

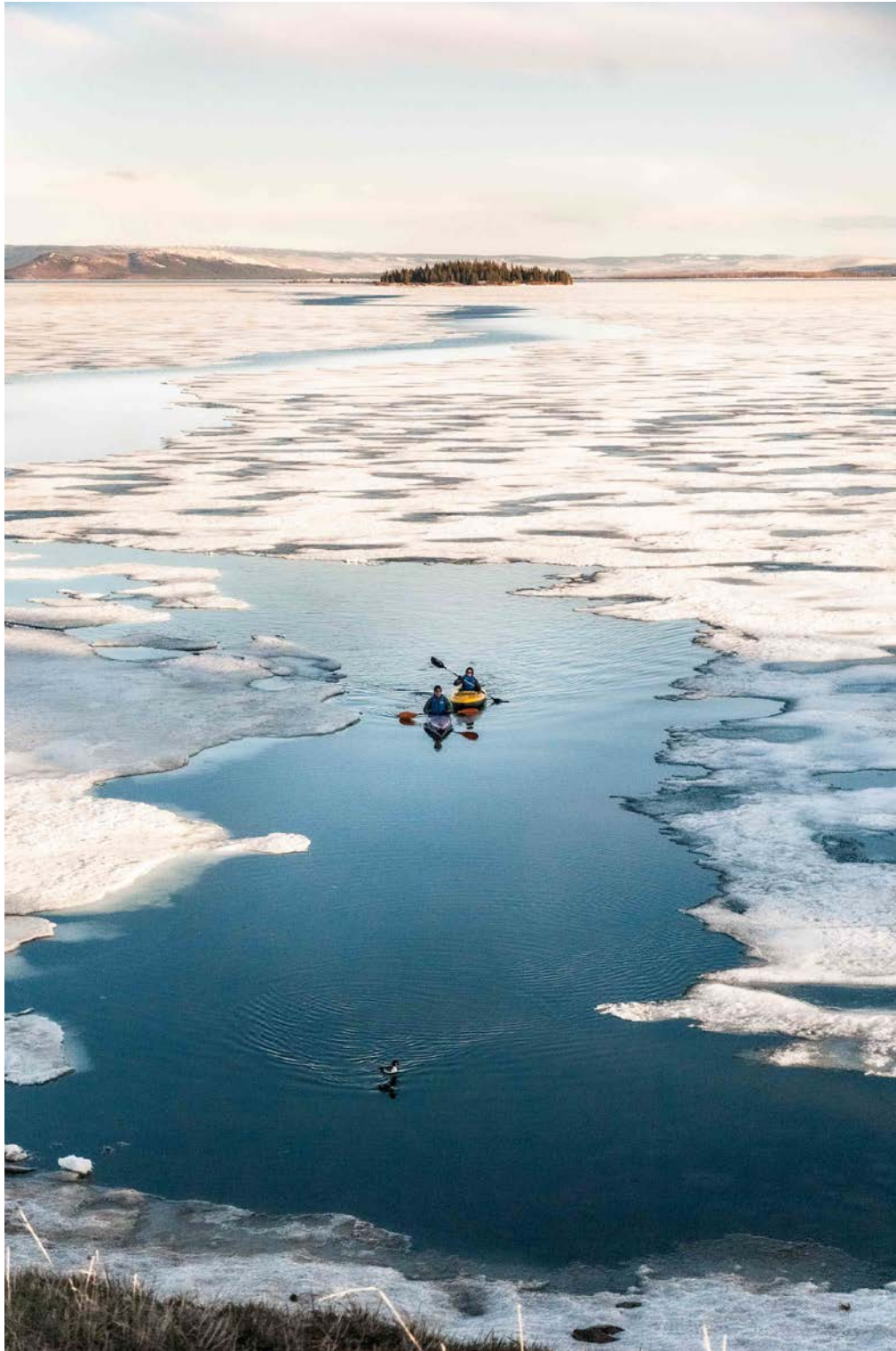
LIFE FINDS A WAY IN THE AMERICAN WILD WEST

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Flying over frozen Lake Yellowstone.

It's late spring on Lake Yellowstone, but the frozen water affords some food for the clever birds in its cracks and melting pools.



We can show each other the way forward.

Though spring took its time to melt the ice on Lake Yellowstone, two kayakers found a way to enjoy this beautiful lake together.



Life thrives all around us, if you only look close enough.

Winter can be brutally cold above 10,000 ft, with temperatures falling below -30° F in Colorado's White River National Forest, but if you look close enough, you can see tracks made by a snowshoe hare across the fresh fallen snow.



Moose cow and her calf.



The joy of motherhood.

Whether you are a moose cow in Rocky Mountain National Park in the rain or an elk cow on a sunny day in Yellowstone National Park, motherhood means protecting and feeding your young.



Bison cows and their calves.

It takes a village, and in this case a bison herd to raise their calves in the Yellowstone National Park.



Dueling elk.

Young bull elk practice dueling for dominance in Rocky Mountain National Park.



Dominant bull elk bugling his harem.

Elk herds can be very large in Rocky Mountain National Park, and they are matriarchal. However a dominant elk bugles the females in the fall to keep them in his harem and away from interlopers.



Resting bull elk.

Perhaps fatigued by a warm summer day, or by fighting off challengers, this mature elk gets his respite in a field of wild flowers in Rocky Mountain National Park ■



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