

## Smithsonian T-Rex reveal delayed by shutdown

The government shutdown from October 1 through October 17 caused a delay in the delivery of a *Tyrannosaurus rex* skeleton scheduled to be revealed at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History on National Fossil Day, October 16, 2013. The fossil, discovered in Montana, is one of the most complete *T. rex* skeletons ever recovered and was meant to be the main attraction at the annual Earth Science Week event. The Army Corps of Engineers was unable to transport the nearly 80% complete fossil because key staff were furloughed. Additionally, the National Mall and Smithsonian Museums were closed during the scheduled time of the event. Consequently, the *T. Rex* revealing has been postponed until the spring.

Sources: Smithsonian, National Park Service

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