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On the Mighty Colorado, Holding on Tight

EVEN WITH ITS DIMINISHED WATER FLOWS, THE COLORADO River's fast waters and big drops stun and thrill Americans, millions of whom also rely on the river for drinking water. Can the river survive all that humans have done to it? In the next *Appalachia*, two writers consider that. Adventurer John Gioia will explain why he believes that river recreation will be crucial to conserving the resource. Lisa Densmore, on a 200-mile-long float through the Grand Canyon, shows its beauty and also the impact of mining and pumping.

Was Mount Whitney going to be too much for novice climber Jia Jung? In her essay, "The Big One," Jung, a Moth Grand Slam storyteller from New York, tells how she left her mother behind and pushed herself too hard.

The Boston writer and psychiatrist Elissa Ely makes her debut in the journal with the first of a series of vignettes on human connections in the New England wilds. Middle-aged hikers climb up to Greenleaf Hut below Mount Lafayette, feeling free of stress. They encounter a couple in crisis. "This was not for our eyes."

What's so great about the Great Gulf? Forester, hiker, and naturalist David Govatski will explain the twentieth century's trail-building sprees and protection efforts among the giant bowl of boulders below Mount Washington.

The reckless behavior of the guide called "Old Man Thompson" might have been the reason that the White Mountains' Zealand Mountain was renamed that from Mount Thompson. Julie Boardman will tell this odd story.

Along with these stories will be W. Kent Olson and John Nutter's history of teaching hut guests about nature; an essay about Emerson; the winning essay of the seventh annual Waterman Fund essay contest, Sandy Stott's analysis of last season's accidents in the White Mountains of New Hampshire; poems, Research, Alpina, and more. Join us for the Winter/Spring 2015 issue, to be published in December.

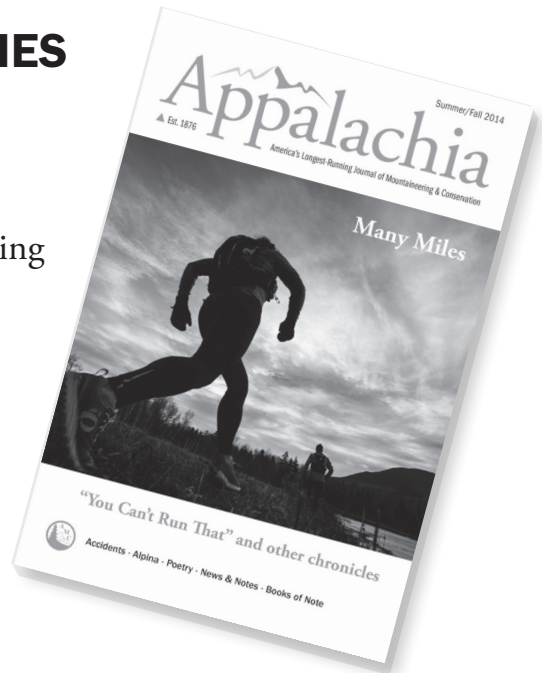
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