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the Andes & Patagonia since 2014



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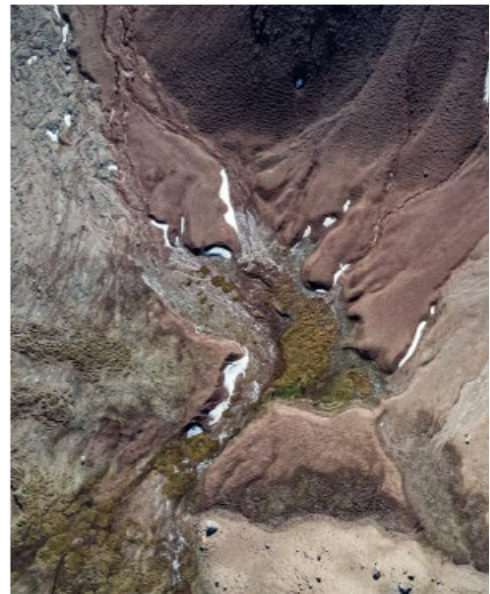




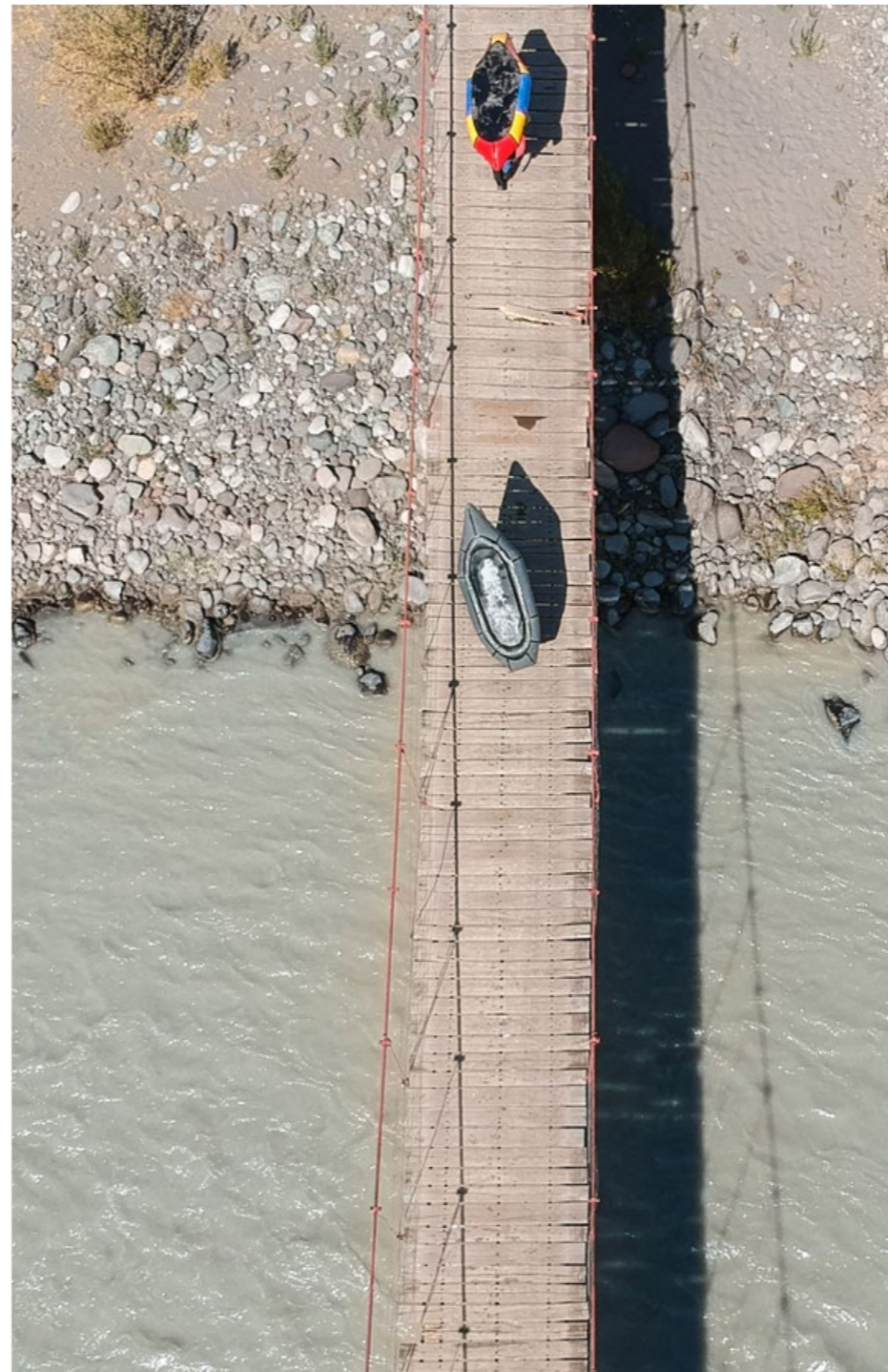
















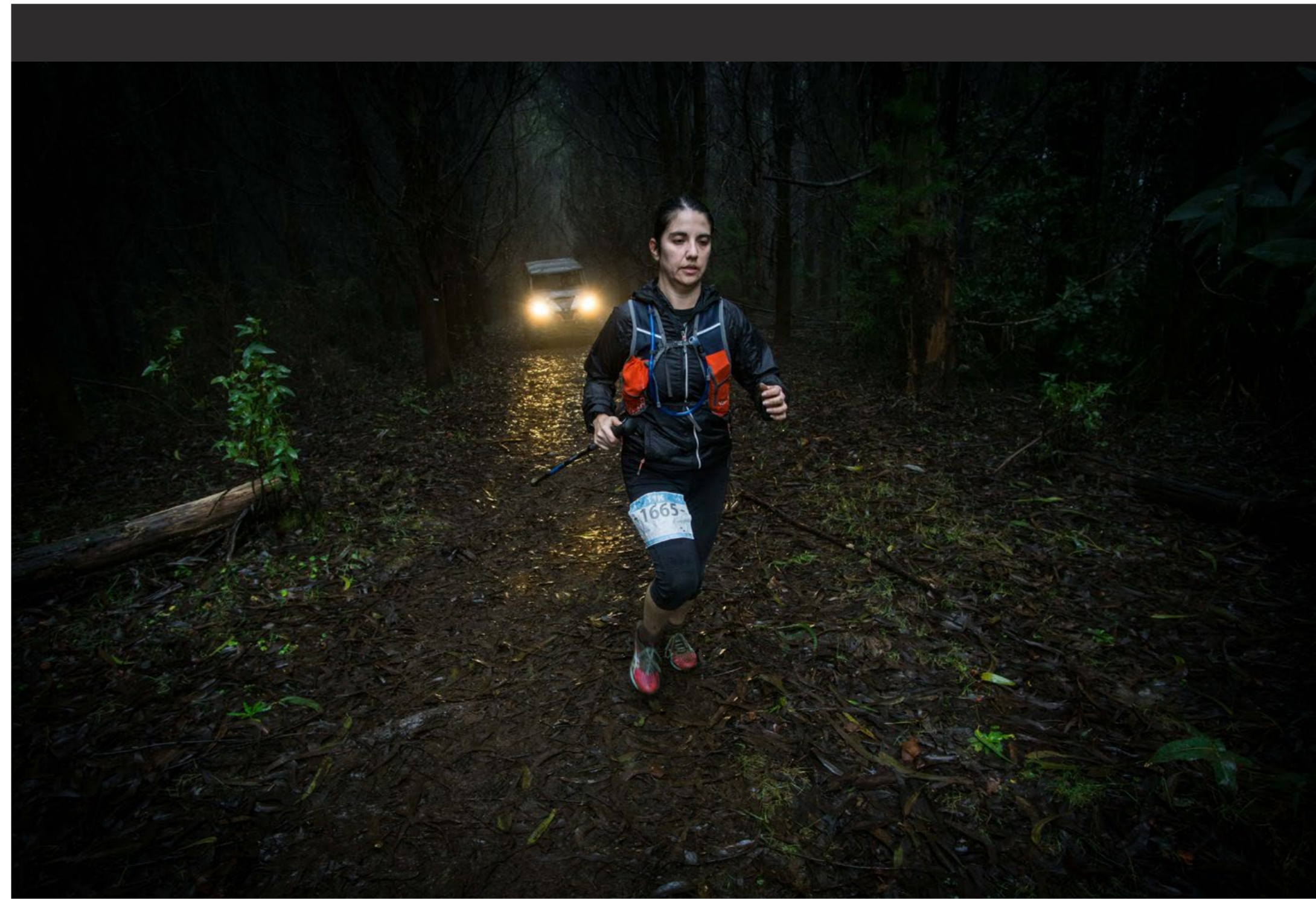








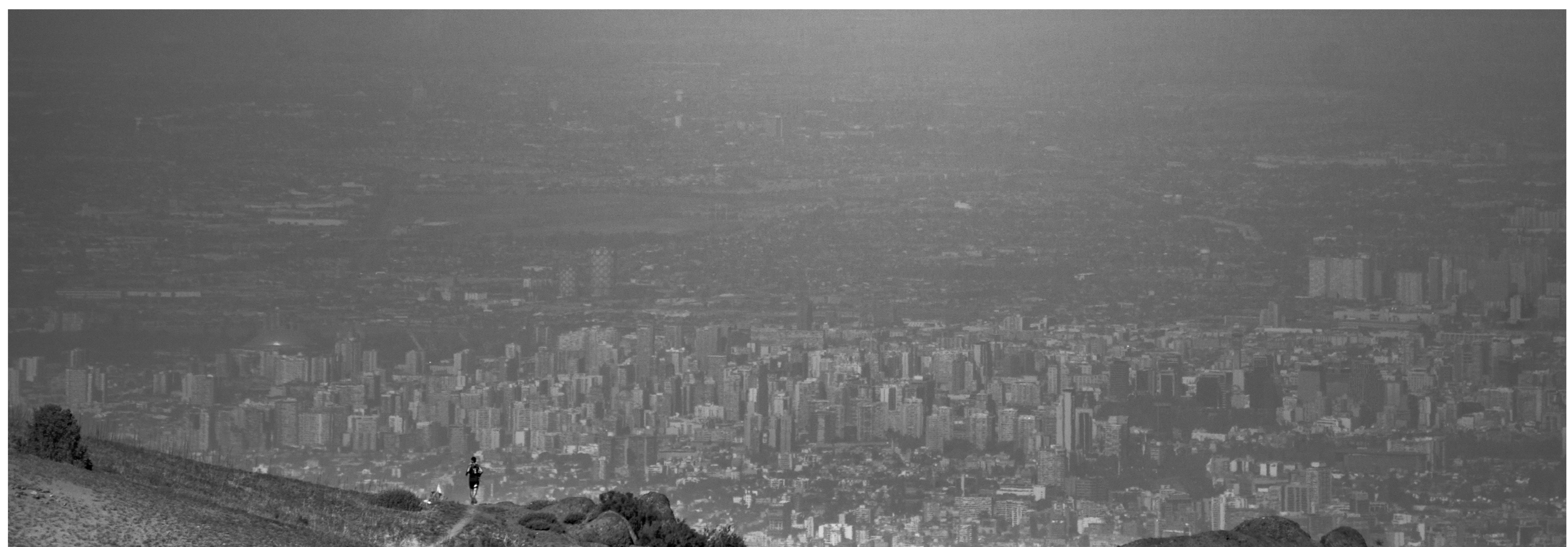
















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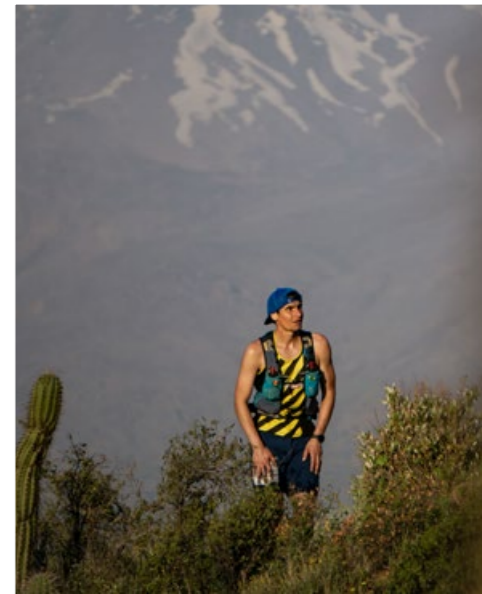
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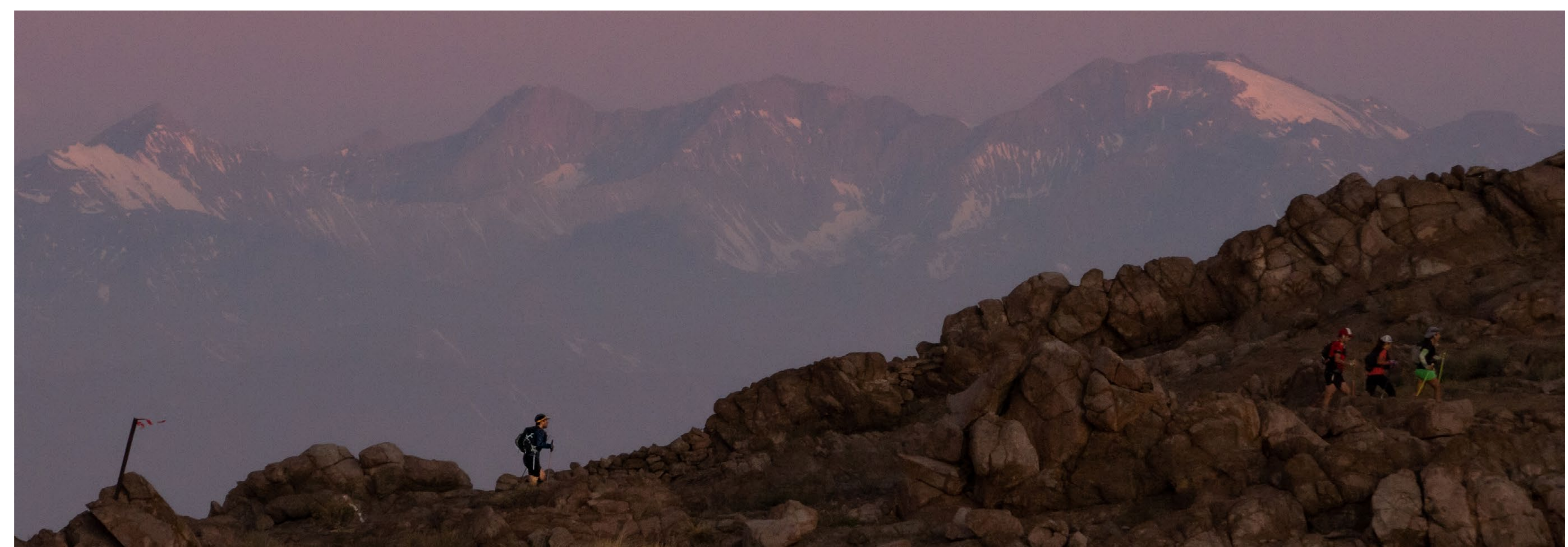
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PLEASURE AND PAIN

We sent our man Matt Maynard to run one of the toughest races in the world, Chile's, Patagonian Ultra Fjord 70 miler. He runs through forests inhabited by pumas, swims across rivers and cowers in crevasses.

Words Matt Maynard

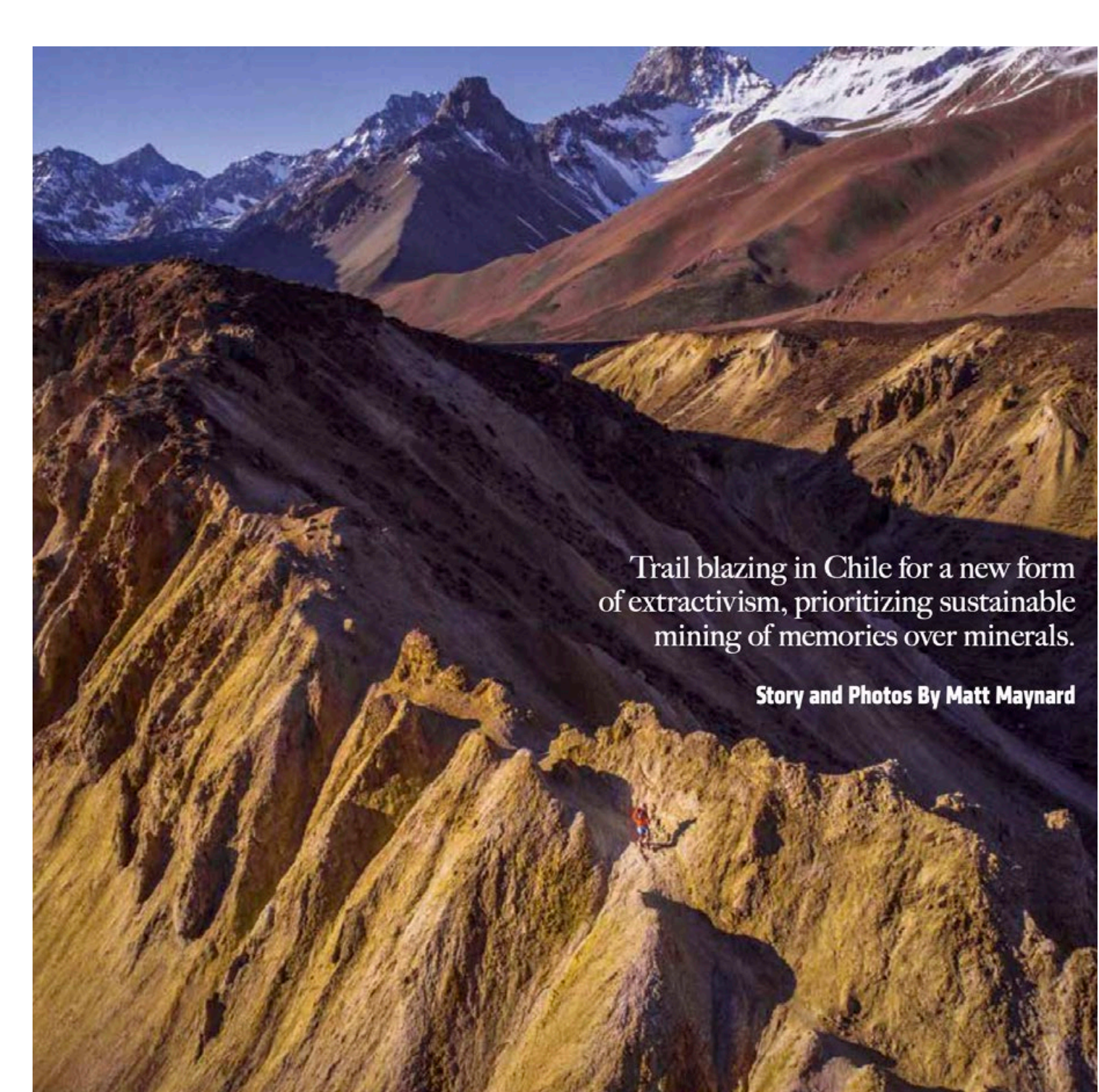
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he 3,000m granite towers of Torres del Paine are rolling towards us through the twilight. I watch as the Brazilian athlete Masu Vilaseca kneels in the aisle at the front of the bus and sways to the rhythm of the dirt road. Her hands are to her face. Her posture is one of prayer. The glacial waters of Lago Torres come into view, undercutting the mountains. She bows her head and whispers some words to herself that I cannot hear. The Patagonian picture postcard vista is perhaps in her prayers, but it's also alive in front of her and she is clearly entranced by the dangerous beauty of it all. At 8:30 the next morning, she will put her thoughts and prayers into action.

I was taking part in the first edition of Ultra Fjord but the race's story began over a decade ago with a different event altogether: The Patagonian Expedition Race. The concept behind this annual race was to open new passages through the vast, pristine and virgin expanses of wilderness at the bottom of South America and in doing so reserve it for sustainable activities for generations to come. It's a multi-day, non-stop team event by foot, kayak and bike. Racers cover distances of up to 650 miles in up to 14 days of competition, with as little as six hours sleep in total. National Geographic once called the event "The Last Wild Race." The man behind it is Stjepan Pavic and he's also the driving force behind the Ultra Fjord - a race National Geographic might want to call, "The New Wild Race!"







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Story and Photos By Matt Maynard













PEOPLE

The heart of Darién

Matt Maynard explores the post-conflict landscape and meets the Panamanians driving change in the infamous province that is home to the Darién Gap. Is this biologically unique region at the waistband of the Americas about to come out of the shadows?

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Look out for snakes and other creatures when travelling in the Darién Gap, but you also need to have a good map.



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TO KILL A GLACIER

Air pollution particles are now known to exacerbate glacier melt. Attempting to obtain the highest sample ever collected for analysis in the Chilean Andes, Matt Maynard scaled the 6,100m Marmolejo stratovolcano on the border between Argentina and Chile, and filled his rucksack with snow

Photographs by Matt Maynard and Jon Lawn













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