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THE ICE AGE MAMMALS OF THE GREAT BASIN

At the end of the Ice Age, North America saw the extinction of a variety of often-huge mammals. Some are well-known to all, including mammoths, mastodons, and saber-toothed cats. Others are less famous though no less astonishing: armadillo-like animals the size of cars, beavers the size of bears, and pronghorns the size of collies. Thirty-six genera were lost by about 10,000 years ago. The Great Basin was not immune and 20 genera were lost. This presentation reviews these mammals and asks the following questions: when did these extinctions occur in the Great Basin?; how abundant were these animals on the landscape?; do we have evidence that the early peoples of the Great Basin saw any of them?; and if so, is there evidence that they hunted them, as occurred in other parts of North America? Some of these questions can now be answered but some cannot. For those that cannot, there may be ways to find out.

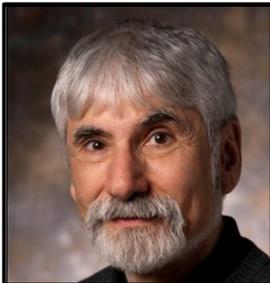


A free public lecture by
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