



Best images of 2016

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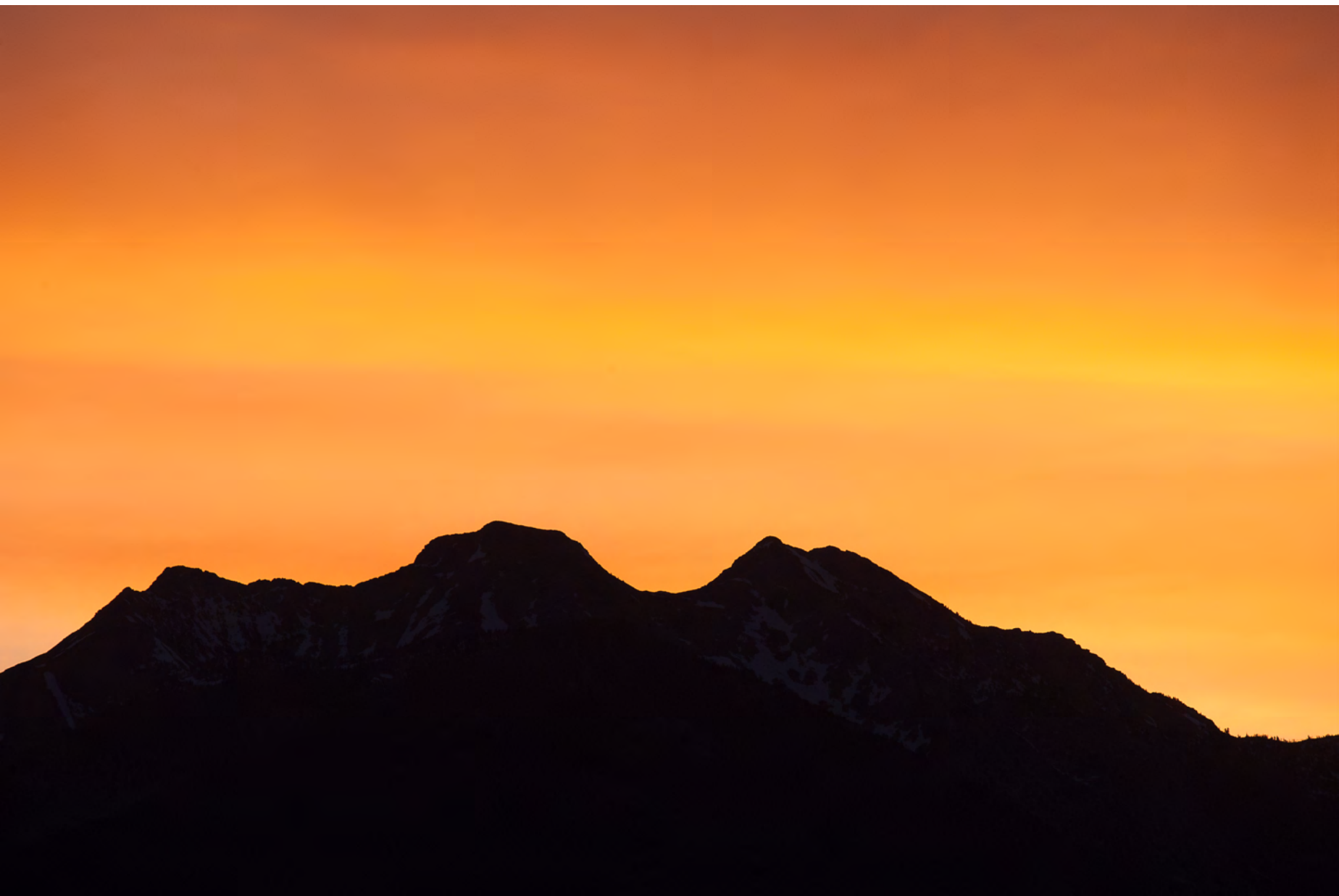
The house in Salmon seems to blend in with the mountains.

Cover: An antique hay stacker known as a beaverslide is a next-door neighbor. Beaverslides were used in Eastern Idaho and Western Montana in the early 1900s until newer haying technology came along later that century. This one, trapped in an old apple tree, is reported to be the last in Lemhi County.

Welcome to the 10th edition of the annual “Best Images” books. This year comes with many changes, including a new part-time home in Salmon, Idaho. Most photos in this book were made without leaving the yard.

Here’s to having a camera handy and finding beauty in the year ahead.





A fiery sunset silhouettes the mountains that separate Idaho from Montana. At left, clouds and a patch of snow cap Baldy Mountain's peak in mid-June.



The sky takes on color after storms pass through Eastern Idaho.







Above, the Sacajawea Peaks of the Beaverhead Mountains, left, are part of the Continental Divide.

Overleaf: Lost Trail Pass between Idaho and Montana.













Elk, a rare sight, wander into the yard to hide from hunters who scared them from their mountain habitat. Left, the Sawtooth Range near Stanley is seen from Tyrell Kremer's Cessna 182 airplane.

Previous: Sunrise makes the autumn leaves glow.



Reds and pinks abound in the garden from spring through autumn, accented by giant rhubarb leaves.





A white-tailed deer wanders through the yard. It is one of many that frequent the neighborhood. Below, a barn swallow perches on the grill while awaiting its turn in helping to build a nest on a house in Livermore, Calif., in May.





The Lemhi River passes through the yard before joining the Salmon River. The Lemhi is a spawning area for Chinook salmon and steelhead trout. Lower left, a piece of petrified wood looks like the skeleton of a bird's head.





Coloring books, which have become popular again with adults, yield a wealth of pencil shavings.
Left, a Mother's Day rose retains its beauty long after the holiday.