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## Resource Conflicts in the Backcountry

THE NEXT ISSUE OF *APPALACHIA* WILL TAKE READERS ON FIELD TRIPS to land and water that provide or assist in civilization's endless search for energy and food. John Gioia will take us skiing on Mount Klappan in British Columbia, site of coal or natural gas exploration. Appalachian Mountain Club Director of Research Ken Kimball and Mid-Atlantic Policy Manager Mark Zakutansky will evaluate the impact of two proposed electrical transmission lines through natural areas in New Hampshire and Pennsylvania. Naturalist and writer Tim Traver will lead us on a trip seeking trout in the White Mountains. Writer and photographer Lisa Densmore will chronicle her trip, in a kayak, looking for effects of the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill. David Leff will return to our pages with a call for a new land ethic that values even industrial lands.

Also next time, Robert F. Manning and Martha S. Manning answer their question, "Why Walk?"—an excerpt from their new book, *Walking Distance: Extraordinary Hikes for Ordinary People* (Chelsea Green, 2012). Annie Bellerose will share two journeys with her father, George, to the Maine woods: the first in 1990, when she was 7; the second in 2008, when she notices the passage of time. Bill Geller will describe clues to the lost methods of logging on Maine's West Branch of the Penobscot River. In our final essay, the "black dog" of depression retreats during a frightening cliff walk as told by frequent journal contributor Christopher Johnson.

I'm delighted to welcome two new members to our *Appalachia* Committee: Rebecca Oreskes, known for her work with Doug Mayer on the *Mountain Voices* series recently published by AMC Books as a collection, and Connecticut photographer Skip Weisenburger. See you in June as we peruse these pages for features, Accidents and Alpina reports, book reviews, and news in and around mountains and waterways.

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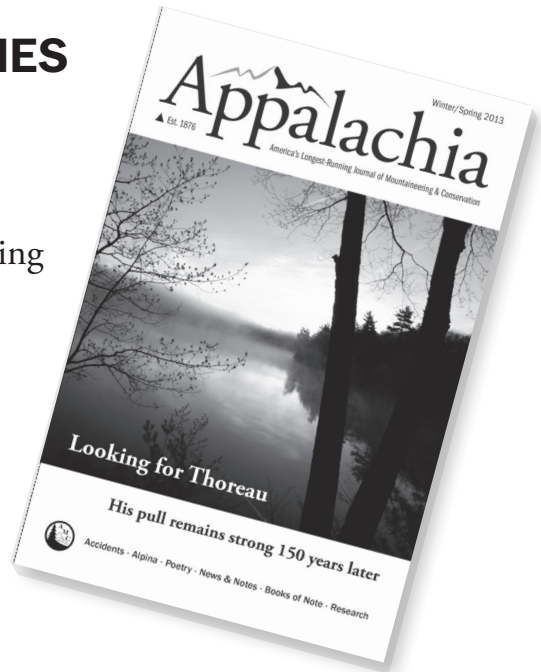
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