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**NEW BOOK OF LANDSCAPE PHOTOGRAPHY BY ELIZABETH CARMEL  
FOCUSES ON CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES IN THE LAKE TAHOE AND SIERRA  
NEVADA REGION OF CALIFORNIA**

Contemporary landscape photographer Elizabeth Carmel follows up her highly successful *BRILLIANT WATERS* book with another artistic collection of landscape photography capturing stunning images from the Sierra Nevada region. Ms. Carmel's upcoming new book is titled *THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT – PORTRAITS OF THE SIERRA NEVADA* with a publication date slated for November 1, 2009. This book is unique in its subject, scope, and artistry. It is an enduring testament to the accomplishments of previous generations who have worked to preserve the Sierra Nevada. It is also a reminder of what is at stake as we strive to protect the natural world for future generations. As the editors of *Outdoor Photographer Magazine* stated in their glowing review of *THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT*, "the warming climate is causing such widespread physical and biological change that work by the present generation of nature photographers could one day be viewed as a record of what once was and is no more."

In his eloquent foreword to Ms. Carmel's first book *BRILLIANT WATERS*, Robert Redford writes: "So what would you do if you came upon a sight seen before only to see it as if for the first time? This was the effect Elizabeth's work had on me; capturing the power of what exists while elevating the experience through the poetic use of photography. I saw this country as if I had not seen it before—like I was being led slowly, carefully, along a great and beautiful path. To have this sensation of stop time observation is not easy. This work simply stopped me in my tracks."

*THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT* combines Elizabeth Carmel's remarkable landscape photography with important information about how the depicted landscapes are threatened by climate change. This collection of photographs captures both the intimate details and grand panoramas that exist exclusively in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. The book also includes a selection of moving poetry by recognized writers. Prominent climate change scientists Robert Coats Ph. D. and Geoffrey Schladow Ph. D. contribute insights in the book's introduction and within the text that accompanies the photography. *THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT* is a wonderful synthesis of art and science that will appeal to everyone who loves natural beauty.

When John Muir coined the phrase *Range of Light* in the late 1800s, few people had seen images of the spectacular Sierra Nevada mountain range. John Muir's writings provided the world with a window into this magnificent landscape. His writing and activism helped bring attention to the environmental threats facing the Sierra Nevada. Due to the visionary actions of an earlier generation, many regions of the Sierra Nevada are now protected in National Parks and designated Wilderness Areas. The images of landscape photographer Ansel Adams also played an important role in the protection of important regions of the Sierra, including the majestic Kings Canyon National Park. Adams worked tirelessly with the Sierra Club, founded by John Muir, to help our nation appreciate and protect the wonderful natural heritage of the Sierra.

In her second book, Elizabeth Carmel photographically explores the Range of Light in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and honors the important legacies of John Muir and Ansel Adams by highlighting current environmental threats to the region. In addition to being a beautiful and unique collection of photography, this book also summarizes the changes that will occur in the Sierra from global climate change. Photographs in *THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT* are accompanied by easy to read and understand text vignettes from two of the world's top scientists explaining how the landscapes shown will be affected by the warming climate. Inspiring quotes and poetry by renowned authors are also included and play an important role in making this book an uplifting celebration of natural beauty.

Carmel expresses her inspiration for the book in the following excerpt from her preface: "The Changing Range of Light is a photo essay that highlights the transformations occurring in the Sierra as a result of global climate change. Although the photographs I include are not "scientific" analyses of the landscape, they do represent unique moments in time; a view into the marvelous geographies of the Sierra landscape that our generation is privileged to witness. One hundred or even fifty years from now many of the places shown in this volume may be drastically altered. As a landscape photographer living and working primarily in the Sierra region, I feel compelled to share how the landscapes I know are being transformed by global heating."

*THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT* is distributed by Mountain Press Publishing Company and will be available from all major book retailers including Borders, Barnes and Noble, independent book stores, and online through Amazon.com.

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### **BOOK LAUNCH EVENT TO BENEFIT THE TRUCKEE DONNER LAND TRUST**

Elizabeth & Olof Carmel are partnering with the Truckee Donner Land Trust to host a book launch event for *THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT* at the Carmel Gallery in Truckee, California on Saturday Dec. 5, 2009 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. The event is open to the public. Signed copies of *THE CHANGING RANGE OF LIGHT* and *BRILLIANT WATERS* will be available for purchase, with a portion of the proceeds of every sale donated to the Truckee Donner Land Trust. Wine tasting and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Guests coming in from out

of town are invited to request a special rate from the historic Truckee Hotel ([www.truckeehotel.com](http://www.truckeehotel.com)) located next to the Carmel Gallery. Mark your calendars and plan on attending this great event which will benefit the important work of the Truckee Donner Land Trust. The Carmel Gallery is located at 9940 Donner Pass Road in Truckee. For more information please call the gallery at 530-582-0557, or visit their website at [www.TheCarmelGallery.com](http://www.TheCarmelGallery.com).

### **AUTHOR / PHOTOGRAPHER BIO**

Elizabeth Carmel is a Sierra-based photographer specializing in unique, expressive landscapes and “waterscapes.” Her prints combine dramatic photography, vivid colors, and artistic touches to create new, captivating visions of the natural world. Using ultra-high resolution 39-megapixel digital photography, she is able to capture the subtle details of the natural world and transfer them to prints with stunning clarity and color. Ms. Carmel has spent years exploring and photographing the diverse landscapes of the world, often traveling on foot or skis in wilderness terrain far from roads in order to capture her unique images. Her award winning images are in numerous galleries and private collections throughout the United States. Elizabeth and her husband Olof Carmel, who is also an accomplished photographer, currently own and operate their own photography gallery in the historic mountain town of Truckee, California. For more information log onto [www.ElizabethCarmel.com](http://www.ElizabethCarmel.com).