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Morning Snow, Haskins Meadow

Blown clouds bury the day moon,
snow turns the wind white, fills fox tracks

across the meadow to the brook. A towhee
calls beyond the frozen ledge of burdock

ahead on the path through the hawthorn.
I clamber over alders fallen

across a gulley of ground pine — pheasant wings'
sudden drum from a hemlock grove —

the green head, the eyes' red ornament, the golden
plumage through a spray of snow ascending.

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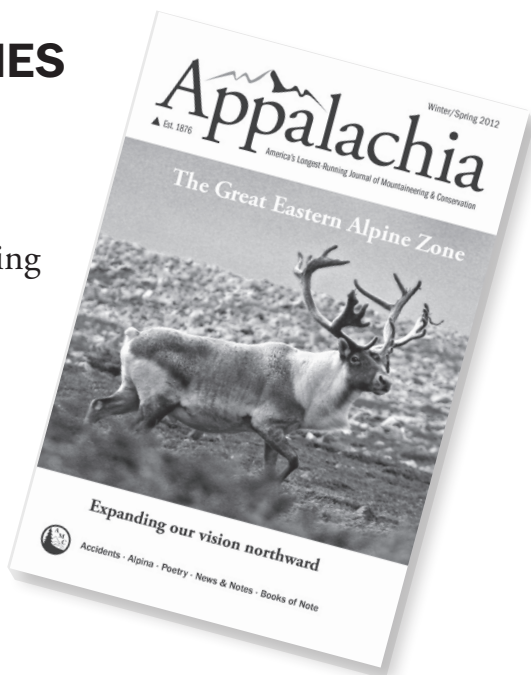
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