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Spirit of the land

Every day Nature tells a different story and I notice her subtle hints urging me to wander and capture the ever-changing scenery. I call this collection "Spirit of the Land" documented in infrared black and white photography. They portray an otherworldly, surreal, almost dreamlike state that feels three-dimensional. When I accept Mother Nature's invitation, I travel out into the world with my camera, it's through texture, lines, and contrast that I get my inspiration. Dependent upon the offerings from Nature and my mood this compilation of photographs is made up of diverse landscapes like bodies of water, farms, back roads, mountains, rolling hills, lush forests, to urban murals of decay and human Abandoned structures. Images in this collection have messages that need to be told, may it be a warning to change our ways or as a sign of hope; giving the viewer a new appreciation of Nature's murals with different perspectives that they may not have noticed before.

My bond with Mother Nature started out when I was a child, from my parents' love of travel via RV. We believed that the road trip was a part of the journey that you can't get from a plane. The side windows were my TV screen, and I would sit and watch the landscape go by. No reruns to watch, only magical views sparking my young imagination, as my mind whimsically wandered absorbing it all in like a sponge! A blissful vista like this stayed with me for my entire life, inspiring my explorations as an adult artist.

The long drives and watching the landscape transform right before my eyes take me to another conscience plain. These road trips recharge my soul and fuel the creativity that I share with the world in a form of art. I prefer to navigate the less-traveled routes so I can savor the sights and sounds of nature, just like I enjoy the scent of lilacs in spring.



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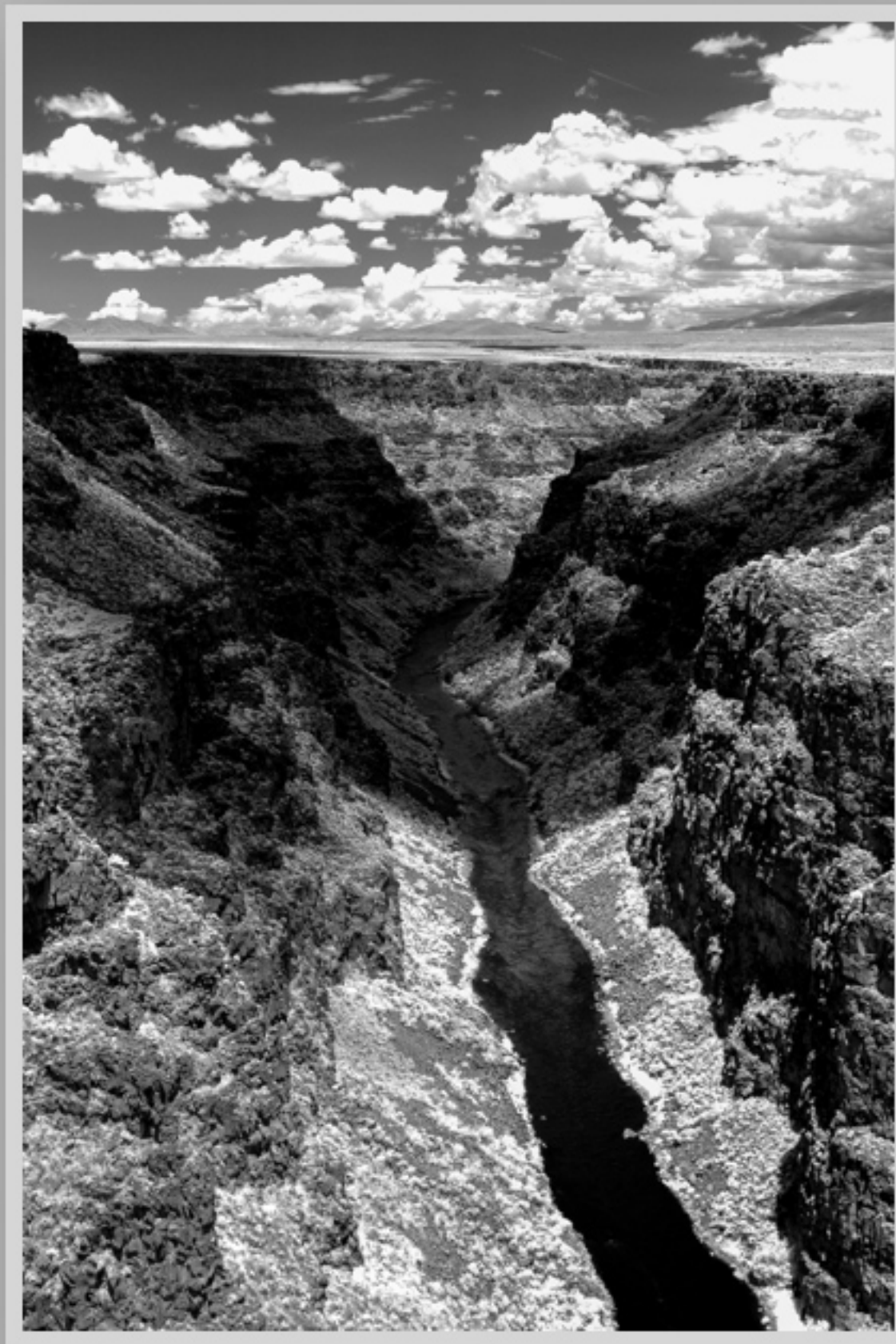
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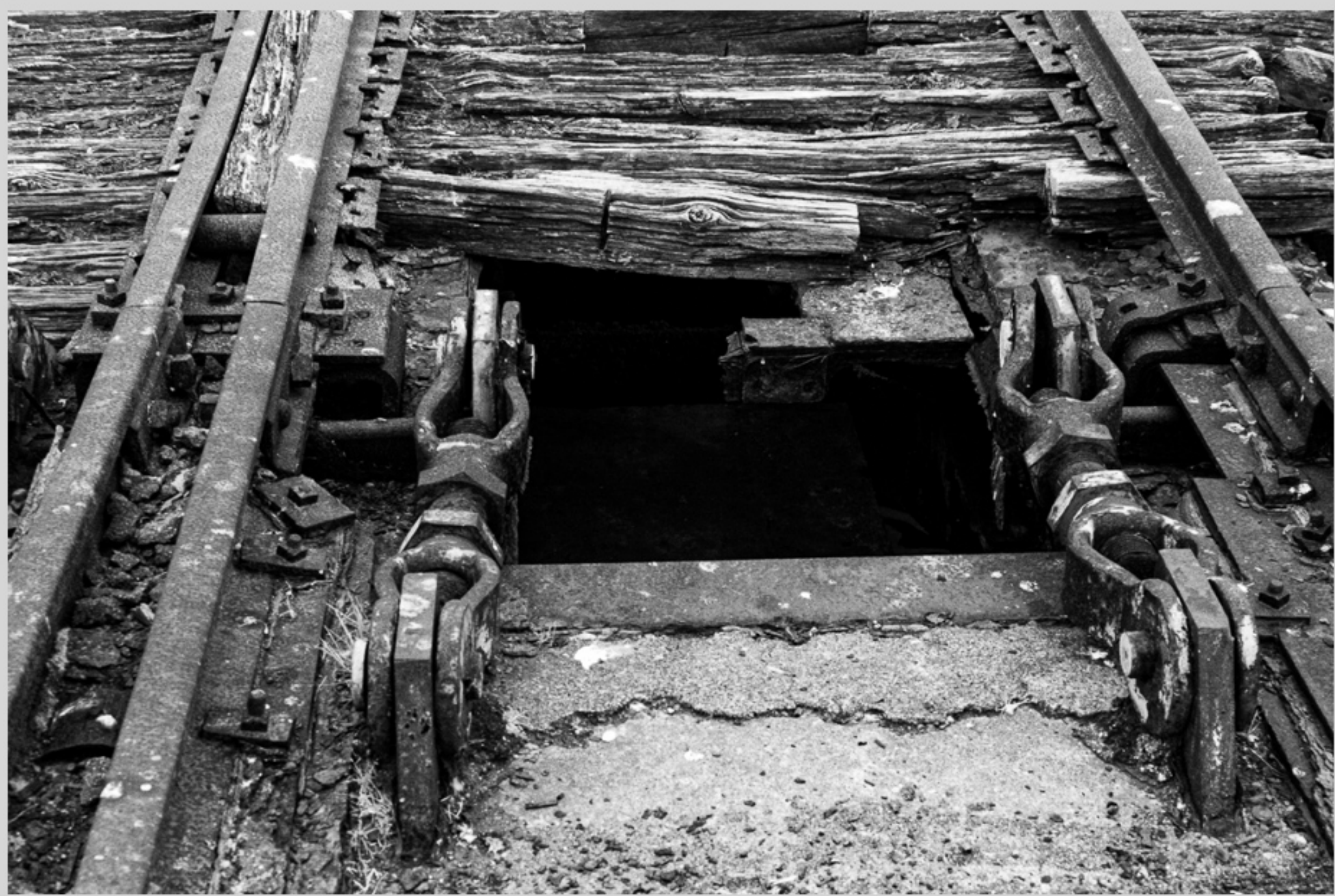
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1. Bridge To Wonder
2. Sleeping Bear Beach
3. Beach Life
4. Soul Reflections
5. Refugee Trees
6. Sleeping Bear overlook
7. Burnt out and Beached
8. Winter on the Creek
9. Horse Love
10. Farm Life- Cows in field
11. Old Mailbox
12. Broken Windows
13. Three Bales
14. Seeds Planted
15. Pallet Mountain
16. Oklahoma Road
17. Campering Life
18. Pine Edged Road
19. Mt. Evans
20. Royal Gorge
21. Crissy Beach
22. S. Curving Boardwalk
23. Fenced Lone Tree
24. Danger
25. Broken Tracks
26. Open Door
27. Pier Remains
28. Abandoned Homestead
29. Wishes or Weeds?

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