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RICK DEMONT

Aspen Summer

watercolor on paper

Image Courtesy of the Artist

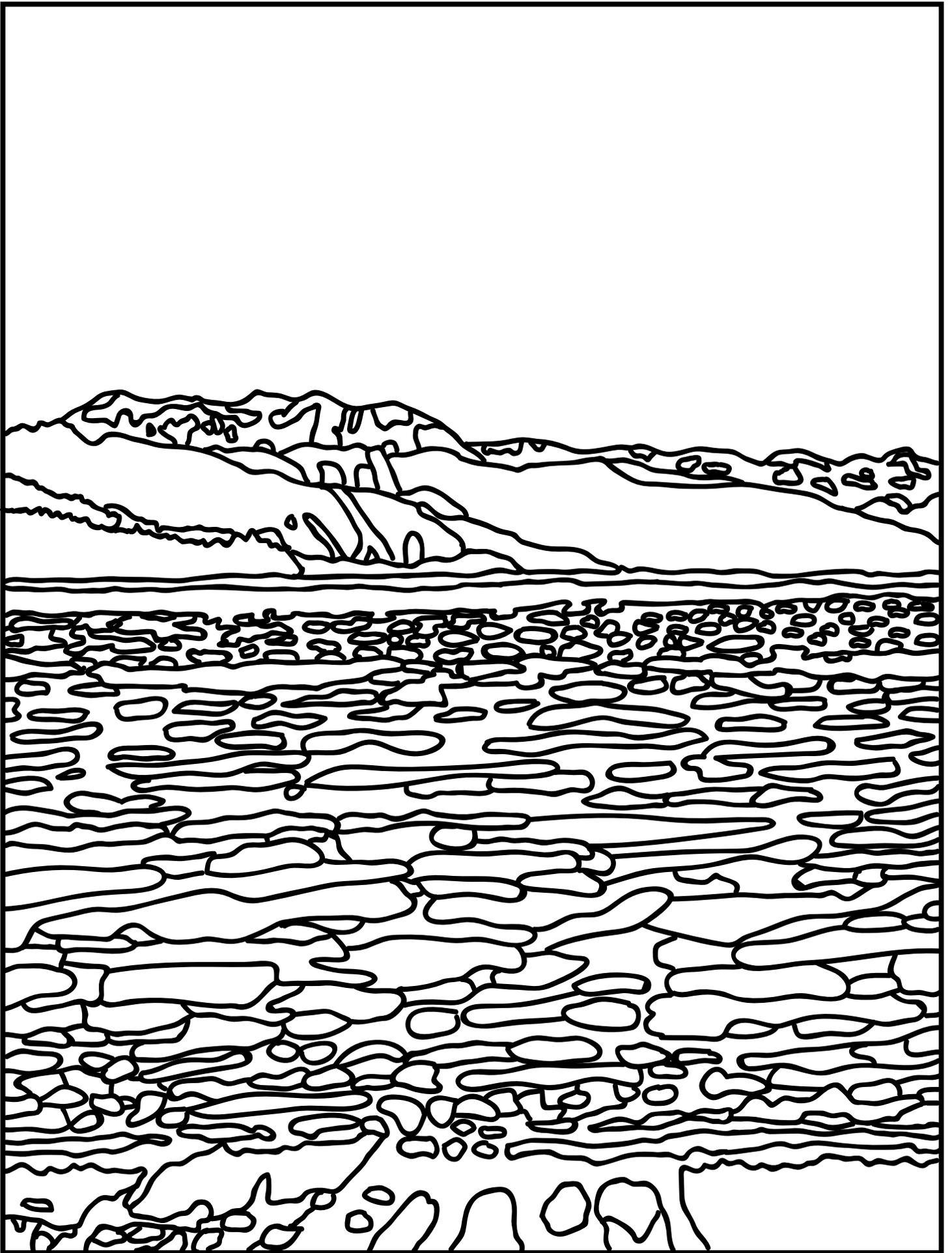
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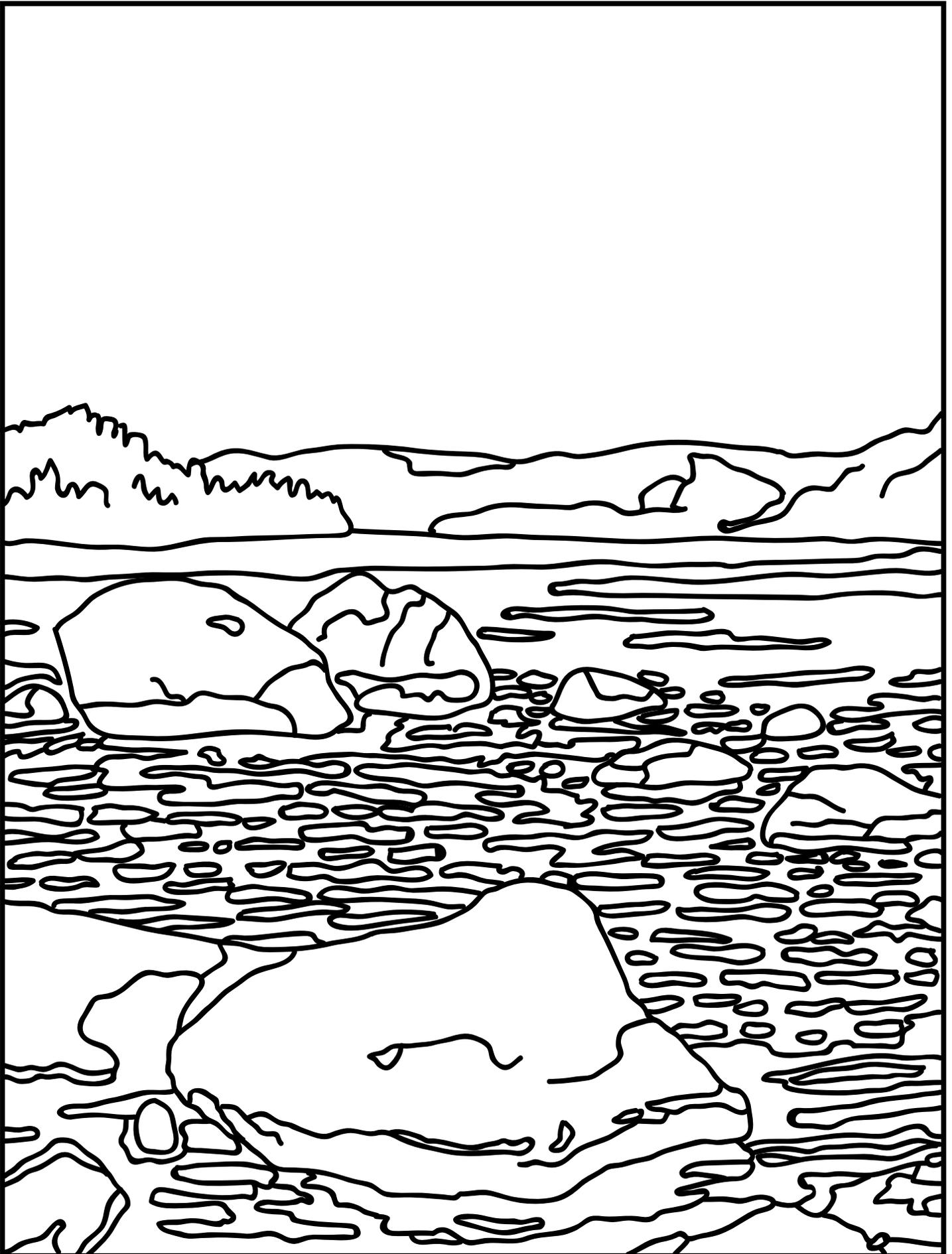
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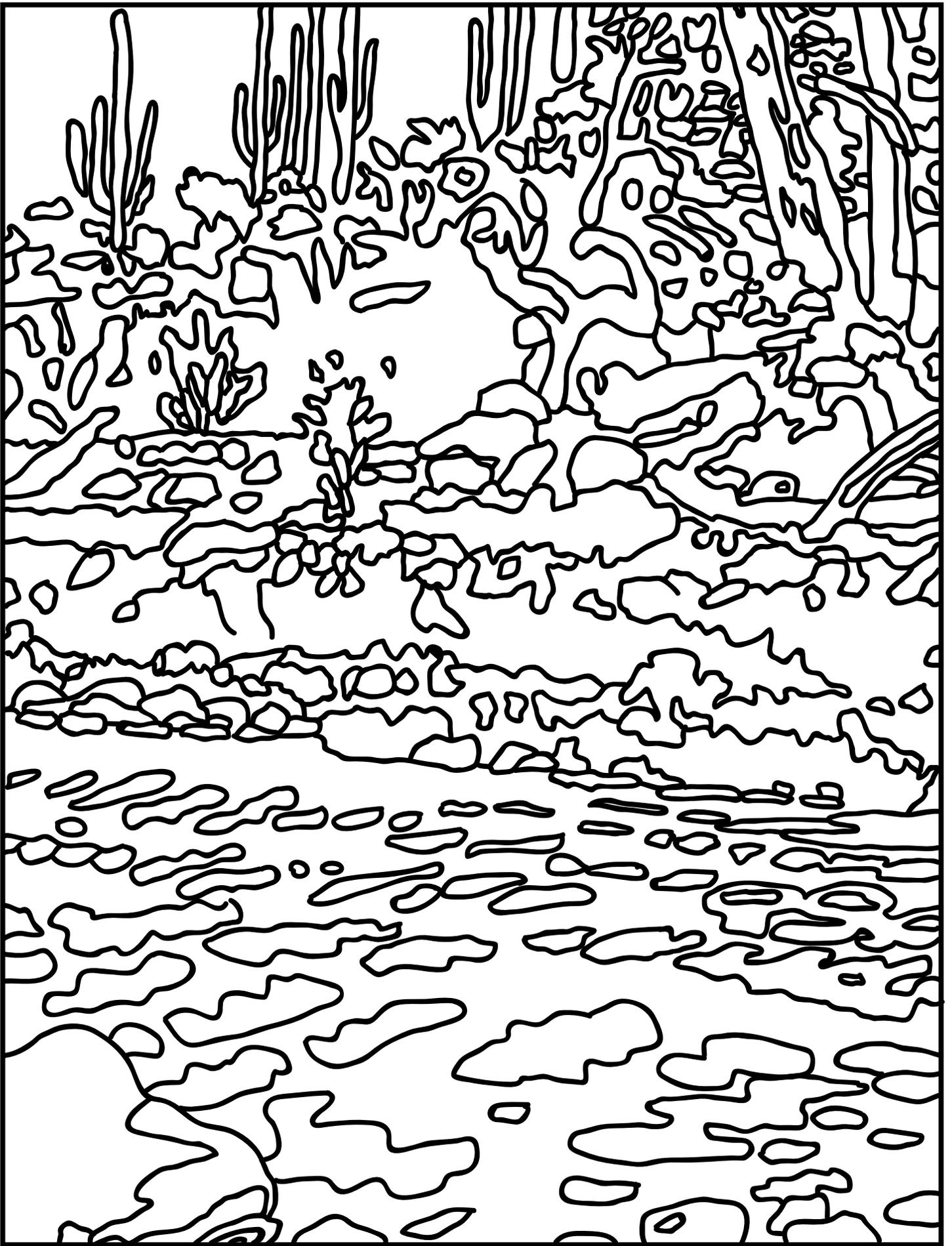
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From the TOHONO CHUL exhibition

Sonoran Stories

"March morning, cold, deep in the canyon.... I sit, waiting for the sun. A human version of a reptiles morning. Waiting for the sun. Keeping an eye on the shade as it travels down the mountainside. Waiting for the sun to warm me and my cold stiff joints so that I can finish the painting and get out of the canyon. And ... I ponder.... knowing this has been experienced by Sonoran Desert people since the beginning. Waiting for the sun."

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