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ICE AGE MAMMALS TRAVELING EXHIBIT MOVES TO MONTREAL

WHITEHORSE – Nearly 100,000 visitors viewed the Ice Age Mammals exhibit while at the Canadian Museum of Nature in Ottawa this year. The traveling display is now on display at the Montreal Science Centre.

The Yukon Beringia Interpretive Centre, Canadian Museum of Nature, Royal Tyrrell Museum, and the Montreal Science Centre created the exhibit in partnership.

“Attendance for the Ice Age Mammals exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Nature is very encouraging,” said Tourism and Culture Minister Elaine Taylor. “The interest and excitement in Yukon’s and Canada’s Ice Age history has never been higher.”

The 4,000 square foot interactive and educational traveling Ice Age Mammal exhibit shows the dramatic effects of environmental changes over the past two million years. The exhibit explores the mammals that existed until the end of the last great Ice Age. The exhibit features educational interactive games that challenge visitors to discover the science behind Ice Age research and ancient Beringia.

Many of the specimens on display in the exhibit are from the Yukon. The images of Yukon’s paleo-realist artist George “Rinaldino” Teichmann are featured prominently throughout the exhibit. An exhibit of Teichmann’s work will also be on display June 16 to September 4, 2006, at the Montreal Science Centre.

“We are very proud of this exhibit,” said Taylor. “It has been nominated for an award from the Canadian Science Centre Association and it is generating awareness of Yukon and its unique heritage.”

The Montreal exhibit includes learning opportunities and games that will challenge visitors to discover the species from the bones of an extinct animal. It also features characters and excerpts from the award-winning 2002 animated family movie “Ice Age”.

The exhibit is on display at the Montreal Science Centre until March 2007. The traveling exhibit will later be displayed here in Yukon, raising awareness and increasing interest in the Yukon and our Ice Age history.

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