

CLOUD PROJECT 1

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For my photographic project showing a cloud formation I chose a photo of an Altocumulus-lenticularis. The picture was not very planned because my little knowledge of cloud types but eye for photography. So before I hopped into my car a couple of Wednesdays ago, I noticed that the cloud were particularly beautiful. With no actual camera with me, I grabbed my iPhone and took a picture of the darkening sky. I took about three photos but that first was the one I chose to present to class.

I chose this photo because it had the most natural balance of composition and color. As I downloaded the photo onto my computer, I almost dragged it into photoshop for editing. However, soon after looking at it on a bigger screen I decided it had a real natural and genuine beauty. Even to go as far as leaving the little telephone poles protruding at the bottom of the image. I can completely understand that viewers would think that these telephone poles are distracting and take away from the image; I tend to disagree because this photo, just like weather is something we people have no control over. I left the same amount of control in my editing as human beings have to manipulate clouds.

The type of cloud featured in my photograph is an Altocumulus-lenticularis. This cloud type is extremely common because of its position in the stratosphere and because it's stable condition. It's even more common because of its shape that forms from the mountains that produce them, and Boulder has no shortage of mountains nearby. The term lenticular stands for the lens shape that can often take form because of mountain winds and often accompany the stable Altocumulus. A beautiful cloud makes my photography that much easier, with that said I would like to thank this Altocumulus-lenticularis.