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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.

*Francis Lunney*

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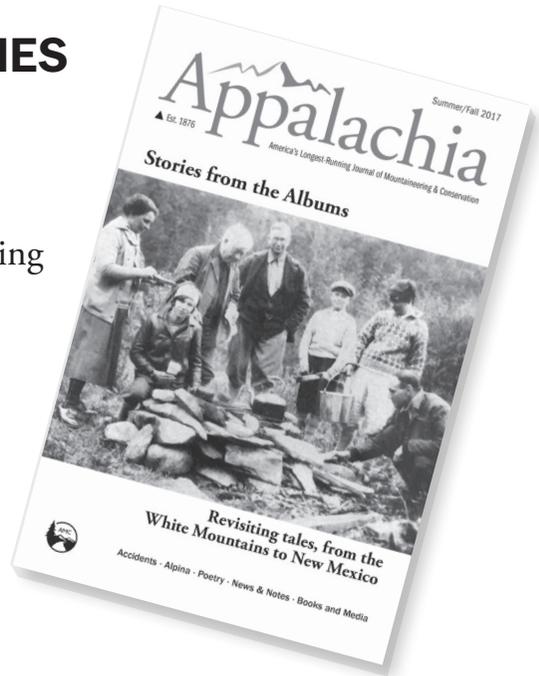
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