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New Dinosaur Skull on Display at Carl Hayden Visitor Center

Page, Ariz. – The skull of a newly discovered dinosaur species is on display for a limited time at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center in Glen Canyon National Recreation Area. Called *Gryposaurus*, the dinosaur was the size of an elephant, standing 12 feet tall and weighing 3 tons.

Dating to the late Cretaceous Period, this 75- million year old plant- eater traveled in vast herds throughout North America. *Gryposaurus* dinosaurs are sometimes called the “cows of the Cretaceous,” because other dinosaurs, including Tyrannosaurus, preyed upon them.

The *Gryposaurus* specimen was discovered on the Kaiparowits Plateau in the Grand Staircase- Escalante National Monument in 2002. Dozens of other dinosaurs and other reptiles have also been excavated from the Grand Staircase- Escalante, and from lands within Glen Canyon National Recreation Area.

The 3- foot skull is on display through mid- July at the Carl Hayden Visitor Center, located at the Glen Canyon Dam near Page, Arizona. The specimen is on loan to the Carl Hayden Visitor Center courtesy of the Bureau of Land Management.

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