The sun shines a lot in Arizona — about 90 percent of the year, compared to 30 percent in Juneau, Alaska. Although most Arizonans will tell you they love the sun, there's a universal vibe of excitement and relief when the clouds roll in. Because it happens so rarely, we sent a photographer into the outdoors during a recent wave of inclement weather. We thought it would come in handy the next time you're sick of the sun.

Under the Weather

A PORTFOLIO BY LARRY LINDAHL

Preceding panel: Threatening clouds hover above Schnebly Hill and the brilliant red rocks of Mitten Ridge near Sedona.

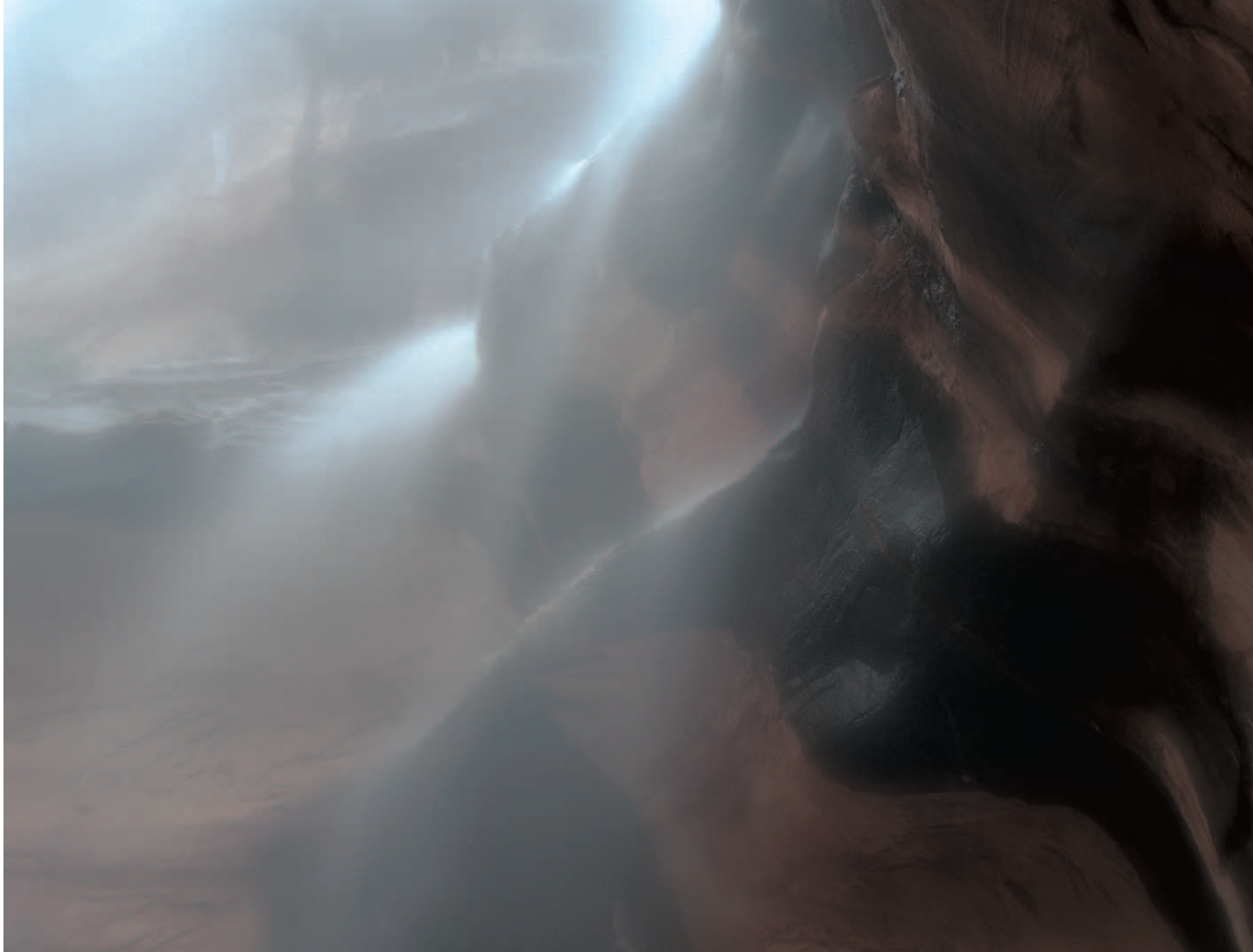
Right: Snow covers the landscape and fog shrouds soaring rock formations as water flows through Bear Wallow Creek in the Coconino National Forest.

Below: Icicles hang from ponderosa pine boughs in the upper reaches of Boynton Canyon.

"From wonder into wonder existence opens." – LAO TZU

"Observe the wonders as they occur around you. Don't claim them. Feel the artistry moving through and be silent."

—JALAL AD-DIN RUMI



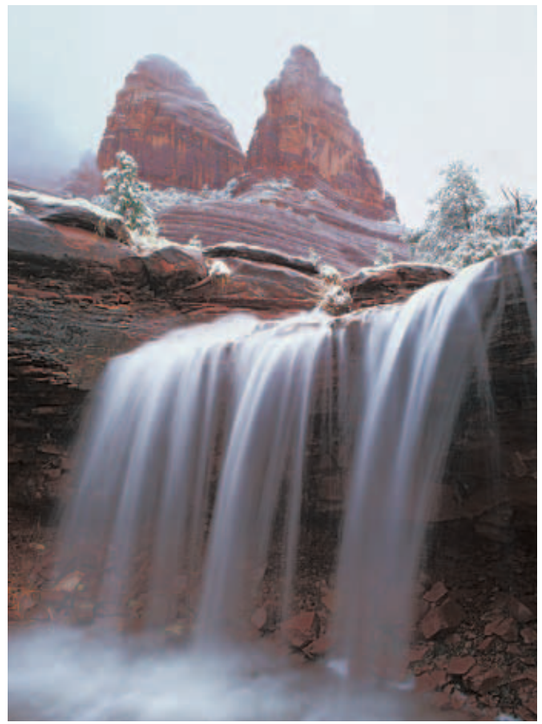
Mist, caused by storm-fed runoff, obscures Oak Creek as it rushes over boulders along its course through Boynton Canyon.

"Nature is full of genius,
full of the divinity;
so that not a snowflake
escapes its fashioning hand."

— HENRY DAVID THOREAU

Left: Capitol Butte seems to play a game of hide-and-seek with passing clouds after a snowstorm in Coconino National Forest.

Below: An ephemeral stream turns into a lovely waterfall as it flows over slickrock during a late-season winter storm.



"When one tugs at a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world."

—JOHN MUIR

Crimson cliff ledges offer a display of icicles and snow during winter in Boynton Canyon.