



A Look Back on 2024

The winter of 2024 didn't really arrive to our part of Idaho. After a short cold snap the weather warmed up, the ice and snow melted, and all thoughts of ice fishing, cross country skiing and camping went out the window. It wasn't winter, with all the activities that come with it, but it wasn't exactly spring either.



We were in a holding pattern for a change in the seasons. Instead of waiting, we decided to head *South to Spring*, which included time in Death Valley, the greater Mojave Desert, Joshua Tree, Anza-Borrego Desert and Organ Pipe.

# South to Spring



Death Valley



# Mojave National Preserve





# Beyond Barstow





# Joshua Tree National Park



# Anza-Borrego Desert State Park

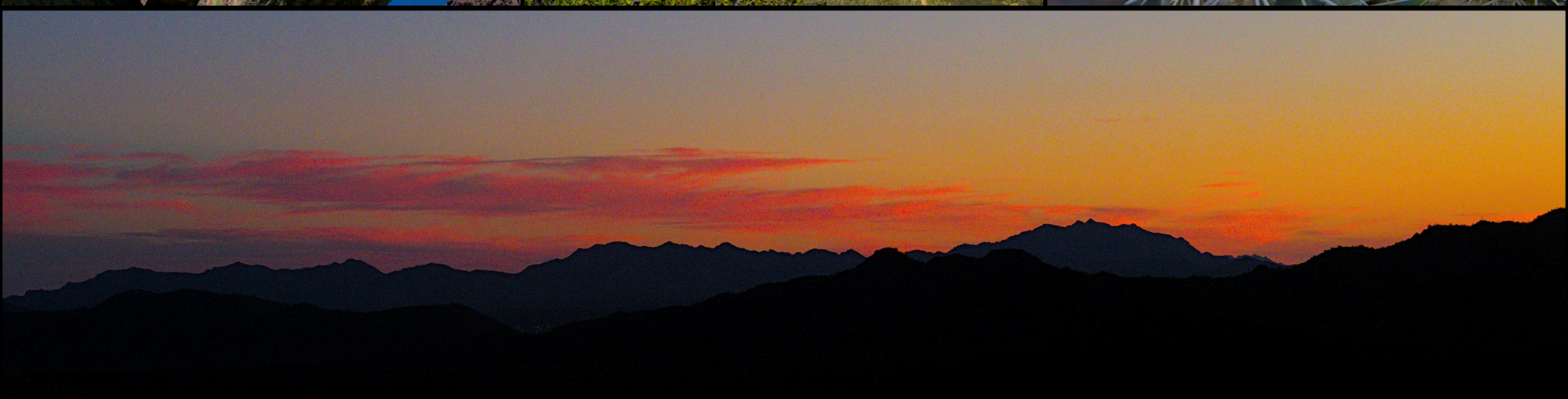






# Organ Pipe National Monument



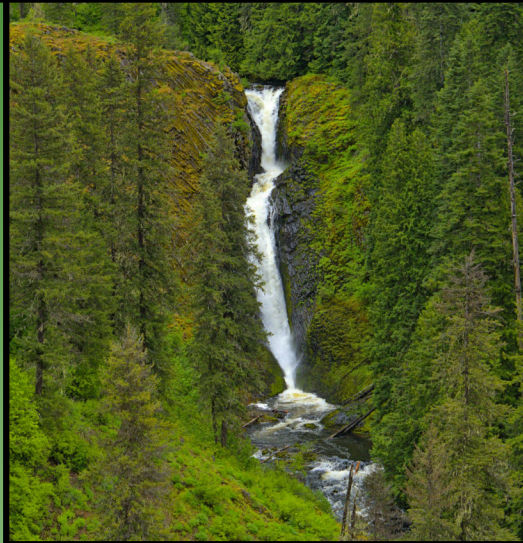


Once back from the south, it was time for a river float. The sometimes unpredictable Owyhee River was at a perfect spring runoff flow during the four days we spent floating.





Early summer  
was spent  
exploring Idaho



Elk Creek Falls



McCroskey State  
Park



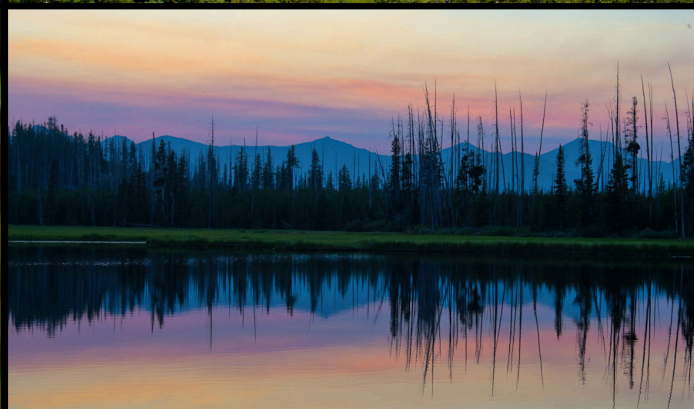
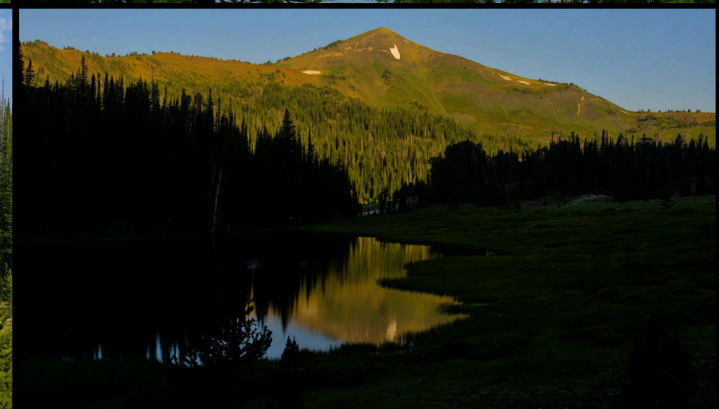
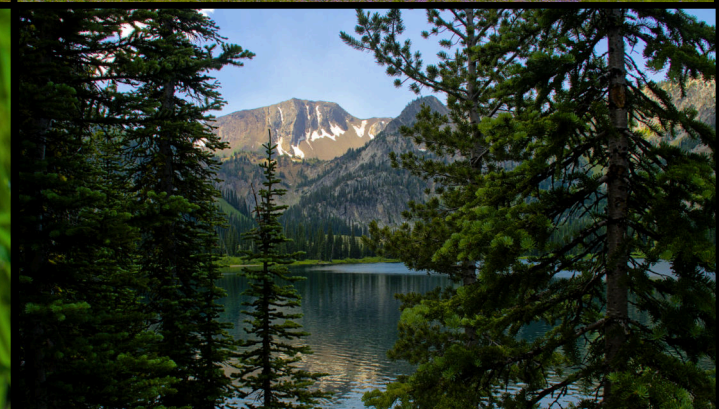
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We attempted to escape the scorching heat of mid-summer by heading high into the mountains for a couple backpacking trips.

The first was to the Boulder Chain Lakes high in the White Cloud Mountains in central Idaho.

The second backpack trip was to Bonny Lakes in the Wallowa Mountains of northeast Oregon.

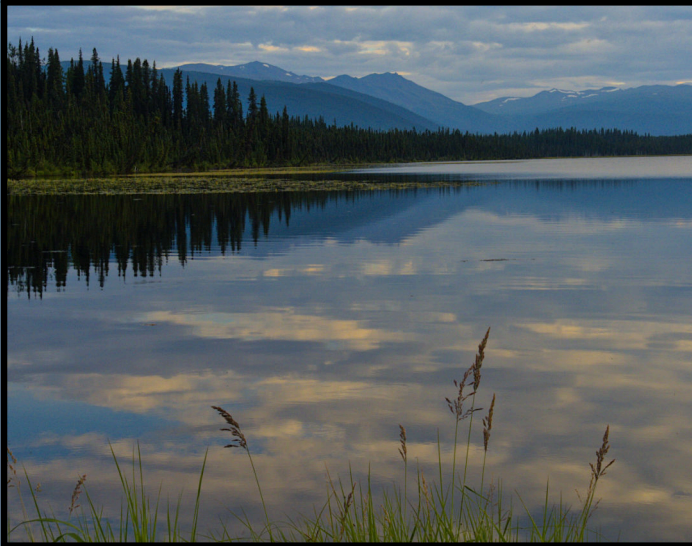


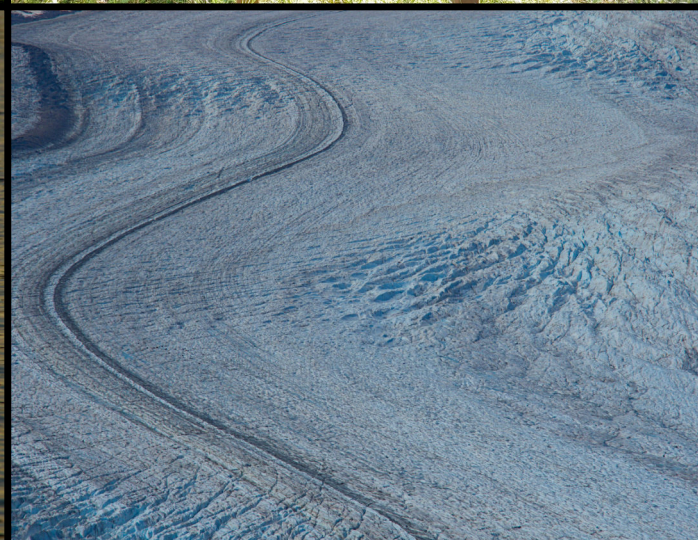


Most of August was spent on a big looping road trip around British Columbia.

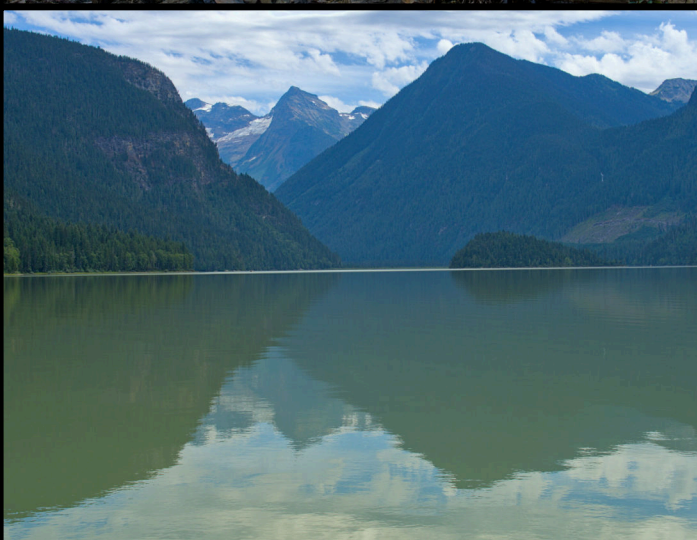
The loop was 4000 miles round trip. We headed north all the way to the Yukon on the Cassiar Highway, then headed back south on the Alaska Highway.

We enjoyed a lot of camping at minimally developed British Columbia recreation sites, most on mountain lakes with very few people around.









As summer turned to fall we went to southeast Idaho looking for some color. It wasn't as plentiful as we expected, but we eventually found it.





As 2024 draws to a close we find ourselves closer to home...





...wondering what 2025 will bring.