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Clerk of the Board,

Please see attached comments from the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection regarding an item on the August 16th Board of Supervisors agenda.

Please distribute to the Board members, thank you.

Carolyn

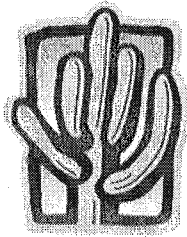
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Chair Sharon Bronson and Members
Pima County Board of Supervisors
33 N. Stone Ave, 11th Floor
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RE: RESOLUTION NO. 2021 – 50, In Opposition to Construction of the Western Option of an Interstate 11 Highway Proposal that Bypasses Tucson and Traverses Pristine and Invaluable Sonoran Desert

Chair Bronson and Members of the Board:

I want to thank you for placing Resolution No. 2021-50 on your August 16th Board of Supervisors agenda, reaffirming the Board's 2007 resolution in opposition to an I-10 Bypass (in the current federal and state process, this is now the Interstate 11 Preferred Alternative West Option).

The Coalition agrees with the Board of Supervisors' Resolution for the many reasons outlined in Resolution No. 2021-50. The proposed "West Option" significantly impacts our preserved and biologically important lands that have been protected for decades in Pima County. The Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan and Multi-Species Conservation Plan that were developed by the County in the last two decades with ongoing implementation today, have resulted in enormous strides in protecting lands and buffeted a century of public lands designations. A new freeway also contradicts Pima County's commitments toward policies and actions to mitigate climate change. Transportation projects that increase capacity for car and truck travel will have an enormous negative effect on climate change. We need to be engaging in the opposite type of transportation planning, prioritizing projects that increase non-fossil fuel-burning transportation options.

We believe it is important to reaffirm your position opposing any new freeway in Avra Valley, and specifically the Interstate 11 Preferred Alternative West Option now being considered, as the Federal Highway Administration and Arizona Department of Transportation finalize the Tier 1 Environmental Impact Statement and move toward a Record of Decision.

Thank you for this Resolution. I hope that the Board of Supervisors will unanimously support this on August 16th.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Campbell
Executive Director

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you for drafting and considering a resolution that opposes the West Option for I-11 through Avra Valley. I support this resolution and encourage you to please vote YES on this resolution at your meeting on August 16.

Thank you for opposing a new highway located in an area that would sever critical wildlife corridors, have a negative impact on Saguaro National Park and the Arizona Sonoran Desert Museum, and affect protected public lands.

Sincerely
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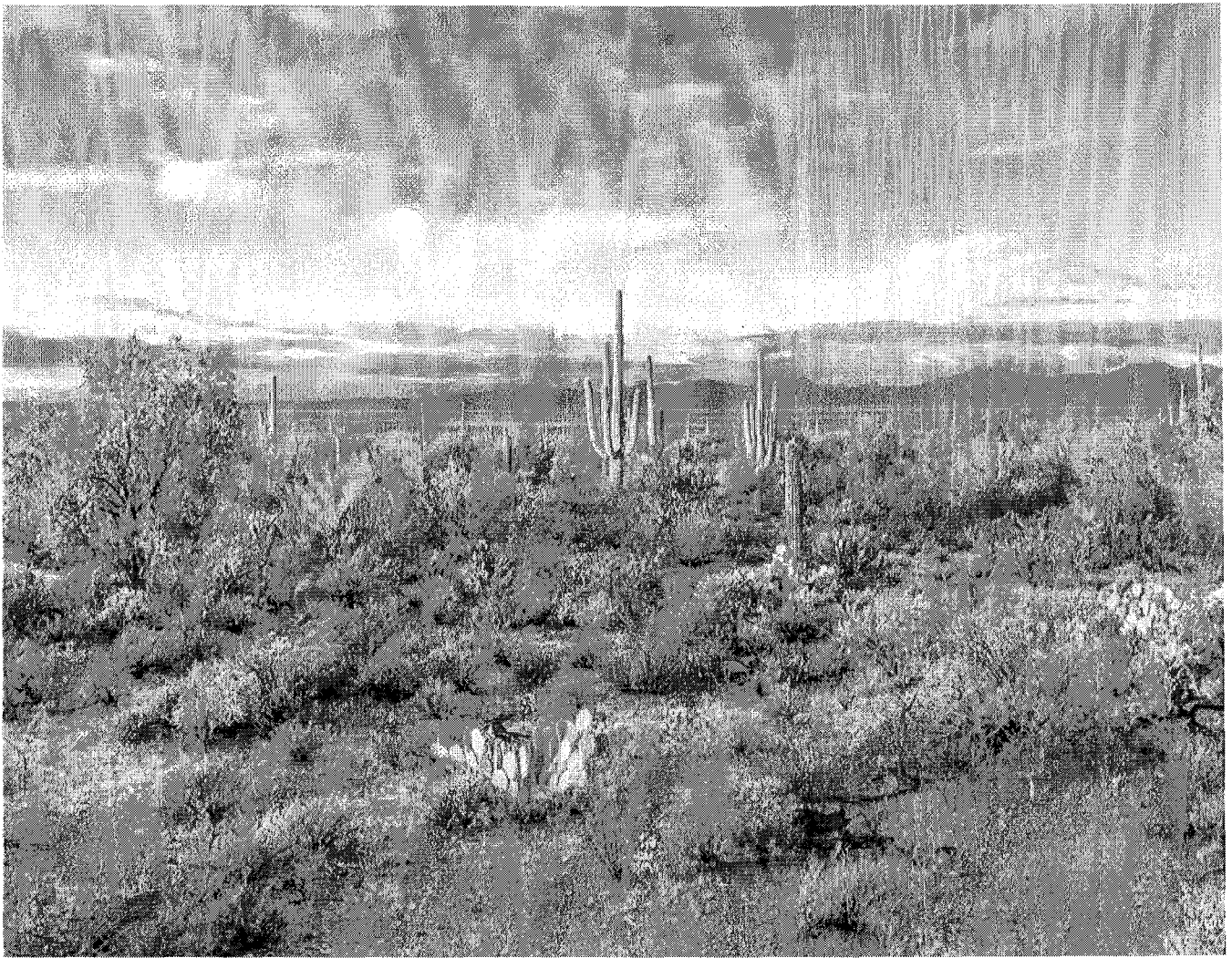
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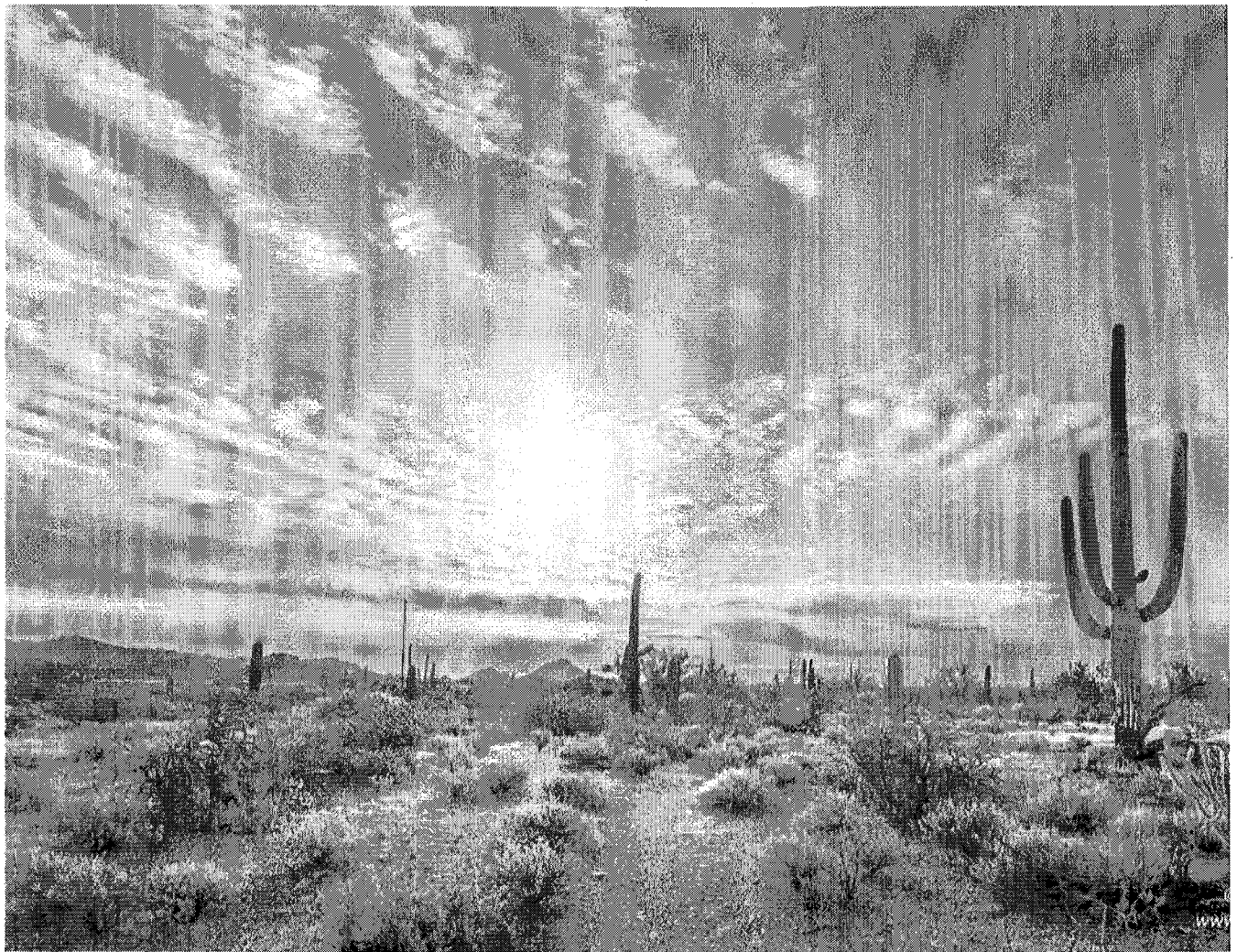
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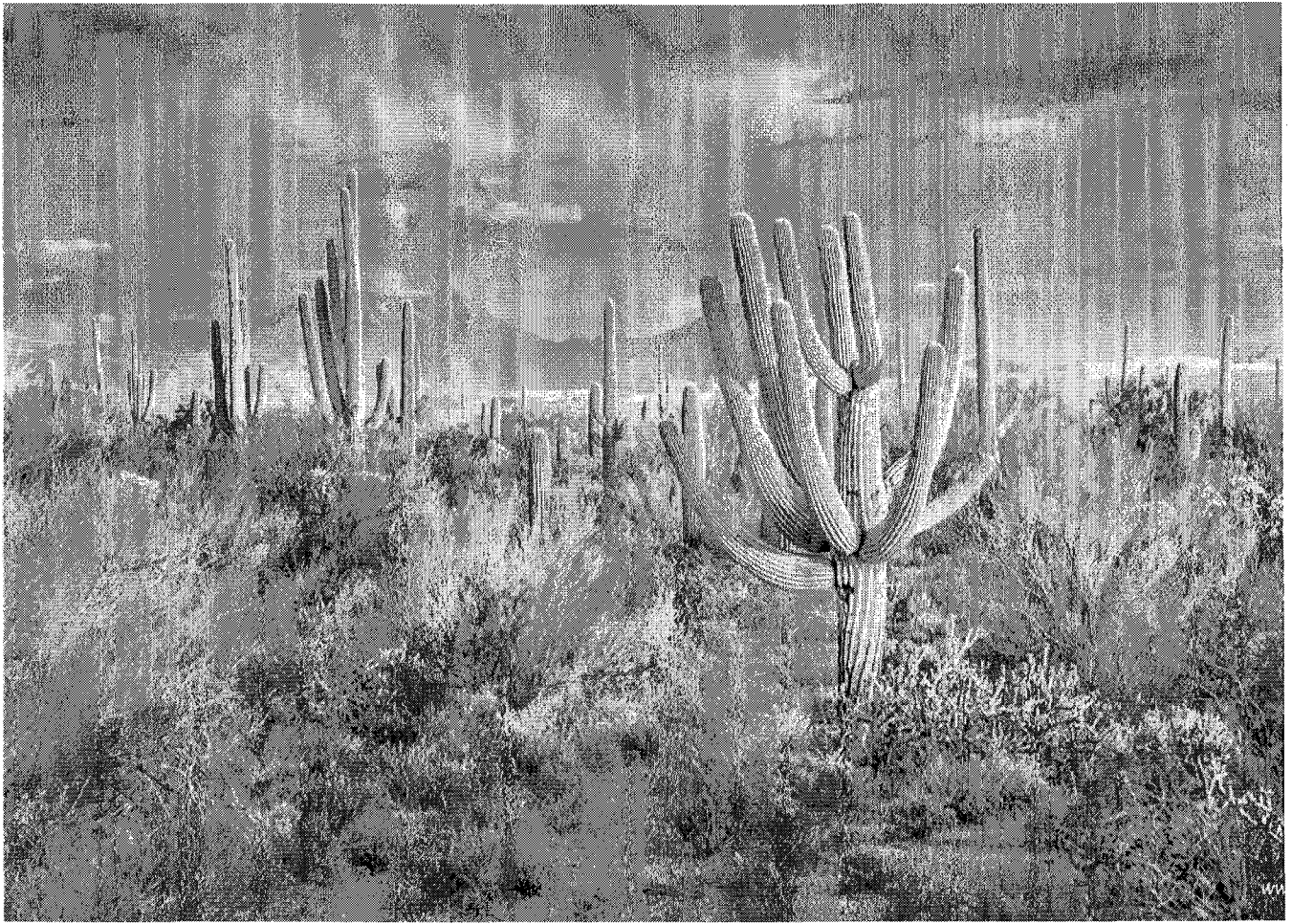
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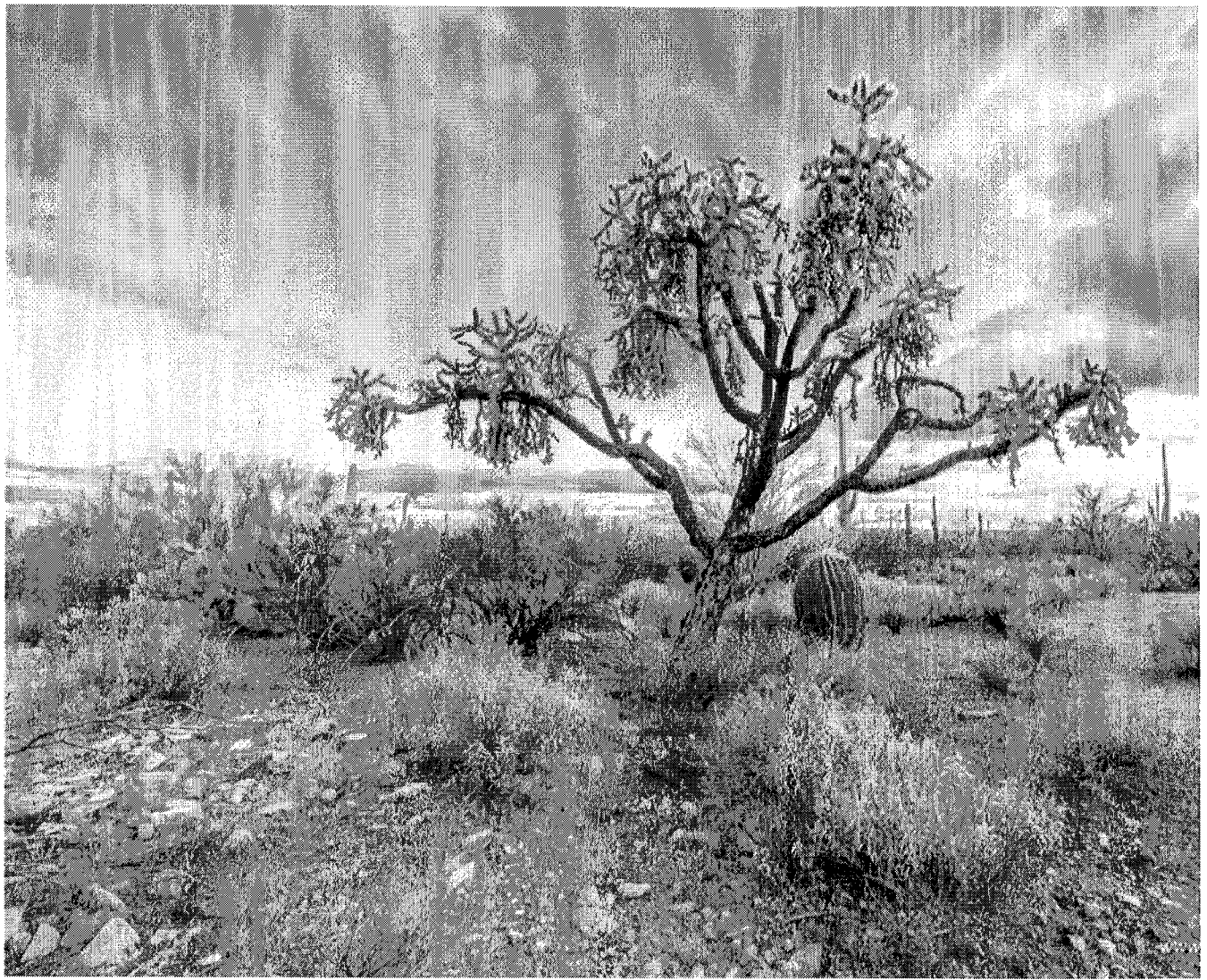
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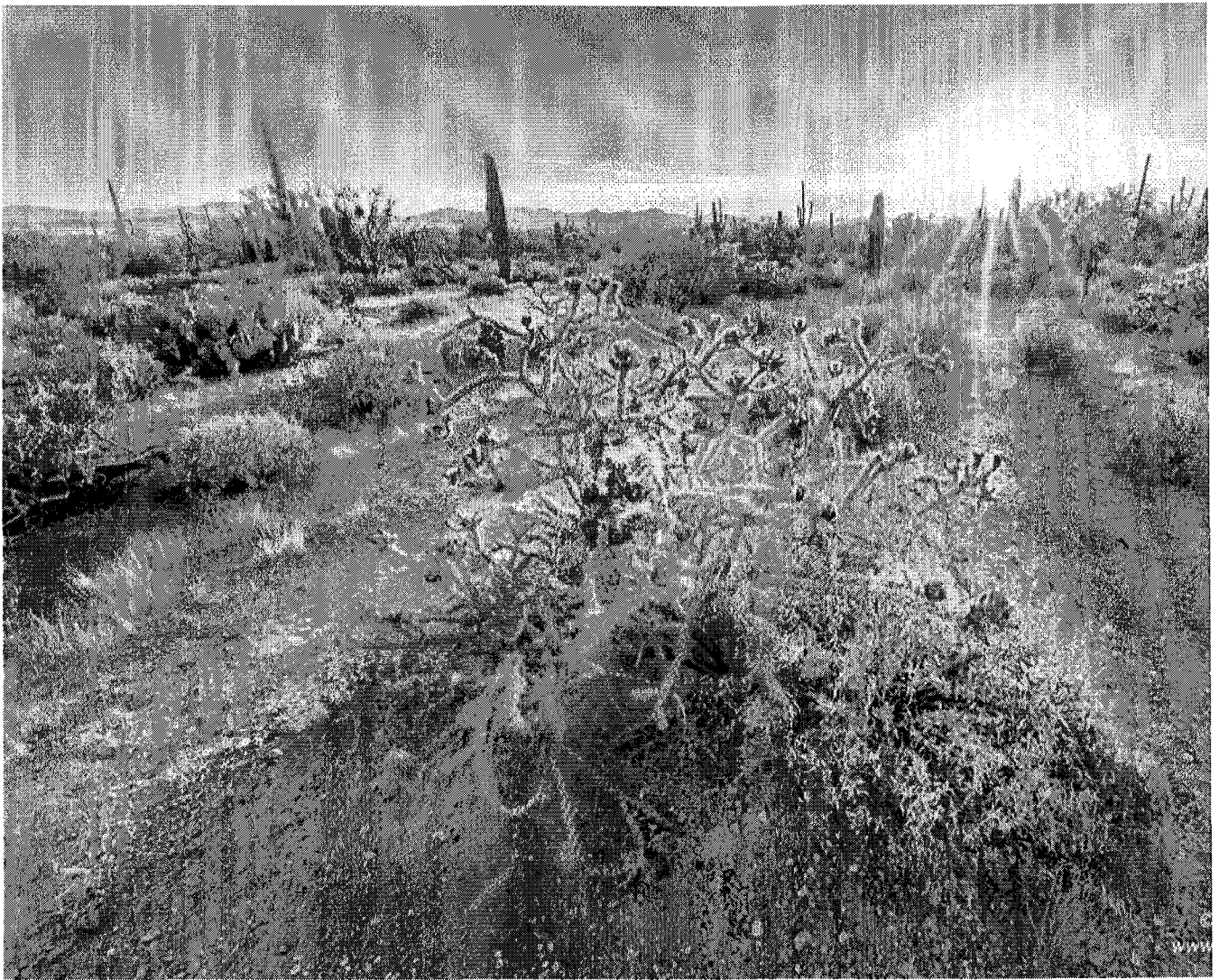
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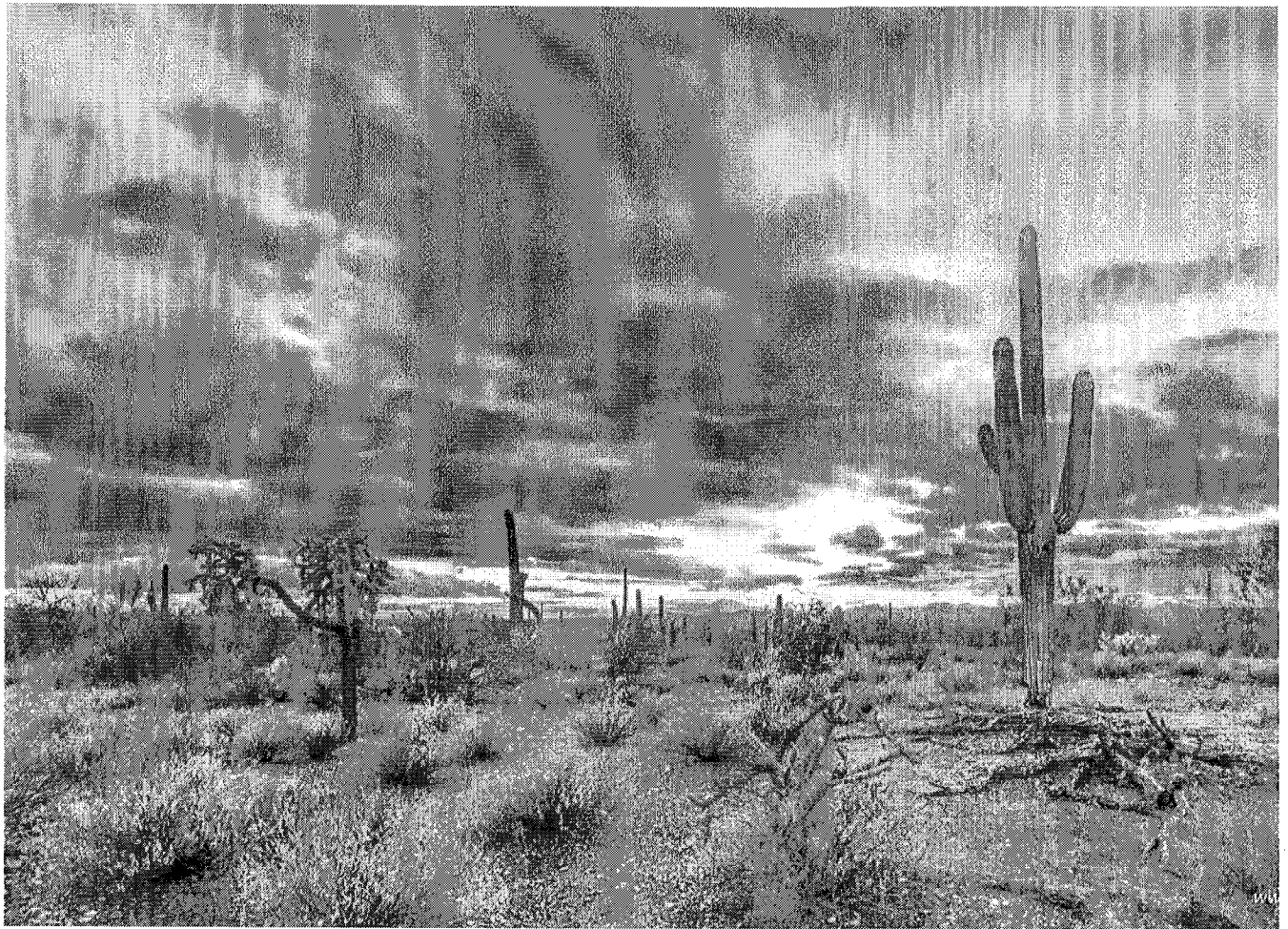


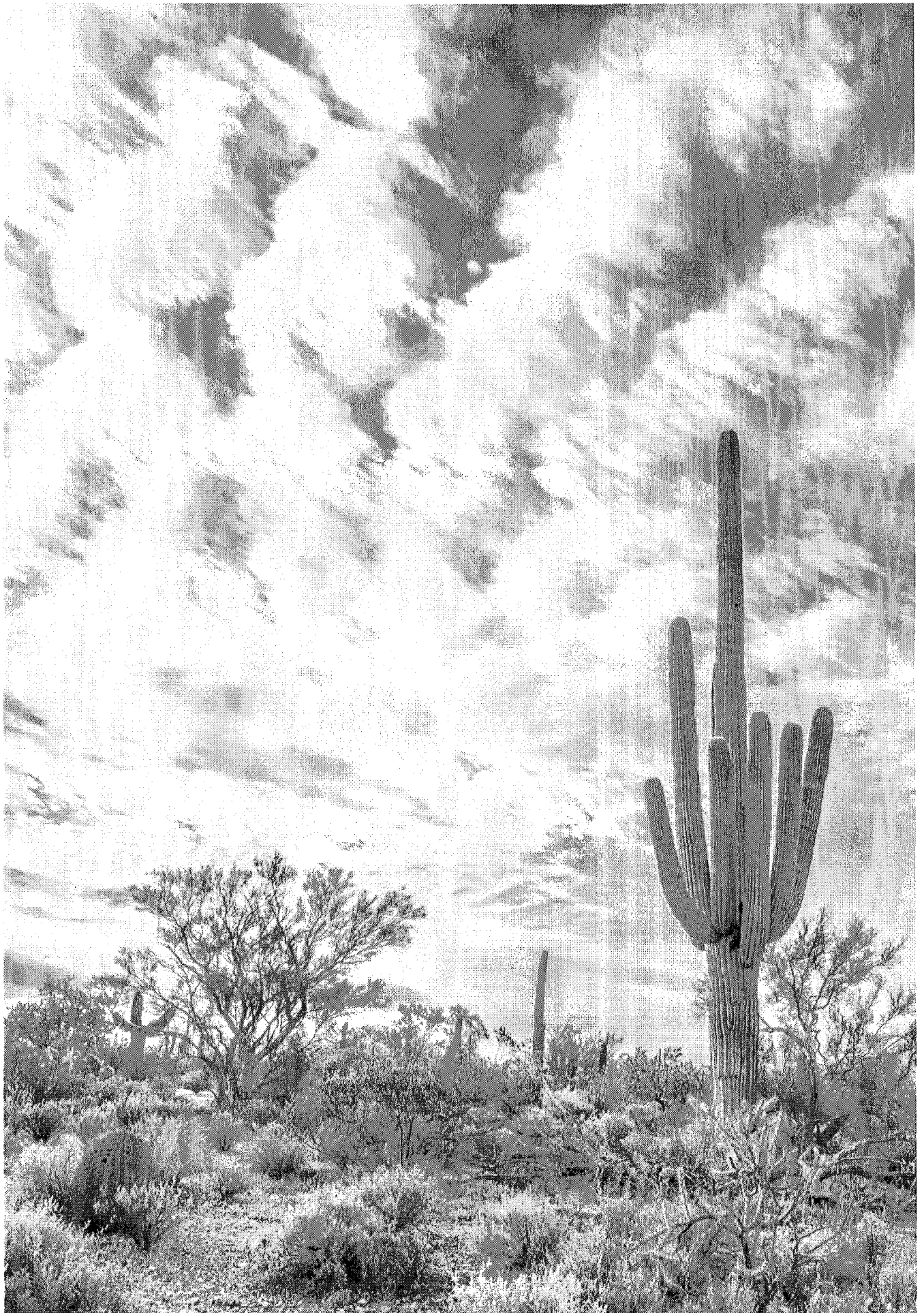


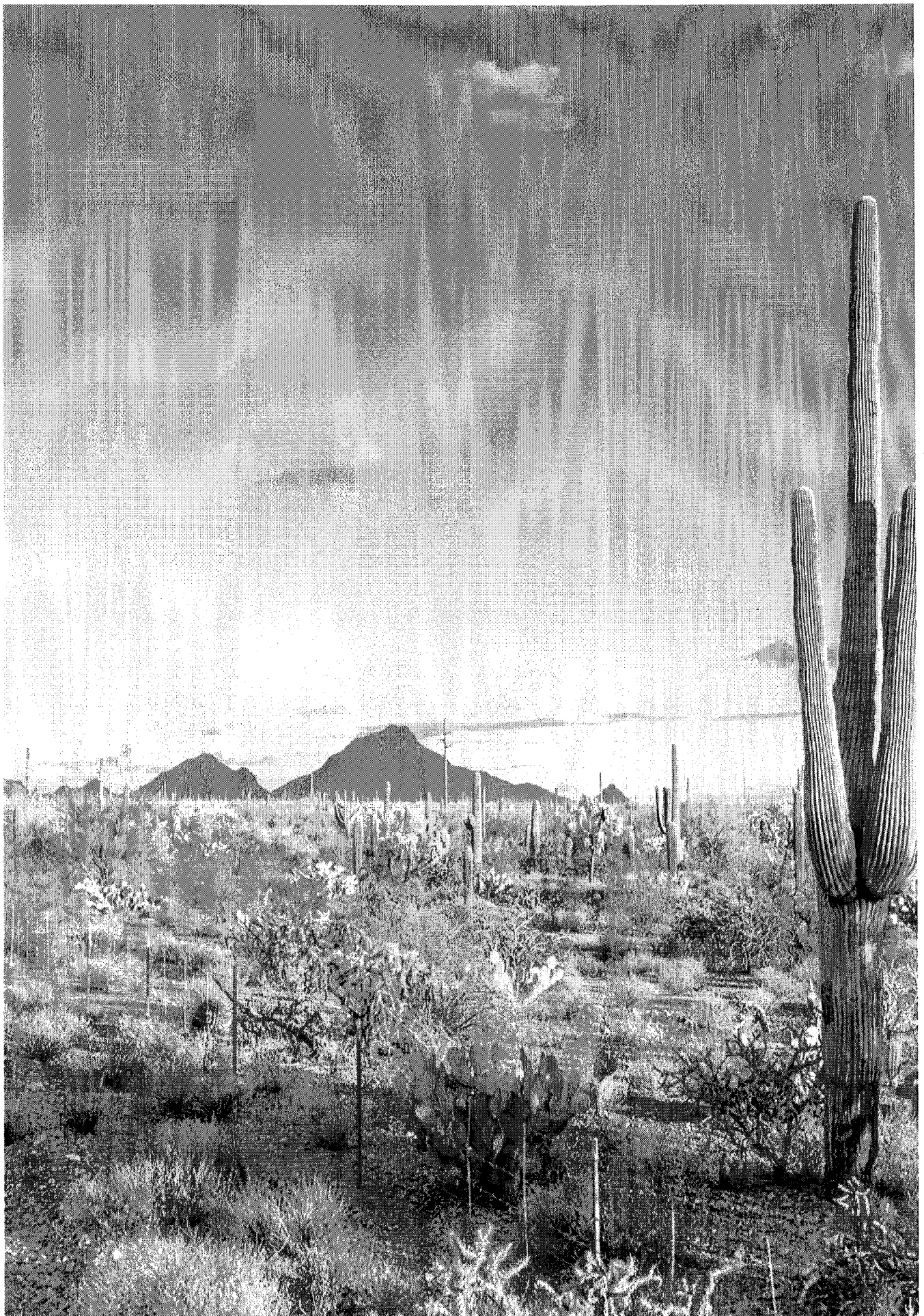


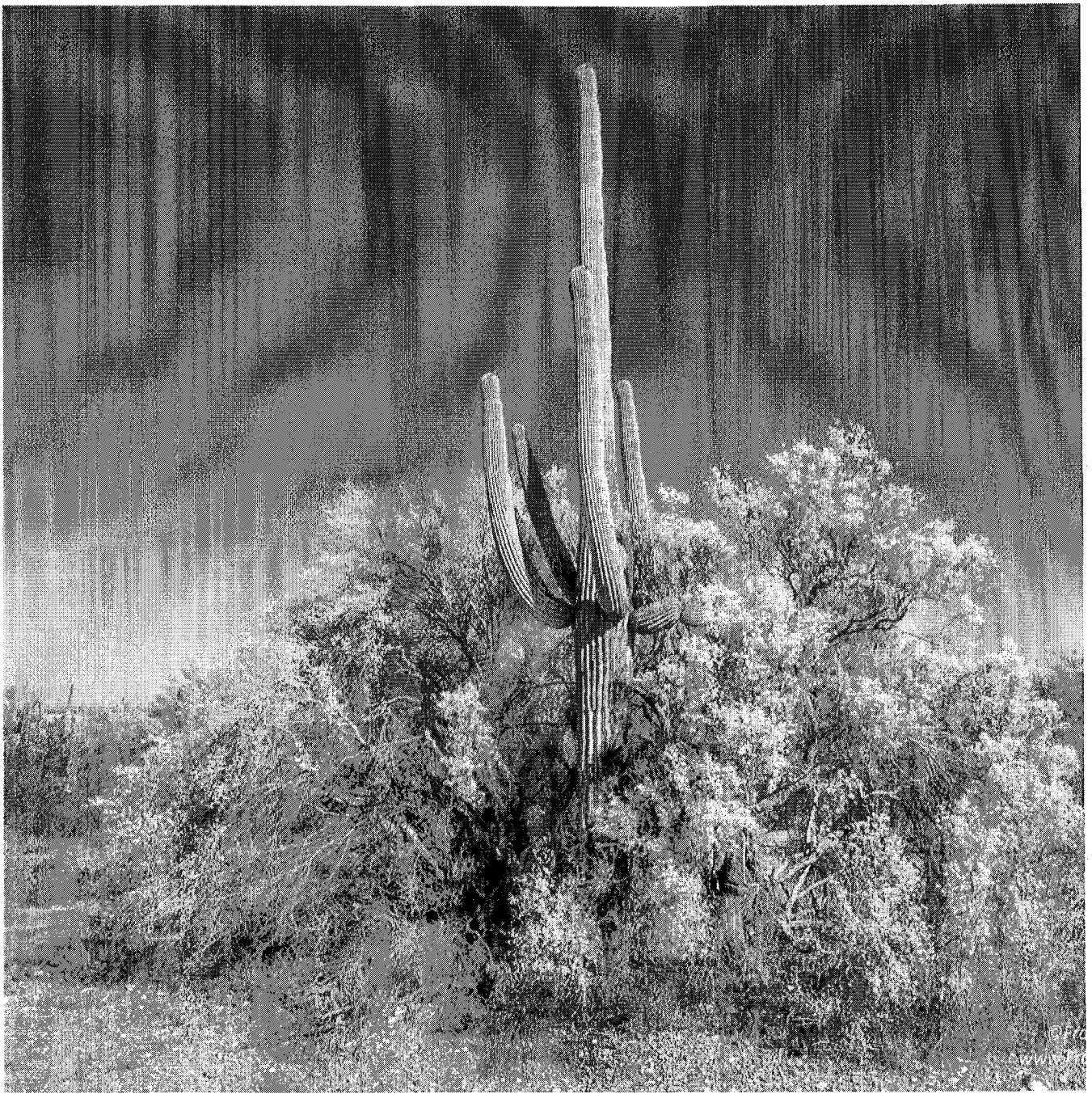


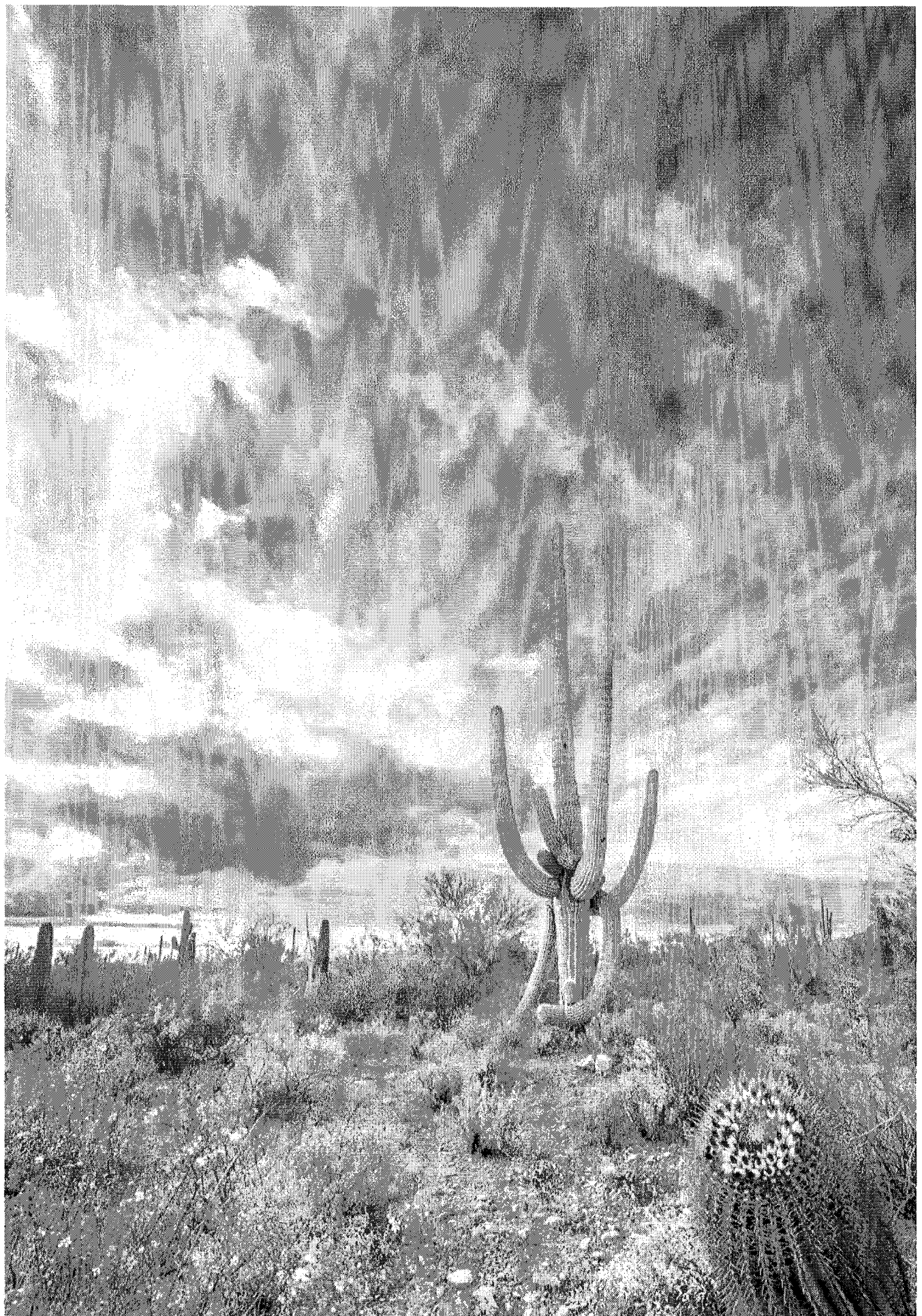












If interstate 11 is built west of the Tucson Mountains it would pass through some or all of these scenes, all of which show unspoiled desert areas within the proposed western I-11 corridor.

That would not only be a tragedy for Pima County, but also for the world because it would forever damage the rural and natural character of some of America's great landscapes.

I hope you will use the strongest language possible to oppose Interstate 11 through Avra Valley and Picture Rocks.

If you would like to see additional pictures of what would be lost if Interstate 11 is built away from the existing interstates go to: <https://www.frankstaub.com/Folders/Here-Today-Projects-I-11-Bike-Ranch-Villages-at-Vigneto/Interstate-11-What-Would-be-Lost>

Thanks for your attention and thanks for this opportunity to express my opinion.

Frank Staub

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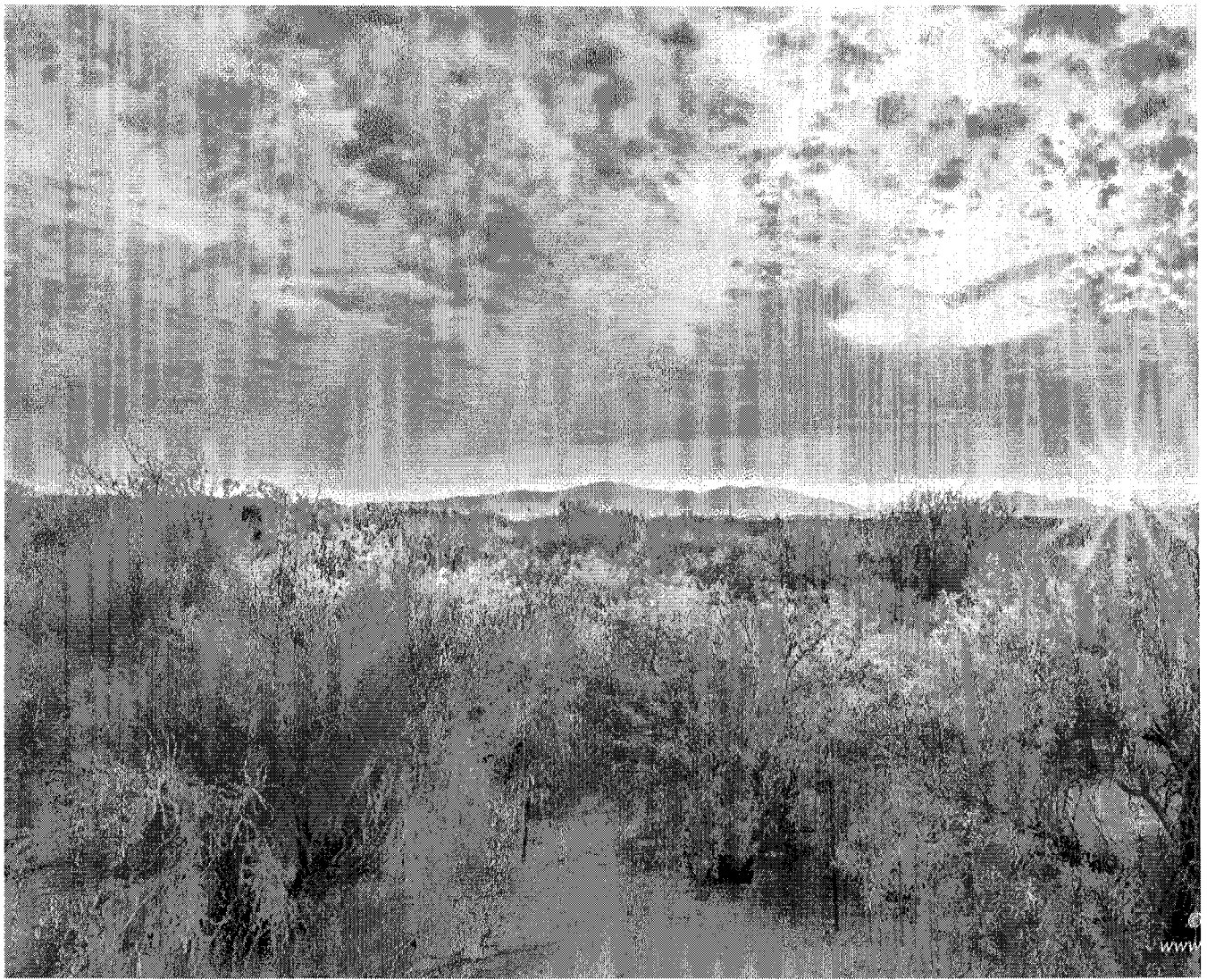
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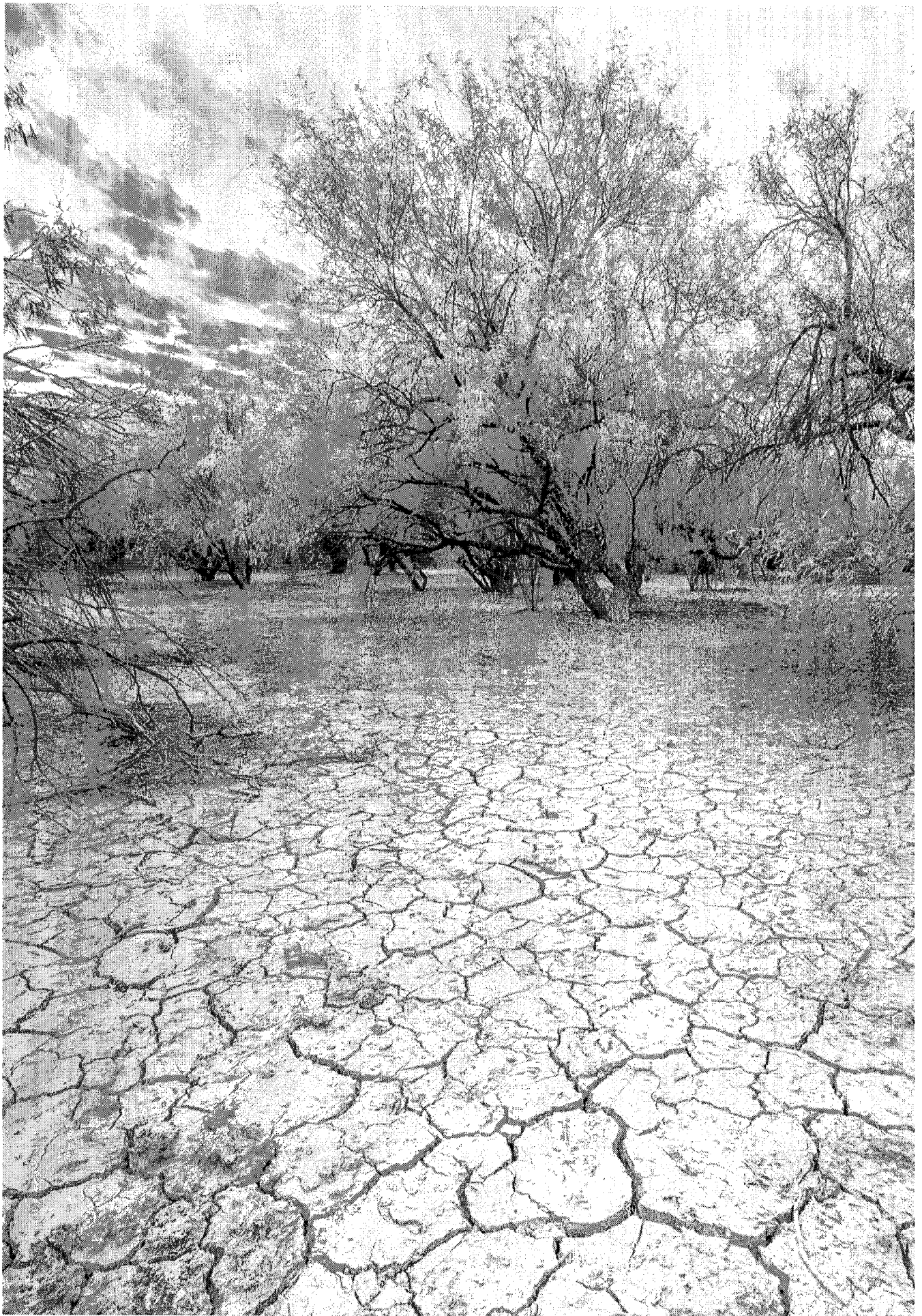
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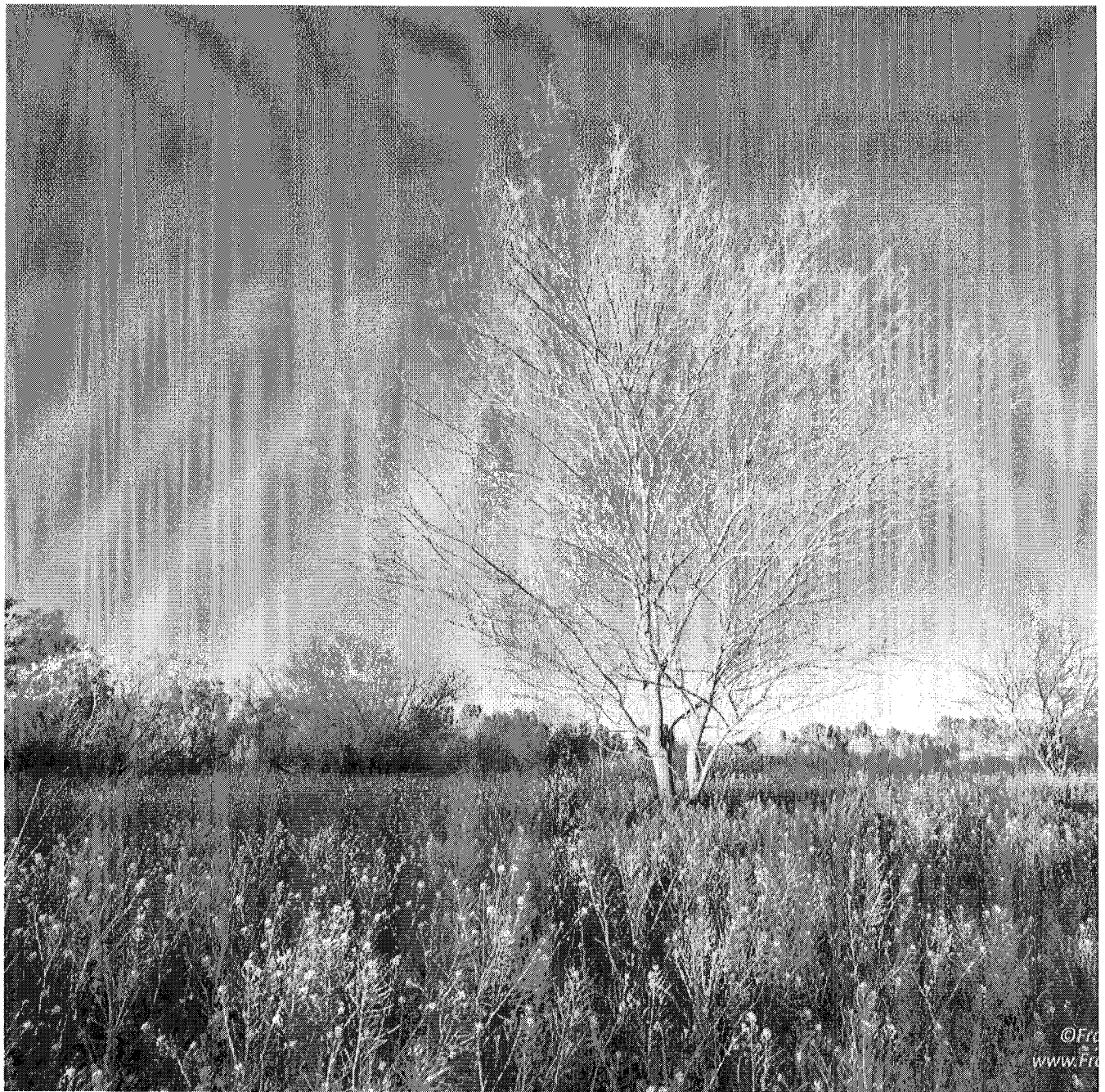
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As you probably know, riparian environments are vital parts of every terrestrial ecosystem. That's especially true in the desert.

Each of these scenes show riparian areas within the proposed western I-11 corridor in Pima County. The highway could do serious damage to each.

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If interstate 11 is built West of the Tucson Mountains it would cause some people to lose their homes, force others to live next to a noisy interstate, and destroy the rural character of a number of neighborhoods. At least one those scenarios fits the subjects in each of these photos, all of which were shot within the western I-11 corridor.

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