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Fly Fishing the San Juans

That meadow stream breaks my heart,
unwinds in a valley of sage grass,
turns back on itself again, again,
disappears in a stand of aspens.
Upstream, a green ribbon of glides
and shallow riffles. I fish every mile,
love it most where it slows and runs deep—
grassy banks at the bends eroded.
All summer the greenback cutthroat trout
are blushed and spotted.

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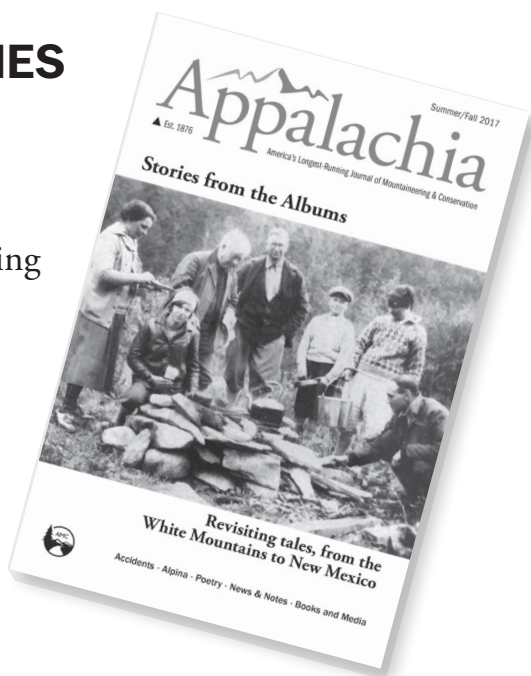
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