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WEATHER CHANGE

by *Sandra Soli*

A cold front
scatters afternoon light.
Southwest skies
thread needles with fire.
Past the weather line
you could burn fingers
in so much blue.

No place for illusions,
this porch. The cutting done,
tubs boil on portable stoves
away from women.

One nine-point buck
comes easily to bone:
muscle melting, flesh
a quick memory. Skull
worthy of a fair mount,
decent wood.

Sizzling, the rest of the harvest
percolates through coals. Only meat
now, like any other.

The buck's eye
watches me,
asks *How's the weather
up there?*
Seasons change
and the shape of frost
but never the kill. ■

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