Famous Fossils of WA and OR

Credit: Ray Troll
What does it mean to be famous?

For People
• A lot of other people know you.
• Your were first or best at something.
• You were in movies or media.
• Your were historically significant

For Fossils
• There are many of you in multiple places
• You were discovered first or the only one of your kind.
• Your were in movies or media
• You are scientifically significant
Our State Fossils: common & significant

Columbian Mammoth

Metasequoia
First Dinosaur

Theropod from the San Juan Islands

Duckbill from 2 locations
Famous Places

Gingko Petrified Forest

John Day Fossil Beds
Famous First’s

The Clovis: Washington’s 1st people

Thomas Condon: Oregon’s 1st geologist
Movies or Media

Diatryma: large “killer bird”

Entelodonts: “terminator pig”
WA or OR
Earth History
For Teachers

Washington States Earth History
A teacher professional development program from theWashington Science Teachers Association

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