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Abstract

The open-air site of Byuza II was discovered in 2014 in the course of prospecting works in the northern part of the Krasnoyarsk Reservoir area. The site is situated on the Byuza river, which is a left tributary of the Yenisei. Byuza II is located on the left bank of the river, near the estuary. A representative inventory of surface finds, including cores (conical, wedged-shaped, etc.) and tools (end-scrapers, side-scrapers, burins, choppers), was collected on the offshore bar and in test pits. The stratigraphic position of the cultural layer points to its Early Holocene age, which corresponds to the period of the Palaeolithic to Mesolithic transition. Judging by the character of stone inventory, Byuza II could have been either a short-term workshop/habitation site or a specialized workshop area of a larger settlement.

Keywords: Middle Siberia, Krasnoyarsk Reservoir, Byuza II, Early Holocene, Early Mesolithic, stone inventory.

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