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**DEM BONES:** Wesley Linster, Paleontologist for Maxilla and Mandible Int., brushes dirt off the bones of Naomi, a 47.5 million year-old sauropod dinosaur that was recently discovered just outside of Ten Sleep in a multi-species quarry.

## Dino graveyard produces another rare find



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TEN SLEEP — Naomi, another ancient giant that is being unearthed at the dinosaur dig site outside of Ten Sleep, is a sauropod from the Upper Jurassic Morrison Formation and could be up to 90 feet in length, according to Wesley Linster, paleontologist for Maxilla and Mandible Int., the company overseeing the dig.

Henry Galiano, owner and founder of Maxilla and Mandible Int. said he was very excited about the recent find.

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"The fossil skeleton we are excavating now, may be one of the finest complete sauropod dinosaurs ever discovered, and may reach between 70 and 90 feet in length when assembled. An important aspect is that it is mostly preserved in articulation," said Galiano.

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At the Ten Sleep dinosaur quarry, located on a farm 15 miles northwest of town, Linster pointed out vertebrate, and other various bones that belong to the giant sauropod. Linster, who nicknames the dinosaurs that he is digging out, named this sauropod Naomi, after the supermodel Naomi Campbell because of its long legs.

The partially exposed sauropod lay naked under the glaring sun for the first

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**Vital Statistics****BIRTHS**

None reported.

**DEATHS**

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**MARRIAGE****LICENSES**

None reported.

**DIVORCE ACTIONS**

None reported.

**AMBULANCE CALLS**

None reported.

**FIRE CALLS**

None reported.

**WEATHER**

Worland

temperatures: High 88, Low 55.

Precipitation: 0.00

Thursday... Mostly sunny. Highs around 90. West winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday night...

Mostly clear. Lows around 60. Southwest winds around 15 mph after midnight.

Friday... Mostly sunny. Breezy. Highs 88 to 92. Southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.

Friday night... Breezy. Mostly clear. Lows near 60.

Saturday... Mostly sunny in the morning...Then partly

time in nearly 150 million years. Its head, shoulder and leg still embedded in several feet of rock. A jackhammer and other tools lay scattered about in the pit, and the sound of picks and trowels scraping away earth could be heard in the quarry.

Linster said he has spent the last two summers in Ten Sleep helping to unearth dinosaurs. Recently, he and other paleontologists uncovered Einstein, the Brontosaurus with a brain, an Apatosaurus that was unearthed with a nearly complete braincase making it a scientifically significant find. Not a month later, Linster found an Allosaurus and then the giant sauropod he is digging up now.

"It was pretty nice to find another dinosaur, especially in this great of shape and quality. In the 18 years I have been doing this, I have never dug on a dinosaur that has been articulated the way this one is," said Linster.

Sauropod, a dinosaur marked by its large size, long neck and tail, four-legged stance and an herbivorous diet, was among the largest of all dinosaurs and land animals that ever lived said Linster.

Well-known species of sauropod include Apatosaurus (Brontosaurus), Diplodocus and Brachiosaurus. The word 'sauropod' means 'lizard foot' in Greek. The genera of the specimen at the Ten Sleep quarry has yet to be identified but Linster said they would know more as they continue to unearth Naomi.

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**ANCIENT FIND:** Above from left are Uwe Krautwarst, a geological consultant and expert in sedimentology, Rabea Lillich, Krautwarst's assistant and seasonal volunteer at the site and resident paleontologist Wesley Linster. In the foreground, the sauropod nicknamed Naomi can be seen, her bones twisted and stark, exposed for the first time in 147.5 million years.