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Notice to Southwestern Archaeologists: New Tree-ring Dating Pricing Structure

On November 1, 2004, the Dendroarchaeology section of the Laboratory of Tree-ring Research implemented its first rate change in more than a decade. This structure allowed principal investigators and project directors to more precisely plan for the costs of dendrochronological analysis. Unfortunately, due to severe university budget cuts and substantially increased health care and university administrative costs, we now find it necessary to revise our rate structure again five years later. We do not take this step lightly, but must increase our rates if we are to survive and remain the only source of archaeological tree-ring dates in the Southwest.

Therefore, as of March 1, 2010, archaeological tree-ring dating costs will be:

- All submissions will be assessed a minimum charge of \$300; a \$30 per sample analysis charge is included in the minimum charge for the first 10 samples.
- 1-10 samples will cost \$300 (the minimum charge);
- 20 samples will cost \$600 (\$30 x 20);
- 30 samples will cost \$900 (30 x \$30);
- And so forth

As in decades past, our policy will be to accept and process all submissions, funded or not. Without sufficient fee income, however, the archaeological dating program might have to be severely curtailed or even eliminated. We need to recover as much of the actual cost of analysis as possible, but also realize that certain specific circumstances (no or limited funding, an unusually large number of samples, etc.) may prohibit the full recovery of costs. Therefore, charges for individual accessions remain negotiable depending on available funds and other factors. Please contact us about financial arrangements before submitting samples for dendrochronological analysis.

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A return shipping fee of \$20 will be assessed for uncatalogued samples returned to the submitter.