When we launched our latest photo contest, we settled on five categories, hoping to home in on incredible shots from (mostly) the U.S., and even our own route network, specifically the Great Divide, which turns 20 this year. But then we had to ask: what if an epic photo from a camp in a national forest along Adventure Cycling’s Great Divide Mountain Bike Route blows us away — could it win everything? Luckily we had great entries in all five categories spanning experiences grand and granular from the road. Our winners for each are printed here (plus one honorable mention), and you can see a wider selection online at adventurecycling.org/2017photowinners.

PEDALING AWAY FROM MT. SHARK
SARAH BURCH
Bill Poindexter cycles the Great Divide through Peter Lougheed Provincial Park while Mt. Shark looms in the distance.
BIKE TOURING THE DENALI NATIONAL PARK ROAD IN FALL
ADAM EDGERTON
The stunning backdrop of the Alaska Range foothills dwarfs two cyclists touring Denali National Park near the East Fork River.

CHASING THE SUN
ELIZABETH ELLIS
Lyndsey Kleppin rides her fat bike on the Resurrection Pass Trail in the Chugach National Forest during early November. “We rode 12 miles from the trailhead in Hope, Alaska, to the Fox Creek Cabin in single-digit temperatures. We spent one night at the cabin, feeding the woodstove all night long to stay warm.”
PEARL PASS  TRENT PEARCE

“After reading for years about Colorado’s legendary Pearl Pass, we decided we’d incorporate it into a 10-day bikepacking loop. What we didn’t realize was that much of Pearl Pass is hike-a-bike, and some of it turns into a stream after heavy rains!”
“July 2017 was certainly the most stressful month of our trip so far. We got our Azerbaijani visa on the second application, our Uzbek visa took way longer than expected, and our passports were on their way to France for the Chinese visa. After the stress of all this admin, reaching this paradise was a relief. We were finally out of the city, free to camp wherever for as long as we wanted to.”
ALWAYS TOGETHER
LUBA LAPSANSKA
Along the Lewis & Clark Trail in Idaho. “Our dogs are part of this adventure, they are really the core of it. We are family, best friends, and the team. Therefore we are heading from Canada to Argentina together!”

The 10th Annual Adventure Cyclist Photo Contest opens September 1, 2018. Check adventurecycling.org/photocontest for more info.