



515 N. MAIN STREET

APRIL 21, 2017 @ 7:30 P.M.

You are invited to spend the evening in Latah, learning about the Extinction of Mammoths and Mastodons near the End of the Pleistocene by Dr. Daniel Fisher.

Talk Description: Mammoths and mastodons, both of which were relatives of elephants, were once widely distributed over much of the Northern Hemisphere. However, they went extinct near the end of the Pleistocene Epoch, leaving the cause of their extinction as one of the enduring mysteries of paleontology. New insights emerging from the study of their tusks are now beginning to show what factors contributed most to their disappearance.

Bio: Daniel Fisher is on the faculty of the University of Michigan and is a Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences, Claude W. Hibbard Collegiate Professor of Paleontology, and the Curator and Director of the University's Museum of Paleontology. Dr. Fisher is also guest curator for the Field Museum's traveling exhibition, "Titans of the Ice Age: Mammoths and Mastodons," now showing at the Northwest Museum of Arts + Culture in Spokane. He was one of the international team of scientists to work with Lyuba, the best preserved baby mammoth ever found. His research on mammoth tusks has informed our understanding of mammoth life: for example, how well they ate, whether they grew well or poorly, and in which seasons this growth took place. Educationally, Dr. Fisher completed his undergraduate and graduate work in geological sciences at Harvard University, earning his Ph.D. in 1975.

Call Heidi @286-3471 if you have questions