Pick the Winner of NPR SciFri's Winter Nature Photo Contest 2014

Time to choose your favorite winter snapshot out of our 10 finalists. by <u>Annie Minoff</u>, on <u>March 3, 2014</u>

It's the last round of our Winter Nature Photo Contest—time for you to pick a winner from 10 finalists. [EDITOR'S NOTE: The contest is now closed.] Here's how they were chosen:

From more than 270 submissions, our judge, professional photographer John Weller, picked 10 top photos. He says it wasn't an easy job. "There were many very wonderful photographs, and I would have liked to present 30 images, not 10!" he writes. "Thank you all for inspiring me with your work. Keep shooting!!"

Meanwhile, you and other members of the public spent two weeks voting for a top contender. Turns out, you have a good eye. The finalist you chose—Julie Fernandez's "Frolicking Foxes"—was also selected by our judge.

It's now up to you all to make one of these 10 photos a winner. Scroll through the images below or in the slideshow above (you can see them bigger if you expand the slideshow window), and use the poll at the end of this post to cast your ballot. You have until 11:59 a.m. E.T. on March 9th to vote. You may only vote once this round.

We'll announce the winner on air Friday, March 14th. A big thanks to everyone who entered!

Photo 1: A Winter Walk, by Richard Baker

Photo 2: Snow Roll, by Randall Crumrine

Photo 3: Frolicking Foxes, by Julie Fernandez (2nd place)

Photo 4: Snowy Sierra Sunset, by Josh Grant

Photo 5: A Winter's Tale, by Edward Kreis

Photo 6: Snowy Owl, by Ann McFarlan

Photo 7: Ice Stream Abstract, by Peter Nott

Photo 8: It Will Be A Long Winter, by Stone Peng (3rd place)

Photo 9: CT Cornfield in Winter, by Kai Sander (1st place)

Photo 10: Owl Strike, by Willard Wood

