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Artist Statement 2025

“Recent Paintings”

My latest body of work was assembled during explorations by bicycle through Portland and the surrounding regions. I chose subjects, and scenes that struck me in the moment with their gritty ephemeral beauty.

These marginal places held some kind of magic for me as they sit in between being somewhere and nowhere all at once. All things are in some form of transformation, and I attempted to capture and document the state they were in at the time I was there.

There continues to be something mysterious and evocative in these places. Most were new, and some I have visited before. I'm fascinated by the stories they tell and what is left to the imagination. I hope that viewers will connect to these narratives and find interest in the spirit of my work.

-Roll Hardy

