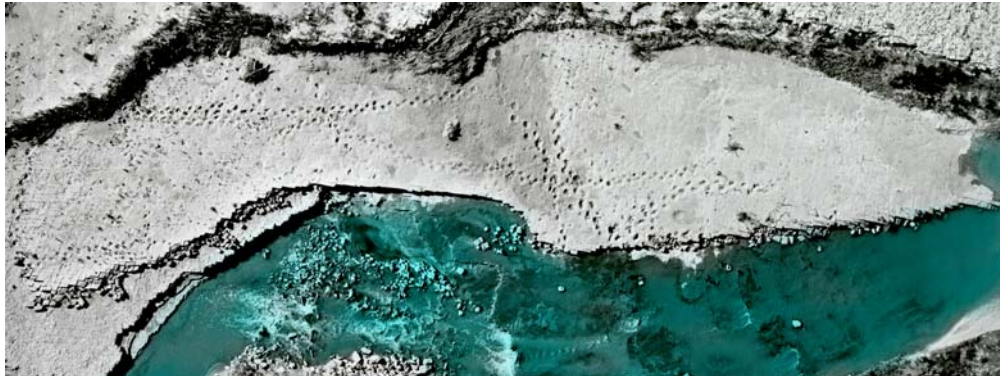


# Comanche National Grassland, Timpas Unit

## *Paleontological Resources*

- The Comanche NG contains a wealth of fossil remains from plants, shelled animals, sharks, bony fishes, marine reptiles, and dinosaurs.
  1. The **Purgatoire River** dinosaur tracksite, the largest assemblage of dinosaur trackways in North America. Naturally exposed over the last several centuries by the erosive action of the river, this site preserves evidence of social and other forms of behavior in dinosaurs 150 million years ago. (Photo: aerial view of site).



2. The **Last Chance** dinosaur quarry contains the partial remains of at least three long necked brontosaurus, large plant eaters of the Jurassic Period. The 30 huge bones so far recovered are being conserved and interpreted in partnership with the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. [Photo: lying alongside a 7 ft shoulder blade (*left*), unearthing a series of tail vertebrae (*center*), removing a large leg bone in plaster jacket (*right*)].

