

# Mammoth Sightings and Depictions Could be More Recent

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New evidence puts the extinction of mammoths closer to 5,600 years ago! This means that some of the depictions in Utah could be closer to 6,000 years old verses 10,000 years old. These images could have been recorded by direct observation or passed down by oral tradition and recorded a few to many generations later.

*Timing and causes of mid-Holocene mammoth extinction on St. Paul Island, Alaska:* as recorded in PNAS vol. 113 no. 33, Proceeding of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America

Russell W. Graham, 9310–9314, doi: 10.1073/pnas.1604903113

“St. Paul Island, Alaska, is famous for its late-surviving population of woolly mammoth. The puzzle of mid-Holocene extinction is solved via multiple independent paleoenvironmental proxies that tightly constrain the timing of extinction to  $5,600 \pm 100$  y ago.”



Also posted in *Western Digs: Woolly Mammoths Survived on Alaska Island Until Just 5,600 Years Ago, New Study Shows*

## Utah Mammoth Depictions

- 1) Depictions from Utah which were based on direct observation or only passed down through oral tradition a few generations.**

From Dinosaur National Monument

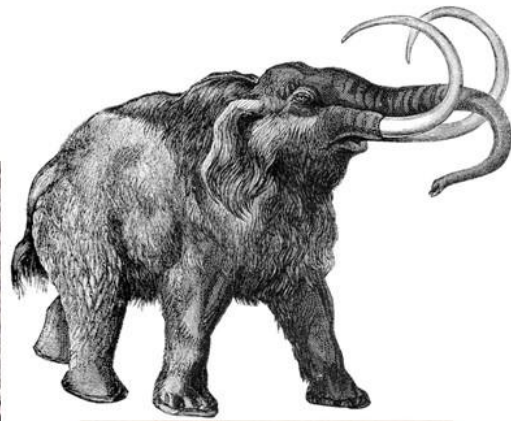
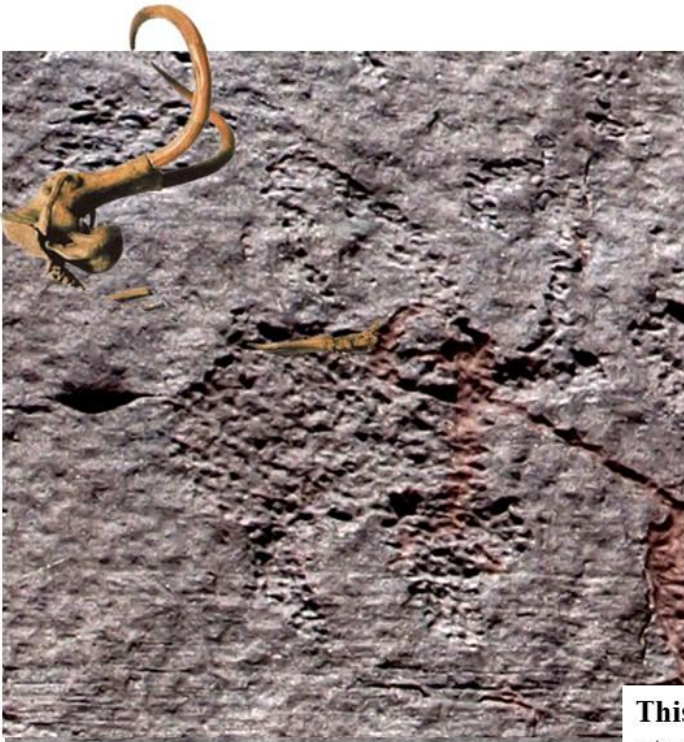


Photo by: Shivaya CoyoteVarlet Castle

Photo from Southern Utah



# Mammoth



This glyph of a man was superimposed at a much later date (only visible when sun directly on glyph)

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## 2) Depictions most likely passed down many generations by oral tradition.

The following first two images are very similar in that they are not perfect anatomically regarding the tusks. This indicates that they were interpreted by using the direct observation of living animals at the time of depiction.

Notable is the tusks which are positioned more like horns, which they would have been familiar with.

I recently checked another very old mammoth looking image I had photographed many years ago, and found that there was a strong resemblance to my more recently found mammoth hunting scene. The animal also has a large body with smaller animals in close proximity, an extended nose (trunk) and a line under the scene. This reinforces the idea that this was an animal passed down in oral tradition.





Mammoth hunting scene below



Another very old depiction I recorded with a trunk.





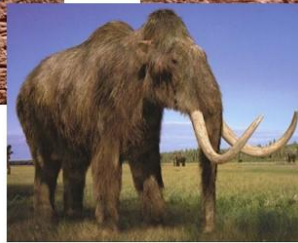
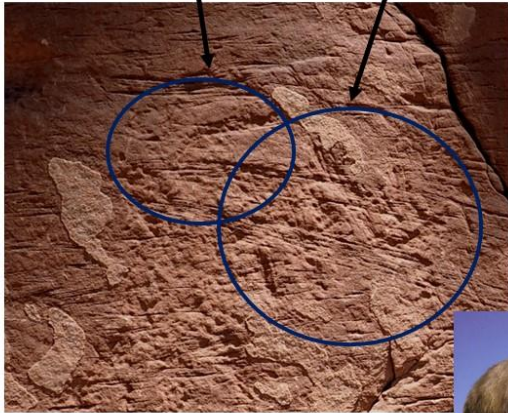
### **3) Other possible depictions**

There is even a crude animal depiction, which could be of a mammoth, since it is within ½ mile of the hunting scene depiction.



Looks like later the  
other end was  
converted to an extinct  
pronghorn

Woolly Mammoth  
looking



Hair



Trunk and  
tusk?

In addition, there was a glyph, high on a cliff face petroglyph panel, which bothered me for several years until I realized the glyph looked like an elephant trunk.



## Another Unique Panel High on a Cliff Face with possible Mammoth Depiction

