The Beginnings of State-based Paleoamerican Archaeology in Washington:

Milestone Events and finds in the Southern Plateau that have Transformed our Knowledge and the Practice of Northwest Archaeology since then.

This public program is intended to emphasize the dynamic nature of the archaeology discipline, and both of its scientific and humanistic aspects, in the search for the earliest Americans. The main theme is to look at the start of the search for PaleoAmerican sites at State and local levels, and to identify key milestone events that have balanced these aspects over the past 70 years.

As a Plateau Archaeologist specialist, I have chosen to discuss four geographical archaeological sites as examples from the southern Columbia Plateau of eastern Washington: Lind Coulee Site, Marmes Rockshelter, Ritchey Clovis cache, and the Paglieri Locality. These examples will show how scientific knowledge of NW archaeology has changed dramatically since its State-based start; how new technical methods have improved our knowledge and predictability for finding these kinds of sites; how the emergence of museum conservation and preservation standards for State-based curation of archaeological collections have preserved recovered archaeological collections; how enforceable laws at State and Federal levels have improved protection for eroded and exposed buried cultural resources; how the Federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act, and the Kennewick Man find, have widened dialogue and participation by concerned citizens, Native American tribes and bands, both young and elder persons in archaeology, and promoted general public awareness.

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