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Still Life with Light Pollution

. . . we are creatures of light, and in the end
are driven like stars into the night.

—*Joseph Stroud*

Above my head, scraps of light crack
under obsidian weight. A man who loves me
sweeps his hand against the crowded sky, saying

we illuminate nothing and see only a fraction
of the heavens. Most of us live happily beneath
domes of refracted light. More than sixty miles away,

through the first water gap that separates
the mountains from the valley, Orion
and Perseus watch over us.

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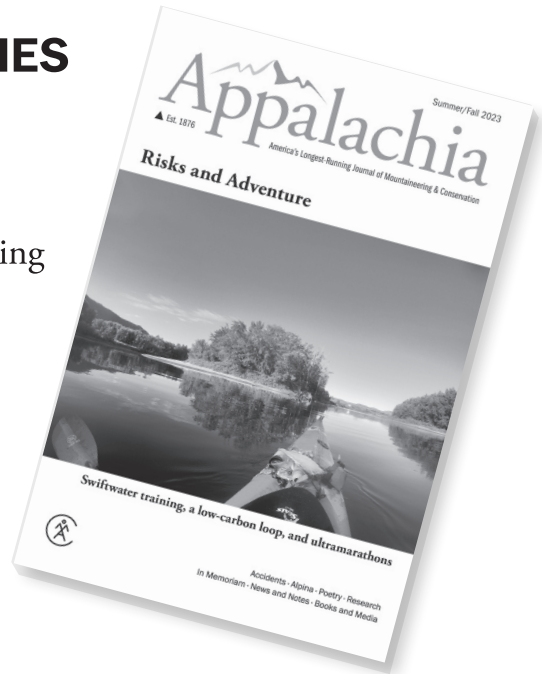
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