

Temporary Landscapes

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We look at the massive mountains, lakes and the giant sequoia trees of the American West and think their majesty transcends time. For the most part, their majesty transcends a human lifetime so we think of them as permanent features in our world. We sometimes are privileged to witness a change in the landscape within our lifetimes. We are reminded that the Landscape is not Permanent but Temporary.

The shores of Mono Lake are a Temporary Landscape. One hundred years ago the lake had islands and a non-descript shoreline. Today, the islands are peninsulas and the southern shore of the lake is populated by enigmatic Tufa structures. These are views of a Temporary Landscape. The Tufa photographed a few years ago will eventually be submerged as they were a hundred years ago. The photographs will be a curiosity and a remembrance of a temporary geologic anomaly.



















## COLOPHON

## Afternoon, Mono Lake

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