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Resides: Shoreline, Washington  
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*Canyon Travelers*  
Steelhead trout  
Oil, 12 x 24

*Steel head are a strong, handsome fish. They are admired by anglers for their ability to fight hard and jump often. I have fished for steel head in the coastal rivers of Washington state and Alaska. However, the fish depicted in "Canyon Travelers" have migrated hundreds of miles from the Pacific Ocean, up the Columbia River, to a tributary of the Snake River*

*in eastern Oregon. This sagebrush canyon land is very different than that of the damp, forested coast, and is the reason I chose this setting for "Canyon Travelers." I have used the dark evening shadows to hopefully create a mysterious, ghostly effect.*