

## **Goetz Archaeological Site**

National Elk Refuge/Wyoming

In 1972, evidence of a bison kill and several pre-European contact Native American weapons and tools were found on National Elk Refuge. Through excavation, archaeologists have discovered that at least four bison were killed at this site about 800 years ago and found extensive site history spanning 9,000 years.

These types of finds facilitate ongoing work to understand the relationship between prehistoric groups and the environment (Figure 13). The site is eligible for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. Earthwatch International is a partner in this effort and the Service has provided a Challenge Cost Share grant for some of the work. The site is a logical draw for heritage tourism and educational activities.



**Figure 13. Excavations at the Goetz Archaeological Site**