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Pacific Creek

I slip my fingers around you
in the cold-water current;
hook removed, you remain
still in my hand.
I have you—
for this moment,
water rushing,
then you are gone
from my hold.
You hide in the shade
of underwater stones
for what seems like forever.

Francis Lunney

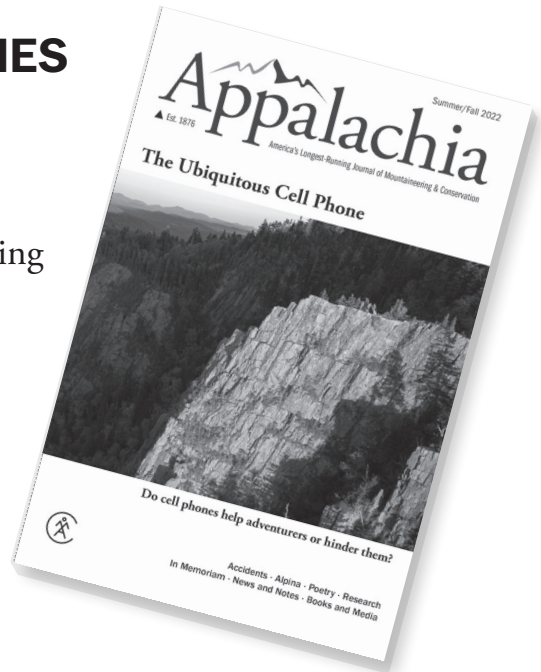
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