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“Everything relies on everything else in order to manifest.”

—*Thich Nhat Hanh*

For Todd and Noah Davis

We hike the owl's crown down to an old burn that runs its way
into a confluence of muddy currents and knotweed.
Cast, turn, trace the ravine back to its narrowest point
flicking Royal Wulffs, studying scat, naming plants,
fingers reach riverbed through speckled sediment shadows,
an interbeing of brook trout and body manifesting
landscape lineages of what we seek, marbled watersheds
emptying and returning, always, to another river.

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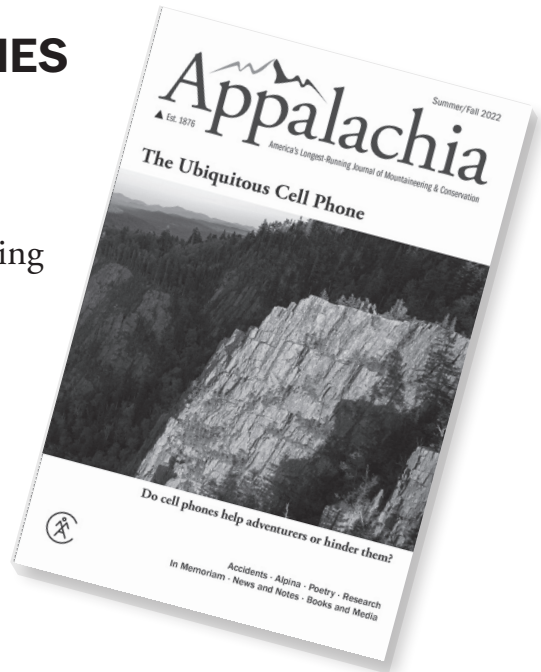
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