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Jesse Byock, “The Mosfell and Leiruvogur Archaeological Projects”

This talk offers an overview of the ongoing Mosfell Archaeological Project (MAP) in Mosfellsdalur (The Mosfell Valley) and the new Leiruvogur Harbor Research Project in Leiruvogur Bay at the coastal mouth of the Mosfell Valley. Mosfellsdalur, the surrounding highlands, and the lowland coastal areas are a valley system. Beginning in the ninth-century settlement or *landnám* period, this interlocking series of natural and man-made pieces developed into a functioning Icelandic community of the Viking Age. Focusing on this valley system, we have set as our task to unearth the prehistory and early history of the Mosfell region. We seek the data to provide an in-depth understanding of how this countryside or sveit evolved from its earliest origins.