A mammoth tusk discovered at a Colorado ski resort led to a treasure trove of Ice Age fossils. Over 5,000 bones of 41 species of Ice Age animals, including mammoths, mastodons, ground sloths, camels, deer, horses, and giant bison were recovered. The site preserves a series of Ice Age fossil ecosystems rich in plants and is one of the most significant fossil discoveries ever made in Colorado. Learn how this discovery forever changes our understanding of alpine life in the ice age.

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