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Eighty-three stone tools arranged carefully in a cache were discovered by landscapers in a front yard in Boulder, Colorado. The careful arrangement may mean they were deliberately buried for future use when their creators visited the site again. The people who planned ahead were of the Clovis culture, which lived 13,000-15,000 years ago.

Only a handful of such caches have been found. The tools of one, from Washington State, were biochemically analyzed to determine what animals they killed and butchered. Analysis of the Boulder tools show that the Clovis people hunted camels, horses, sheep, and bears, as well as mammoths, something that was not definitely known until now. [ε](#)

Reference:

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