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MOONLIGHT

A Photo Essay by David A. Westbrook

These pictures were taken north of Fairplay, Colorado, over several nights around the full moon of early March, 2020. On the slopes of Silverheels Mountain, at about 10,500 feet, the air is usually clear, in part because there is so little of it. I used an iPhone XS Max without lenses or special software. Apart from cropping, the images are unmodified. Despite the lack of art, I cannot help thinking of painting — seeing.

Editors' note: This curated look at a mountain environment in the light of the moon is captured by an assortment of images the editors found particularly arresting. For the optimal viewing experience, the editors suggest viewing the essay at <https://digitalrepository.unm.edu/nrj/>. The unabridged photo essay can be found at <https://www.davidawestbrook.com/moonlight.html>.



moon above forest and mountains at night



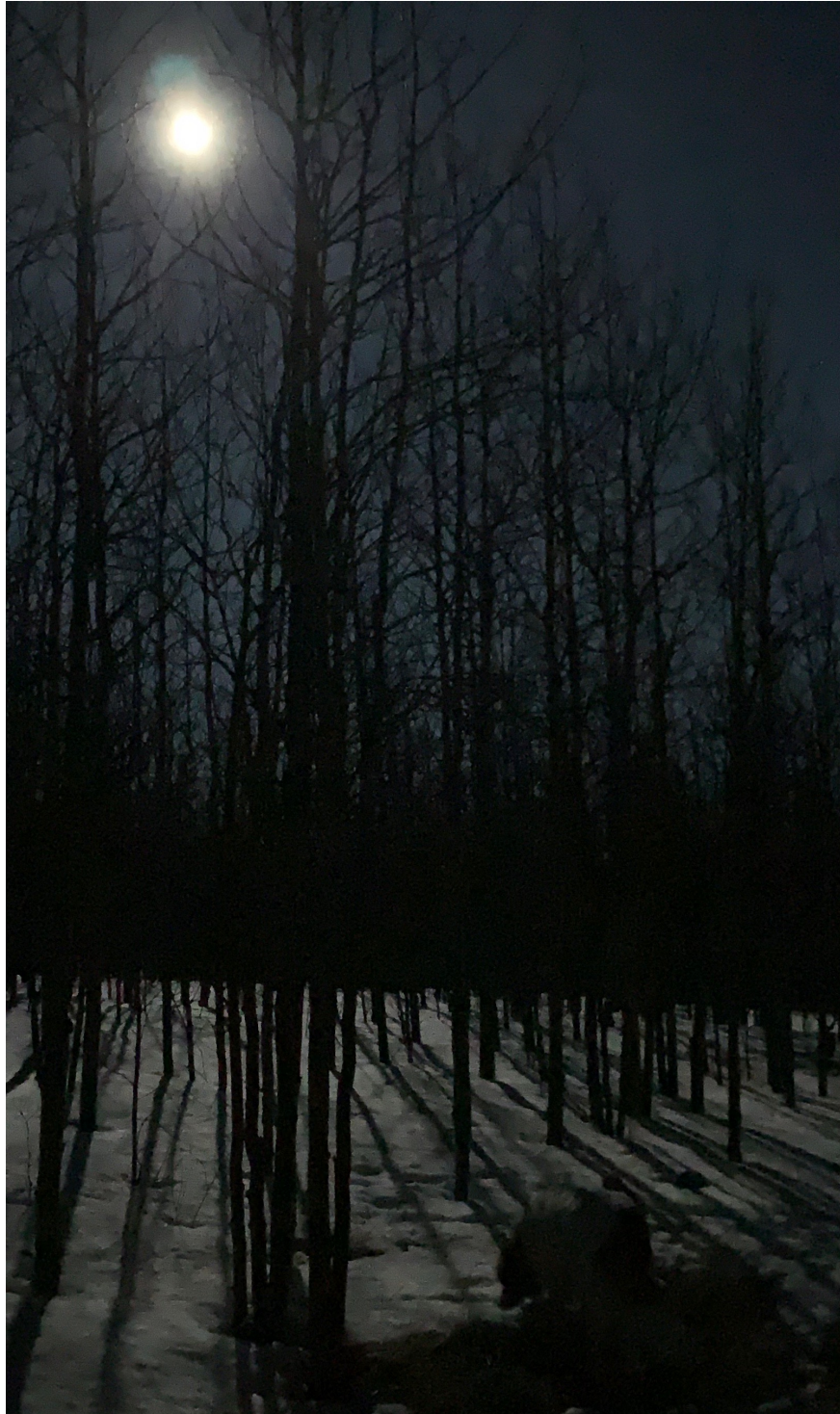
trees through the snow



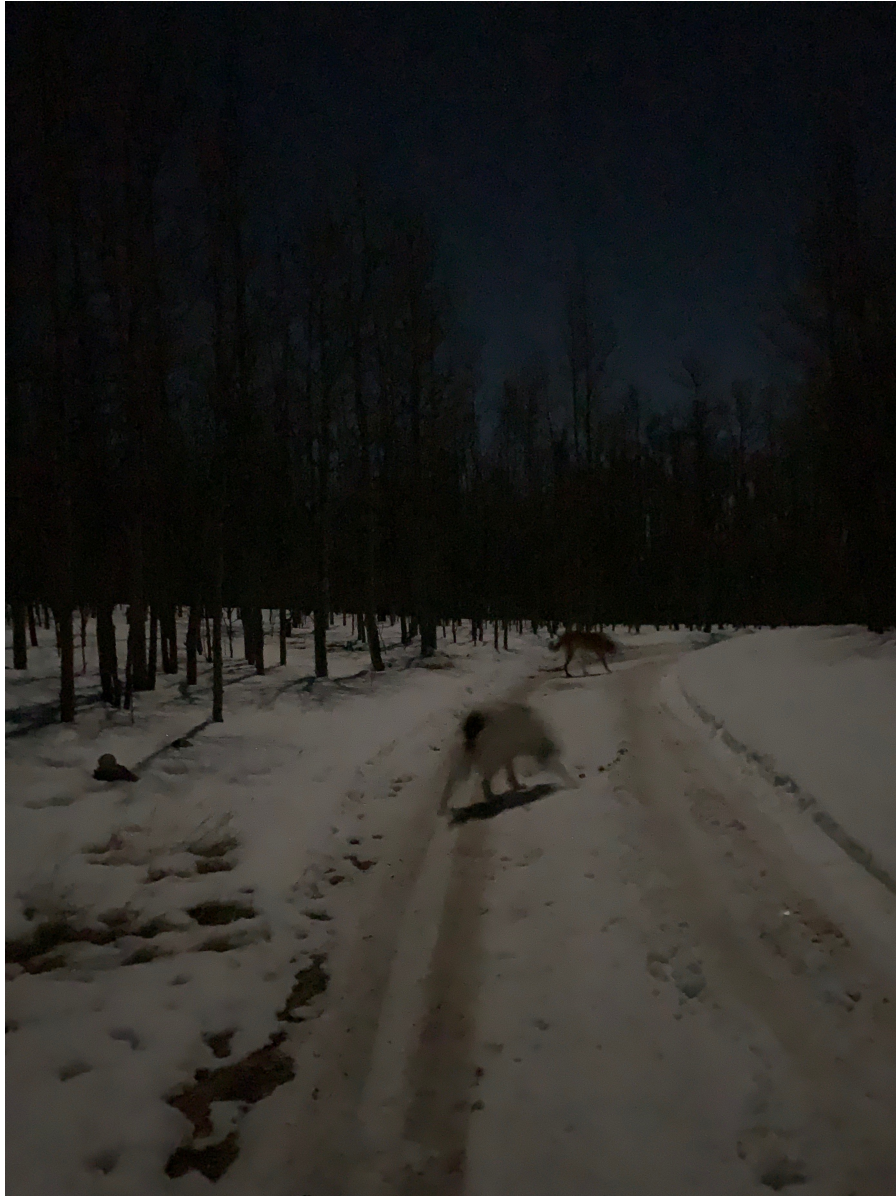
shadow of trees with one star in background



trail through snow



moon casting shadow of trees with dog in foreground



dogs walking away on road



trees to night sky with clouds



night sky two clouds



Single cloud in night sky



moon peeking through fork of tree limbs



moon casting shadow of trees