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Divvy the common surface into tarns.
Subdividing the skim of freshwater over
swallowed things, you will hear the distance
to the nearest trailhead. When charcoal
smears above, recognize chaotic sky.
When the ripples steady, recognize kingfisher.

Larch needles must be gathered by moonlight. Know
this is a strange and solitary occupation. Units of trust
are rare here, but salt deposited at tired feet should
be taken as a sign of regard.