana

I found this pair on my grandparents' farm. I love the way the robin is looking at the quail, like he's the little brother looking up to his big brother. The unbothered, happy interspecies interaction is a wonderful metaphor for how humans might live with all the other inhabitants of the Rockies.



# **Cheyenne Mountain Glory**



#### Colorado Springs, Colorado

This photo was taken at Cheyenne Mountain State Park in Colorado Springs and showcases the glory of Cheyenne Mountain against the green plains and rest of the Rocky Mountains unseen in the distance. While taken along a hiking trail, this signifies the importance of public lands and outdoor recreation, and especially how attention to issues of accessibility should be more addressed within this. Ultimately, providing experiences that are both beneficial for the environment and humans, as this image alludes to my personal experience of, should be our ideal.



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Lone Rock Lake Powell, Utah

The sky above Lake Powell takes on the most temperamental shapes. Bright to one side, while pitch dark to the other. At night, the clouds cleared to reveal an awe-inspiring firmament beside Milky Way. The combination of the vast open sky, majestic sandstone formations and water is a unique combination I associate with the Rocky Mountain West. When visiting Lake Powell this Spring, I was dumbstruck by the extremely low water levels. I hold memories of Lone Rock being surrounded by water, isolated from its surroundings. Now, however, Lone Rock is joint by dryland connecting it to the desert.





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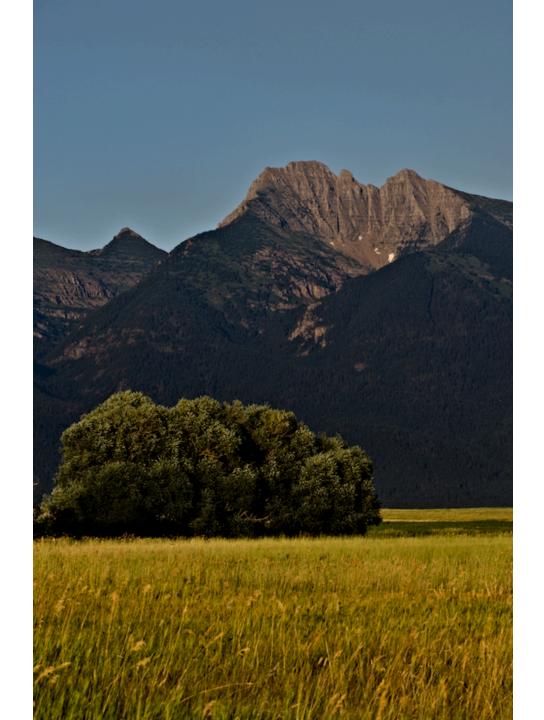


# **Mission Valley Sunset**

In the Mission Valley: one of the most beautiful sunsets I've ever seen in the Rockies. There was soft, warm light and the most wonderful midsummer breeze. The mountains were just beautiful that night.

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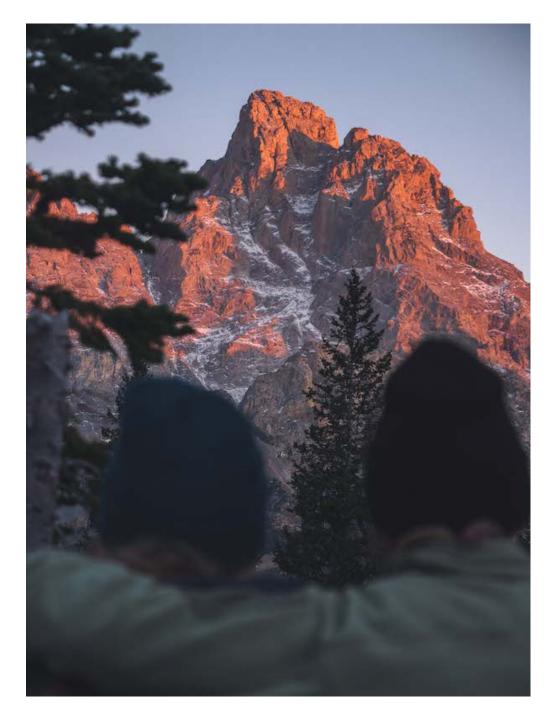


# Teton at Dusk

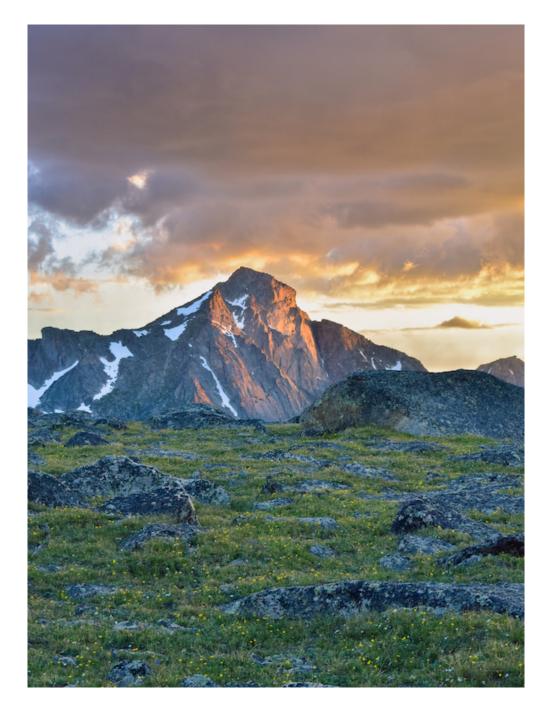
Upper Paintbrush Loop, Grand Teton National Park

As we rolled into our campsite at dusk, the Grand Teton got hit by the final beams of light of the day. The peak glowed pink creating a stark contrast to the surroundings descending into the darkness of dusk. Our crew set down our backpacks and took a moment to reflect on the peak in silence, feeling each other's warmth in a moment of shared but silent introspection. My mind drifted to the future, and how such a magnificent landscape would waver under growing anthropogenic influence.

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# Wind River

Popo Agie Mountain Range, Wyoming

This photo was taken at sunset atop the Popo Agie Mountain Range; it reveals a relatively untouched section of the Rockies that portrays peace across Popo Agie. Positioned in Wyoming, the range is home to unique ecosystems ranging from bogs and tundra to expansive forests. It lies at the crux of conservation in the Rocky Mountain West, the rich landscape critically vulnerable to slight changes in climate. Protecting these unique environments and the beauty found within them is the exact reason conservation is so critical. To prevent these valuable places from disappearing, it is essential to create genuine change in policy and the public perspective.

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# Montezuma Castle

Montezuma, New Mexico

Pecos Resting in the Wilderness of Northern New Mexico, the Montezuma Castle serves as a school for 230 international students from over 100 different countries. A truly unique microcosm of the world, the Montezuma Castle has already burnt down three times due to forest fires. Currently another fire rages in the Pecos, putting the castle and its diverse occupants at risk again.

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# Vast Sagelands

#### Great Sand Dunes National Park, Colorado

Before coming to Colorado, I didn't fully appreciate the expansive benefits of the great outdoors. One restless morning on one of my first Outdoor Education trips, I stumbled out of my freezing tent to go for a walk at sunrise. What I witnessed next left me awestruck. This view, with the rubber rabbitbrush in the foreground contrasted significantly with the Great Sand Dunes in the background, elevating the beauty of nature and the need to preserve the vast diversity of flora and fauna, so that to fully appreciate the value of what the location offers, conservation efforts must continue so that everyone has the chance to experience the magnificence of this park inperson. A mere photo doesn't do justice for the experience that the Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve provides for future generations to enjoy.



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## **Fort Collins Sunset**

Fort Collins, Colorado

This photo was taken just south of Fort Collins while driving toward Boulder. The sunset is captured in a dramatic way that shows the last of the day's sunlight creeping through the clouds. Various ridges of mountains are converging to create various shadows across the hills, and a blurred set of trees covers up a part of this on the left-hand side. This image and scenery should advance our appreciation for nature all around us. And taken while driving along a road, alludes to the intersection of awe-inspiring nature and human-made intervention.



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### SW Montana Sunset

Southwest, Montana

This was taken in SW Montana as the sun set during a particularly smoky part of the year. At the time we were worrying about our own health from the extremes of these fires, and it was a reminder of the massive impact of our impact on the climate and the climate on us.

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# This Land

Southwest, Colorado

Somewhere in southwest Colorado. One of 5 homes I saw along the road in a 40 mile stretch of land. This land is everything for people in these rural communitieslivelihood, lifestyle, pride.

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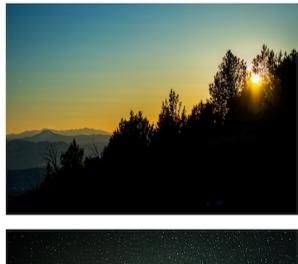


#### Dusk, Night, and Dawn

Divide, Colorado

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The following triptych depicts the transition of day to night, back today again, photographed over the course of 15 hours from Pancake Rocks in Divide, Colorado. Taken April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022, I stayed the course of the night in below freezing weather to capture this transition. We are gazing west across numerous mountain ranges in the direction of Buena Vista, Colorado. These ranges include the Pike and San Isabel National Forest, and the Gunnison National Forest. After the sun sets, we become painfully aware of the light pollution caused by the towns below, cars zooming by throughout the course of the night. As urban sprawl continues across the Rocky Mountains, our ability to stargaze continues to diminish, and so does my sense of wonder and spirituality. With increasing threats of droughts, wildfires, and floods I begin to wonder: how many more sunsets and sunrises are left before these lands become uninhabitable by our own doing?

### **Deer Caught in Headlights**



As I was driving, exploring the intersection between nature and art, deer popped out of the woods in front of my car. My car that was invading the land they live on and the road that was creating a divide in their habitat. This image was captured on Roller Coaster road, close to Fox Run Regional Park. The deer are double exposed with the dark trees, showing the passing of time and how everything in the woods may disappear if we continue destroying the environment these animals live in.

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### **ORV Impact**

#### Coral Pink Sand Dunes, Utah

Public lands are meant to serve the people in this country, and outdoor recreation is justifiably and major land management consideration. However, some recreational activities are much more impactful to existing ecosystems than others, and threats to biodiversity and ecosystem function need to be considered seriously. Off-road-vehicle use is often incredibly damaging to important habitats found on public land, and unregulated or extensive ORV trails pose a serious risk to the conservation of many species. In this photo, ORV tracks cover the Coral Pink Sand Dunes of Utah, home to an endangered endemic species of tiger beetle that is put at risk by this high impact form of recreation. The challenge for public land management in the Rocky Mountain West will be striking the right balance between providing opportunity for human recreational use while still protecting threatened species like this beetle.



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# A Long Road to Nowhere



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### Colorado Springs, Colorado

The road leads to nowhere. It drifts off into trees that become mountains that become sky. This image directs my eye to the mountains, contrasting the man-made road and power lines with the tall trees and mountains that look small compared to the manmade elements. This photo outside of Fox Run Regional Park demonstrates human interruption in nature. The power lines and the road signs are disrupting the natural beauty of this area. If we continue going down the road of destroying the planet, the trees will become fewer and the mountains smaller.





### **Impermanence**

This was taken this from the end of the Pancake Rocks trail, near Divide, Colorado. In the triptych, we see a tree and mountain landscape during the sunset. I intend the motion blur of the tree and mountain range to depict the impermanence of life, landscape, and beauty. The first two images show a light scratching across the otherwise graceful landscape of land and sky. The last image lacks the presence of human light, implying a future where the land reclaims its right to peace after human influence ceases to be an issue. It is a subtle threat that one day we may be driven from the land because of climate dangers like droughts, floods, and wildfires.

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## **Greater Sage-Grouse**

#### Kremmling, Colorado

I took the photo of the Greater Sage-Grouse on a trip with Colorado College's Audubon club, on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We traveled in the plains near Kremmling, Colorado, waking at 4 AM to drive to witness the birds exhibit their Lekking (mating) ritual. They have one of the most unique and beautiful mating dances of any animal, coupled with a signature-popping call produced by puffing up and quickly deflating their bright yellow air sacs (pictured). To witness the Greater Sage-Grouse is very lucky, and I am fortunate to have seen this ritual because they are not very population decreasing, nearing common. their endangered. The Sage-Grouse signal healthy sage which is an integral part of the ecosystem, providing sustenance for many different mammals and insects. The Gunnison Sage-Grouse, a closely related species, is critically endangered and I fear the Greater Sage-Grouse may not be far behind. The land-dwelling Sage-Grouse is threated by miners, ranchers, and perhaps most of all: oil and gas development. We need to protect this beautiful species.



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## **Rocks are Mountains, Mountains are Rocks**

Double exposure film creates intentional imagery, combining different views. It slows down the image, showing a passing of time. This image was developed to show the contrast of mountains and rocks, juxtaposing the differences, but reminding me how they are so intertwined. Pikes Peak becomes the rock from Garden of the Gods. They were all created and are slowly chipping away.

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