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Haul Out

I drive and walk to view
the gray seals founder
on rocks like rubber rafts
wriggling a way.
Freed from most flaying,
they blubber too much fish,
honk at robbed fishermen,
bait white shark.
Gray as their medium,
they shoulder tides,
brace to tunnel oceans,
sparring with air,
shunning my camera
with their cold news.

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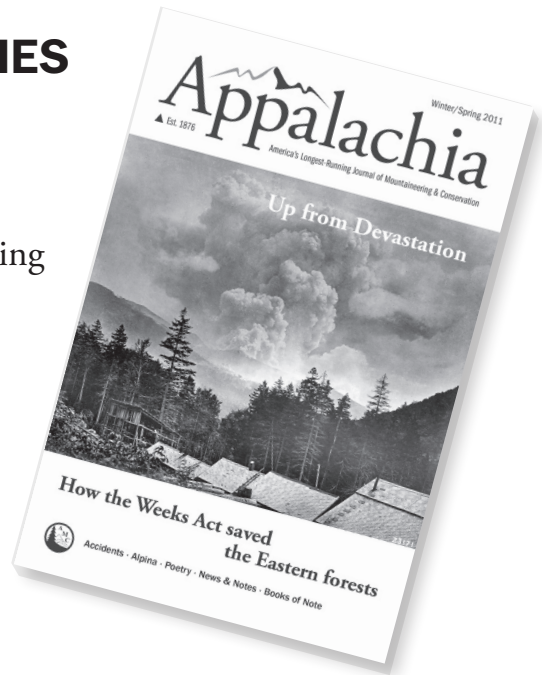
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