

1 SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

2 Functional Characteristics

3 This study used 12 characters to define the ecological roles of organisms in ancient reef
4 environments. The characters are listed in bold with a brief description of why each is included.
5 Characters states are in italics with an explanation for how to code for each character. In some
6 instances, an organism may fall into more than one state and was coded as the state in which the
7 organism spends the majority of its time. Colonial organisms were coded based on colony
8 characteristics. Based on Novack-Gottshall (2007) and Dineen et al. (2014).

9 **1. Substrate Composition** – Describes what type of surfaces an organism can live
10 on and whether it can build (encrust) on other organisms. *Biotic* describes organisms that can
11 attach to any living or dead material produced by other organisms. *Lithic* describes organisms
12 that predominantly attach to inorganic surfaces. *Either* describes organisms that show no or equal
13 preferences. (0) Biotic; (1) Lithic; (2) Either
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15 **2. Substrate Attachment** – Organisms can have a solid connection to their substrate
16 or move around their environment freely. *Attached* organism will have holdfasts or other
17 attachment apparatus to keep them stationary in their environments. *Free-living* organism do not
18 attach to substrate at any time in their adult forms. (0) Attached; (1) Free-living
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20 **3. Substrate Microhabitat** – Organisms can stratify themselves to utilize a greater
21 proportion of their environment. As a result, they either disturb the sediment or retard water flow
22 in their immediate environment. *Erect* means that the organism extends their body or appendages
23 into the water column a significant distance. *Epifaunal* means the organism remains within the
24 benthic environment and does not extend into the water column. *Infaunal* describes organisms
25 that burrow into their substrate. (0) Erect; (1) Epifaunal; (2) Infaunal
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27 **4. Sediment Consolidation Ability** – Organisms that cause sediment to collect or
28 form around them will be more likely to produce the large topographic relief necessary for reef
29 formation. This can occur by the organism producing sticky material that glues together
30 sediment, buildup of material from dead skeletons, or by baffling moving seawater to cause
31 sediment to deposit in the area. *High* consolidating organisms produce large amounts of
32 topographic relief. *Low* consolidating organisms do not produce large relief. (0) High; (1) Low
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34 **5. Mobility** – Organisms that move around their habitats will affect a greater area
35 within their ecosystem compared to those that cannot move. *Sessile* organism cannot move in
36 their adult stage. *Vagile* organism can move throughout their lifecycle. (0) Sessile; (1) Vagile
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38 **6. Condition of Food** – This character refers to the form of an organism's food,
39 regardless of how this food is collected and processed. Organisms that collect the same type of
40 food may be in competition with one another. *Incorporeal* organisms are able to produce food
41 within their own bodies by combining the needed chemical molecules. *Particle* refers to

42 organisms that eat indiscriminate organic material. *Bulk* refers to organisms that eat all or part of
43 macroscopic organisms. (0) Incorporal; (1) Particle; (2) Bulk

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45 **7. Feeding Habit** – Describes how an organism collects and manipulates food.
46 *Ambient* feeders collect raw inorganic material needed to produce their own food sources
47 internally. *Filter* feeders select and pick out organic material from the water column. *Deposit*
48 feeders sift through loose sediment to select out organic or decaying material. *Mass* feeders
49 gather resources by either consuming portions of, or attaching to, other organisms. (0) Ambient;
50 (1) Filter; (2) Deposit; (3) Mass

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52 **8. Diet** – Organisms can breakdown food via different metabolic pathways and
53 consume food of different nutritional value. *Autotrophs* produce their resources by
54 photosynthesis. *Microbivores* consume microscopic organisms. *Carnivores* consume food as
55 predators. (0) Autotroph; (1) Microbivore; (2) Carnivore

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57 **9. Feeding Energetics** – Organisms expend large amounts of energy while
58 collecting food. Organisms that expend less energy can therefore devote more energy reserves to
59 reproduction and defensive traits. *Passive absorption* organisms absorb their resources without
60 any external macroscopic appendages moving. Often this is done through cellular membranes.
61 *Passive entrainment* describes organisms that allow water to flow through their bodies and
62 internally separate fluid from their desired resource. *Active entrainment* describes organisms that
63 extend appendages (lophophores, mucus, tentacles) into the water column to collect their food.
64 *Active searching* denotes organisms that expend large amounts of time searching for and hunting
65 prey. (0) Passive absorption; (1) Passive entrainment; (2) Active entrainment; (3) Active
66 searching

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68 **10. Rigidity** – Some organisms are more effective as attachment sites for encrusting
69 organisms and provide more structure to a reef framework. *Rigid, non-permeable* organisms are
70 completely incapable of bending or flexing. *Rigid, permeable* organisms do not flex or bend, but
71 do allow water to pass through their bodies. *Flexible* organism can bend in response to increases
72 in energy level. (0) Rigid and non-permeable; (1) Rigid and permeable; (2) Flexible

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74 **11. Wave Resistance** – Reefs experience constant disturbance from wave energy and
75 certain organisms may provide shelter for other organisms. *High stress* organisms can attach to
76 substrate securely or have large hypercalcifying skeletons that resist breakage. *Intermediate*
77 *stress* organisms have hard skeletons, however, they tend to break in shallow water high energy
78 environments. These organisms are often found in between normal and storm wave base. *Low*
79 *stress* organisms can easily break or be destroyed by waves and live below storm wave base, in
80 burrows or in secluded cavities. (0) High stress; (1) Intermediate stress; (2) Low stress

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82 **12. Size** – Organisms with a greater biovolume can often be of greater functional
83 importance to and define the processes occurring within an ecosystem. *Large* organism are

84 greater than 10 cm³. *Small* organisms are between 1 and 10 cm³. *Microscopic* organisms are
 85 smaller than 1 cm³. (0) Large; (1) Small; (2) Microscopic

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88 **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 1**—Coding for ecological characters for functional analysis.

| <i>Taxa</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>1</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>2</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>3</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>4</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>5</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>6</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>7</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>8</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>9</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>10</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>11</i> | <i>Ch.</i> <i>12</i> |
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| <i>Harklessia</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <i>Echinoderms</i> | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Trilobites</i> | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Renalcis</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| <i>Lingulid</i> | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 |
| <i>Arch. gen. 1</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Arch. gen. 2</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Arch. gen. 3</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Arch. gen. 4</i> | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

89 All taxa except archaeocyaths were found to be unique functional groups. Ch. 1 = character 1

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SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 2—Raw point count data from White-Inyo Mountains
petrographic thin sections.

| Loc. | El. (m) | Mi | Sp | Cl | An | Ar - Di | Ar - St | Cn | Gi | Re | Ec | Ar | Li |
|--|----------------|-----|----|-----|----|---------------|---------------|-----|----|-----|----|----|----|
| Gold Point Hills | 1.81 | 115 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 1.77B | 63 | 11 | 5 | 0 | 91 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1.77A | 111 | 15 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1.72B | 117 | 14 | 21 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| | 1.72A | 92 | 15 | 12 | 1 | 29 | 36 | 12 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| | 1.35 | 98 | 26 | 33 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 29 | 10 | 1 |
| | 1.01 | 13 | 0 | 164 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.84 | 22 | 4 | 160 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 0.05 | 1 | 0 | 190 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | Coral Float | 26 | 55 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 106 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Westgard Pass (White-Inyo) | 64.49 | 195 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 50.93 | 130 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 66 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | 49.36 | 198 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 46.84 | 168 | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 45.89 | 185 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | 43.46 | 199 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 40.20 | 172 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 34.41 | 179 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | 28.23 | 195 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 26.97 | 193 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | 24.00 | 191 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 18.71 | 196 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 17.76 | 196 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 13.73 | 198 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 6.33 | 195 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4.78 | 191 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 2.36 | 96 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 104 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1.32 | 196 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0.01 | 177 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 0 | |
| Stewart's Mill – North Face | 56.03 | 187 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 50.51 | 171 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | 44.60 | 53 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| | 43.22 | 133 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 2 | 0 |
| | 34.80 | 120 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 7 | 1 | 1 |
| | 16.80 | 182 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| | 15.92 | 191 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 14.56 | 193 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 13.54 | 138 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

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| | 12.92 | 189 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1.06 | 192 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Stewart's Mill Northeast Face | 89.82 | 182 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 72.51 | 99 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 86 | 9 | 1 | 0 |
| | 52.79 | 101 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 63 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| | 50.62 | 186 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 46.70 | 132 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 44.14 | 167 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 39.30 | 181 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 36.97 | 183 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 35.12 | 174 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 30.70 | 196 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 29.44 | 193 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 25.79 | 187 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| | 16.60 | 186 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 15.30 | 86 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 81 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 12.78 | 144 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| | 8.90 | 182 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4.46 | 169 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.45 | 155 | 34 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0.86 | 182 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Stewart's Mill South Face | 44.24 | 198 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 36.53 | 135 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 52 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| | 33.67 | 162 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 31.16 | 154 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 29.08 | 194 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 28.65 | 188 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 27.72 | 181 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 24.12 | 169 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 21.52 | 170 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 21.17 | 181 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 17.90 | 179 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 15.91 | 192 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 15.01 | 105 | 93 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 12.81 | 178 | 21 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 9.27 | 152 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 6.77 | 193 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2.73 | 160 | 40 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| 0.45 | 160 | 35 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | |
| Stewart's Mill Southe | 52.45 | 185 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 45.27 | 180 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| | 43.97 | 187 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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| Stewart's Mill Southeast | 41.54 | 150 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 41.24 | 123 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 46 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| | 39.61 | 190 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 34.68 | 184 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 33.27 | 135 | 46 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 26.79 | 141 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 34 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 26.72 | 176 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 22.00 | 154 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 20.34 | 143 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| | 18.23 | 194 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 13.02 | 163 | 28 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| | 7.63 | 194 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 4.33 | 198 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 3.11 | 197 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1.92 | 191 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 0.92 | 190 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 | |
| Bristlecone Trail (White-Inyo) | 78.78 | 192 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 |
| | 78.54 | 122 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 44 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 0 |
| | 78.15 | 92 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | 16 | 1 | 0 |
| | 46.20 | 193 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | 45.94 | 191 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| | 45.80 | 189 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 5.56 | 186 | 9 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1.16 | 143 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 15 | 0 | 0 |
| | 1.13 | 191 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |

106 Loc. = locality collected; El. = elevation in meters; Mi = micrite; Sp = sparry calcite; Cl = clastic
107 material; An = anhydrite gypsum; Ar – Di = archaeocyath with discrete septa; Ar – St =
108 archaeocyath with bubbly septa; Cn = coralomporhs; Gi = *Girvanella*; Re = *Renalcis*-group
109 (some portion may be *Epiphyton*-group); Ec = echinoderms; Ar = trilobite; Li = lingulid

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117 **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 3**—Archaeocyath size distribution data from Stewart’s Mill and
 118 Gold Point Hills.

| Stewart's Mill | | N | Body Diameter | SD | Osculum Diameter | SD | OBR | SD |
|----------------|--------------|------------|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Quadrat 1 | Ar 1 | 57 | 10.75 | 3.26 | 3.83 | 1.97 | 0.35 | 0.13 |
| | Ar 2 | 19 | 7.82 | 2.75 | 3.03 | 1.73 | 0.40 | 0.17 |
| | Total | 76 | 10.01 | 3.37 | 3.59 | 1.93 | 0.36 | 0.14 |
| Quadrat 2 | Ar 1 | 58 | 10.05 | 3.16 | 3.34 | 1.45 | 0.33 | 0.10 |
| | Ar 2 | 20 | 7.20 | 6.47 | 3.75 | 3.97 | 0.51 | 0.15 |
| | Total | 78 | 9.32 | 4.39 | 3.45 | 2.38 | 0.38 | 0.14 |
| Quadrat 3 | Ar 1 | 34 | 7.19 | 2.56 | 2.93 | 1.07 | 0.42 | 0.13 |
| | Ar 2 | 35 | 6.36 | 2.91 | 2.66 | 1.45 | 0.42 | 0.14 |
| | Total | 69 | 6.77 | 2.75 | 2.79 | 1.27 | 0.42 | 0.13 |
| Whole Area | Ar 1 | 149 | 9.66 | 3.35 | 3.40 | 1.60 | 0.36 | 0.12 |
| | Ar 2 | 74 | 6.96 | 4.13 | 3.05 | 2.46 | 0.44 | 0.15 |
| | Total | 223 | 8.77 | 3.84 | 3.28 | 1.95 | 0.39 | 0.14 |

| Gold Point Hills | | N | Body Diameter | SD | Osculum Diameter | SD | OBR | SD |
|------------------|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Quadrat 1 | Ar 3 | 49 | 13.26 | 6.37 | 5.88 | 3.54 | 0.43 | 0.11 |
| | Ar 4 | 60 | 20.33 | 13.26 | 12.65 | 11.43 | 0.58 | 0.14 |
| | Total | 109 | 17.15 | 11.25 | 9.71 | 9.49 | 0.52 | 0.15 |
| Quadrat 2 | Ar 3 | 44 | 15.59 | 8.77 | 6.13 | 4.33 | 0.39 | 0.11 |
| | Ar 4 | 12 | 21.04 | 9.92 | 12.71 | 9.79 | 0.56 | 0.15 |
| | Total | 56 | 16.76 | 9.22 | 7.54 | 6.42 | 0.42 | 0.14 |
| Quadrat 3 | Ar 3 | 51 | 13.05 | 6.10 | 5.18 | 2.71 | 0.40 | 0.10 |
| | Ar 4 | 39 | 14.03 | 6.42 | 8.08 | 4.72 | 0.56 | 0.15 |
| | Total | 90 | 13.47 | 6.23 | 6.43 | 3.96 | 0.47 | 0.15 |
| Whole Area | Ar 3 | 144 | 13.90 | 7.15 | 5.70 | 3.55 | 0.41 | 0.11 |
| | Ar 4 | 111 | 18.19 | 11.31 | 11.05 | 9.60 | 0.57 | 0.15 |
| | Total | 255 | 15.76 | 9.42 | 8.06 | 7.38 | 0.48 | 0.15 |

119 SD = standard deviation; OBR = osculum:body ratio; Ar 1 = archaeocyath gen. 1; Stewart’s Mill
 120 body diameters do show significant differences across quadrates (Kruskal-Wallis p -value = 8.42
 121 $\times 10^{-08}$). Quadrates in Gold Point Hills were not significantly different (p -value = 0.05) with
 122 respect to body size. Archaeocyaths have significantly different average sizes at both Stewart’s
 123 Mill (Mann-Whitney p -value 2.69 $\times 10^{-09}$) and Gold Point Hills (p -value = 0.0008). OBR across
 124 quadrates was also significantly different at Stewart’s Mill (p -value = 0.004) and Gold Point
 125 Hills (p -value = 0.009). Diameters measured in mm.

127 **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 4**—Pairwise *p*-values with Bonferroni corrections for fabric
 128 analysis (associated with nMDS) below diagonal and pairwise diversity t-tests above diagonal.

| | BCT - M | BCT - P | GPH | SM | WGP |
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| BCT - M | | >> 0.001 | >> 0.001 | >> 0.001 | 0.035 |
| BCT - P | NS | | > 0.001 | NS | >> 0.001 |
| GPH | 0.0196 | NS | | >> 0.001 | >> 0.001 |
| SM | NS | NS | >> 0.001 | | >> 0.001 |
| WGP | NS | NS | >> 0.001 | NS | |

129 Only significant values with Bonferroni correction shown. See figure 10 for NMDS of same data
 130 and sample similarity. NS = not significant.

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132 **SUPPLEMENTARY TABLE 5**—Geochemical data from White-Inyo Mountains samples.
 133 Orange shaded boxes excluded.

| Locality | Elevation (m) | $\delta^{13}\text{C}$ ‰ (VPDB) | X _{Sr} % | X _{Mn} % | X _{Na+Al} % | X _{Mg} % | X _{Fe} % |
|----------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Gold Point Hills | 1.81 | -0.75 ± 0.10 | 0.06 | 0.23 | 0.79 | 0.49 | 0.79 |
| | 1.77A | - | 0.08 | 0.42 | 1.04 | 0.87 | 1.04 |
| | 1.72A | -1.92 ± 0.02 | 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 1.06 | 0.66 |
| | 1.35A | -1.67 ± 0.04 | 0.08 | 0.46 | 0.22 | 0.64 | 1.14 |
| | 1.01 | - | 0.09 | 0.99 | 2.49 | 0.00 | 1.25 |
| | 1.00 | - | 0.67 | 3.90 | 26.96 | 2.07 | 14.44 |
| | 0.05 | - | 0.21 | 0.59 | 47.82 | 7.17 | 25.29 |
| Coral Float | -3.17 ± 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.41 | 0.32 | 0.76 | 1.25 | |
| Westgard Pass (White-Inyo) | 64.49 | - | 0.13 | 0.03 | 0.09 | 4.50 | 1.02 |
| | 58.29 | - | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 2.66 | 1.08 |
| | 50.93 | -0.08 ± 0.05 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.46 | 0.94 | 1.34 |
| | 49.36 | - | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.40 | 4.18 | 2.08 |
| | 46.84 | - | 0.08 | 0.04 | 0.24 | 0.99 | 0.81 |
| | 45.84 | - | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.33 | 0.96 | 1.29 |
| | 43.46 | - | 0.10 | 0.06 | 0.42 | 6.59 | 2.67 |
| | 40.20 | -0.19 ± 0.11 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 0.39 | 1.69 | 1.50 |
| | 34.41 | - | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.96 | 7.11 | 2.65 |
| | 28.23 | 0.01 ± 0.14 | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.42 | 3.07 | 1.75 |
| | 26.97 | - | 0.12 | 0.04 | 0.09 | 0.69 | 1.10 |
| | 24.00 | 0.09 ± 0.08 | 0.12 | 0.05 | 0.06 | 1.27 | 1.17 |

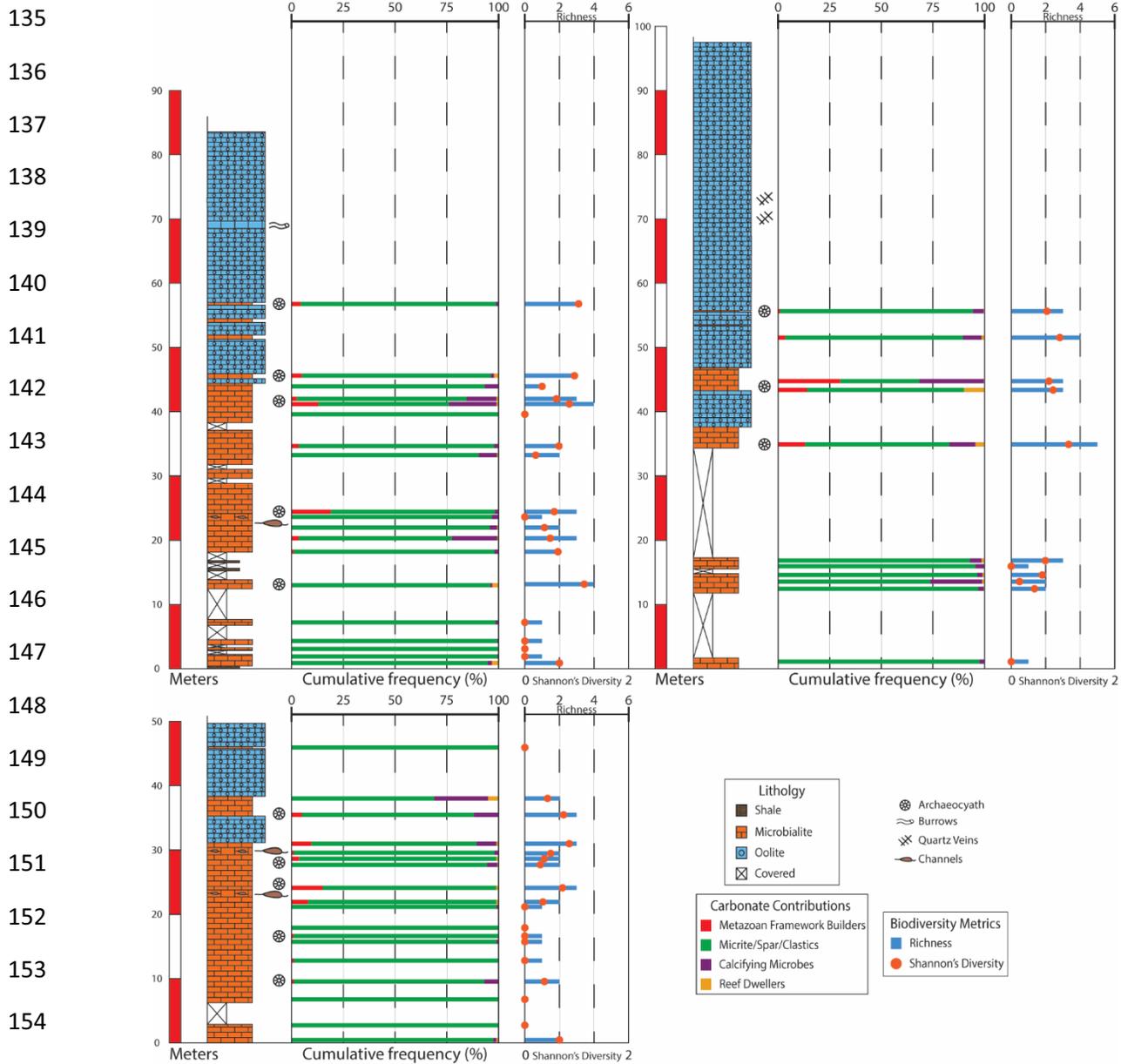
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|--|-------------------------------|--------------|------|------|------|-------|------|
| | 18.71 | - | 0.11 | 0.05 | 0.40 | 7.06 | 2.89 |
| | 17.76 | -0.04 ± 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.03 | 0.08 | 0.55 | 0.97 |
| | 13.73 | - | 0.07 | 0.04 | 0.15 | 0.39 | 0.93 |
| | 6.33 | 0.86 ± 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.59 | 8.55 | 3.27 |
| | 4.78 | - | 0.10 | 0.04 | 0.31 | 0.95 | 1.18 |
| | 2.36 | 0.01 ± 0.05 | 0.13 | 0.08 | 0.41 | 8.34 | 2.55 |
| | 1.32 | - | 0.13 | 0.11 | 0.59 | 6.38 | 2.24 |
| | 0.01 | -2.85 ± 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.03 | 0.16 | 0.00 |
| Stewart's Mill – Northeast Face | 97.32 | -1.02 ± 0.04 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.73 | 0.71 |
| | 89.82 | -0.70 ± 0.02 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.91 | 19.85 | 2.62 |
| | 85.21 | -1.24 ± 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.07 | 0.09 | 4.59 | 0.85 |
| | 77.91 | -0.65 ± 0.08 | 0.10 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 1.64 | 0.00 |
| | 74.52 | -0.40 ± 0.03 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.11 | 0.93 | 0.66 |
| | 72.51 | -1.30 ± 0.13 | 0.11 | 0.07 | 0.37 | 1.50 | 1.01 |
| | 70.93 | -0.88 ± 0.00 | 0.09 | 0.04 | 0.06 | 1.14 | 0.68 |
| | 55.43 | -0.64 ± 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.05 | 0.10 | 1.23 | 0.69 |
| | 52.49 | -0.60 ± 0.01 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.56 | 8.35 | 1.67 |
| | 50.62 | -0.06 ± 0.06 | 0.10 | 0.06 | 0.15 | 0.81 | 0.91 |
| | 46.70 | -0.40 ± 0.01 | 0.09 | 0.09 | 0.79 | 0.85 | 0.87 |
| | 44.14 | -0.80 ± 0.05 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.33 | 2.01 | 0.95 |
| | 39.30 | -0.50 ± 0.01 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 0.15 | 1.01 | 0.93 |
| | 36.97 | -0.70 ± 0.01 | 0.17 | 0.06 | 0.23 | 1.34 | 0.86 |
| | 35.12 | -0.40 ± 0.09 | 0.20 | 0.04 | 0.18 | 1.80 | 1.15 |
| | 30.20 | -0.50 ± 0.09 | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.30 | 0.95 | 1.01 |
| | 25.79 | -0.10 ± 0.18 | 0.17 | 0.04 | 0.25 | 1.33 | 0.83 |
| | 24.44 | 0.10 ± 0.11 | 0.19 | 0.07 | 0.11 | 0.93 | 0.92 |
| | 16.60 | 0.30 ± 0.03 | 0.22 | 0.01 | 0.18 | 1.25 | 0.92 |
| | 15.30 | 1.20 ± 0.02 | 0.16 | 0.03 | 1.24 | 5.68 | 2.02 |
| | 12.78 | 0.80 ± 0.15 | 0.21 | 0.01 | 0.29 | 2.67 | 1.00 |
| | 8.90 | 1.65 ± 0.22 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.36 | 1.55 | 0.82 |
| | 4.46 | 1.72 ± 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.60 | 2.87 | 0.98 |
| 2.45 | 0.40 ± 0.05 | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.56 | 6.30 | 2.15 | |
| 0.86 | 0.70 ± 0.08 | 0.16 | 0.01 | 0.44 | 3.86 | 1.34 | |
| | Diagenetic control | 0.44 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.27 | 0.93 |
| Bristlecone Trail (White- Inyo) | 78.78 | 0.23 ± 0.16 | 0.16 | 0.06 | 0.17 | 3.89 | 1.50 |
| | 78.54 | -0.40 ± 0.05 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.43 | 14.98 | 2.94 |
| | 78.15 | -1.05 ± 0.01 | 0.13 | 0.07 | 0.21 | 4.77 | 1.37 |
| | 76.76 | 0.11 ± 0.10 | 0.13 | 0.06 | 0.34 | 13.04 | 3.14 |
| | 75.33 | -0.49 ± 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 0.48 | 1.63 | 0.82 |
| | 71.76 | -0.37 ± 0.13 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 4.22 | 1.17 |
| | 67.65 | -0.43 | 0.13 | 0.05 | 0.11 | 2.07 | 1.03 |
| | 64.65 | -0.66 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 63.95 | -0.61 ± 0.27 | 0.16 | 0.04 | 0.17 | 5.20 | 1.61 |

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| | 46.20 | -0.46 ± 0.03 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.10 | 0.89 | 0.86 |
| | 45.94 | -0.32 ± 0.07 | 0.13 | 0.11 | 0.20 | 1.52 | 1.11 |
| | 45.80 | - | 0.16 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 1.45 | 0.90 |
| | 5.80 | -0.65 ± 0.08 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 5.56 | -0.56 ± 0.05 | 0.17 | 0.24 | 0.24 | 0.68 | 1.78 |
| | 1.16 | -1.34 ± 0.05 | 0.08 | 0.15 | 0.02 | 0.26 | 0.83 |
| | 1.13 | -1.33 ± 0.12 | 0.15 | 0.24 | 0.06 | 0.59 | 1.34 |
| ICP-MS Standard Deviation per Element | | | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.03 | 0.05 | 0.13 |
| Element Average | | | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.31 | 3.11 | 1.31 |

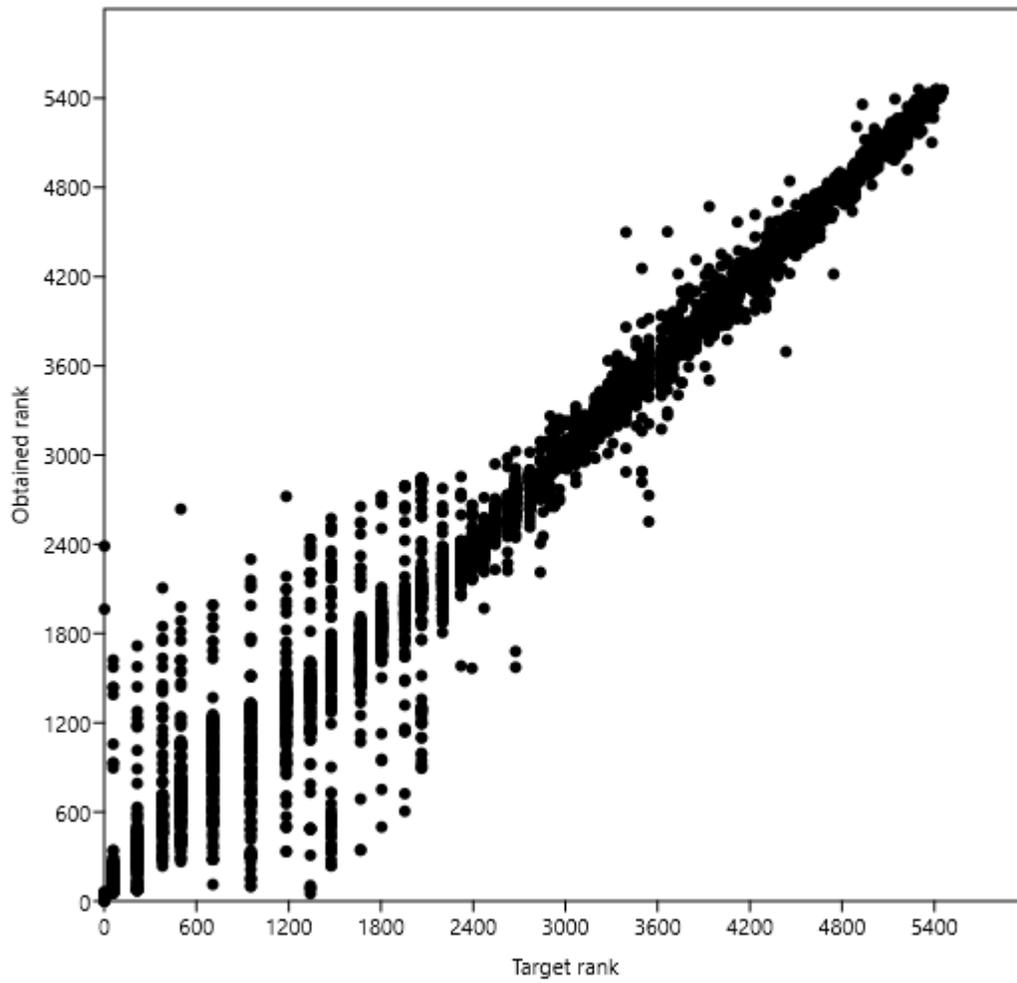
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| Locality | Elevation (m) | X_{Th} ppm | X_U ppm | X_{Mo} ppm | Ca+Mg % |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Gold Point Hills | 1.81 | 6.24 | 0.89 | 2.45 | 3.01 |
| | 1.77A | 5.50 | 0.53 | 0.00 | 2.28 |
| | 1.72A | 0.31 | 0.63 | 0.17 | 4.47 |
| | 1.35A | 1.87 | 3.96 | 0.00 | 4.36 |
| | 1.01 | 74.30 | 4.89 | 9.15 | 0.71 |
| | 1.00 | 363.86 | 19.34 | 10.70 | 0.11 |
| | 0.05 | 275.66 | 14.18 | 0.00 | 0.10 |
| | Coral Float | 1.00 | 2.46 | 0.02 | 3.72 |
| Westgard Pass (White- Inyo) | 64.49 | 3.20 | 0.22 | 4.10 | 4.25 |
| | 58.29 | 1.44 | 0.28 | 1.69 | 3.85 |
| | 50.93 | 6.07 | 0.38 | 2.29 | 3.80 |
| | 49.36 | 2.67 | 0.37 | 0.53 | 4.04 |
| | 46.84 | 1.61 | 0.87 | 0.17 | 4.13 |
| | 45.84 | 4.35 | 0.48 | 1.60 | 4.33 |
| | 43.46 | 1.96 | 0.30 | 1.60 | 4.41 |
| | 40.20 | 1.70 | 0.84 | 0.00 | 4.05 |
| | 34.41 | 15.55 | 1.29 | 0.25 | 3.28 |
| | 28.23 | 2.08 | 0.40 | 0.00 | 3.75 |
| | 26.97 | 2.76 | 0.09 | 1.27 | 4.94 |
| | 24.00 | 0.34 | 0.15 | 0.00 | 4.59 |
| | 18.71 | 3.40 | 0.40 | 0.00 | 4.06 |
| | 17.76 | 2.47 | 0.42 | 1.37 | 4.66 |
| | 13.73 | 1.71 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 4.69 |
| | 6.33 | 1.31 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 4.03 |
| | 4.78 | 2.34 | 0.10 | 0.06 | 4.49 |
| | 2.36 | 2.56 | 0.21 | 0.00 | 3.68 |
| | 1.32 | 6.21 | 0.24 | 1.52 | 3.98 |
| | 0.01 | 1.19 | 0.20 | 0.01 | 4.67 |
| | 97.32 | 2.35 | 0.97 | 1.55 | 4.55 |

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|--|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|
| Stewart's Mill – Northeast Face | 89.82 | 2.51 | 0.45 | 0.00 | 3.31 |
| | 85.21 | 0.89 | 1.23 | 0.00 | 4.89 |
| | 77.91 | 0.68 | 1.12 | 0.41 | 4.18 |
| | 74.52 | 1.10 | 0.54 | 0.00 | 4.91 |
| | 72.51 | 5.38 | 1.01 | 1.71 | 3.73 |
| | 70.93 | 0.49 | 0.41 | 0.00 | 4.14 |
| | 55.43 | 0.09 | 0.75 | 0.00 | 5.02 |
| | 52.49 | 4.84 | 0.66 | 1.56 | 4.21 |
| | 50.62 | 1.74 | 0.37 | 0.00 | 4.98 |
| | 46.70 | 5.05 | 0.33 | 0.00 | 3.62 |
| | 44.14 | 3.43 | 0.78 | 0.15 | 4.24 |
| | 39.30 | 1.06 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 4.69 |
| | 36.97 | 0.80 | 0.40 | 0.00 | 4.53 |
| | 35.12 | 3.14 | 0.48 | 1.64 | 4.08 |
| | 30.20 | 3.46 | 0.53 | 0.21 | 4.51 |
| | 25.79 | 1.31 | 0.36 | 0.00 | 4.31 |
| | 24.44 | 0.60 | 0.45 | 0.00 | 4.34 |
| | 16.60 | 3.22 | 0.53 | 1.55 | 4.34 |
| | 15.30 | 3.77 | 0.43 | 0.00 | 3.56 |
| | 12.78 | 2.06 | 0.24 | 0.13 | 4.06 |
| | 8.90 | 0.97 | 0.46 | 0.00 | 4.40 |
| 4.46 | 4.43 | 0.75 | 1.94 | 3.90 | |
| 2.45 | 2.72 | 0.63 | 0.38 | 3.77 | |
| 0.86 | 0.52 | 0.34 | 0.00 | 3.67 | |
| | Diagenetic control | 0.00 | 0.03 | 0.00 | 6.35 |
| Bristlecone Trail (White- Inyo) | 78.78 | 0.57 | 0.17 | 0.00 | 3.50 |
| | 78.54 | 4.71 | 1.08 | 1.65 | 3.96 |
| | 78.15 | 0.33 | 0.58 | 0.00 | 4.47 |
| | 76.76 | 2.07 | 0.23 | 0.20 | 4.31 |
| | 75.33 | 4.74 | 0.78 | 0.00 | 4.04 |
| | 71.76 | 3.85 | 0.64 | 1.55 | 4.11 |
| | 67.65 | 2.62 | 0.34 | 0.29 | 4.89 |
| | 64.65 | - | - | - | - |
| | 63.95 | 1.70 | 0.30 | 0.00 | 4.12 |
| | 46.20 | 0.60 | 0.18 | 0.20 | 4.50 |
| | 45.94 | 3.34 | 0.43 | 1.88 | 3.87 |
| | 45.80 | 1.06 | 0.24 | 0.23 | 4.12 |
| | 5.80 | - | - | - | - |
| | 5.56 | 5.33 | 0.37 | 0.63 | 5.30 |
| | 1.16 | 1.10 | 0.81 | 1.15 | 4.26 |
| 1.13 | 6.57 | 0.48 | 8.36 | 4.64 | |
| Standard Deviation | | 1.02 | 0.05 | 1.28 | 0.24 |
| Average | | 2.69 | 0.51 | 0.66 | 3.95 |



SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 1—Additional transects at Stewart's Mill showing lithology, carbonate contribution, and biodiversity. Top left = southeast face; top right = north face; bottom left = south face.

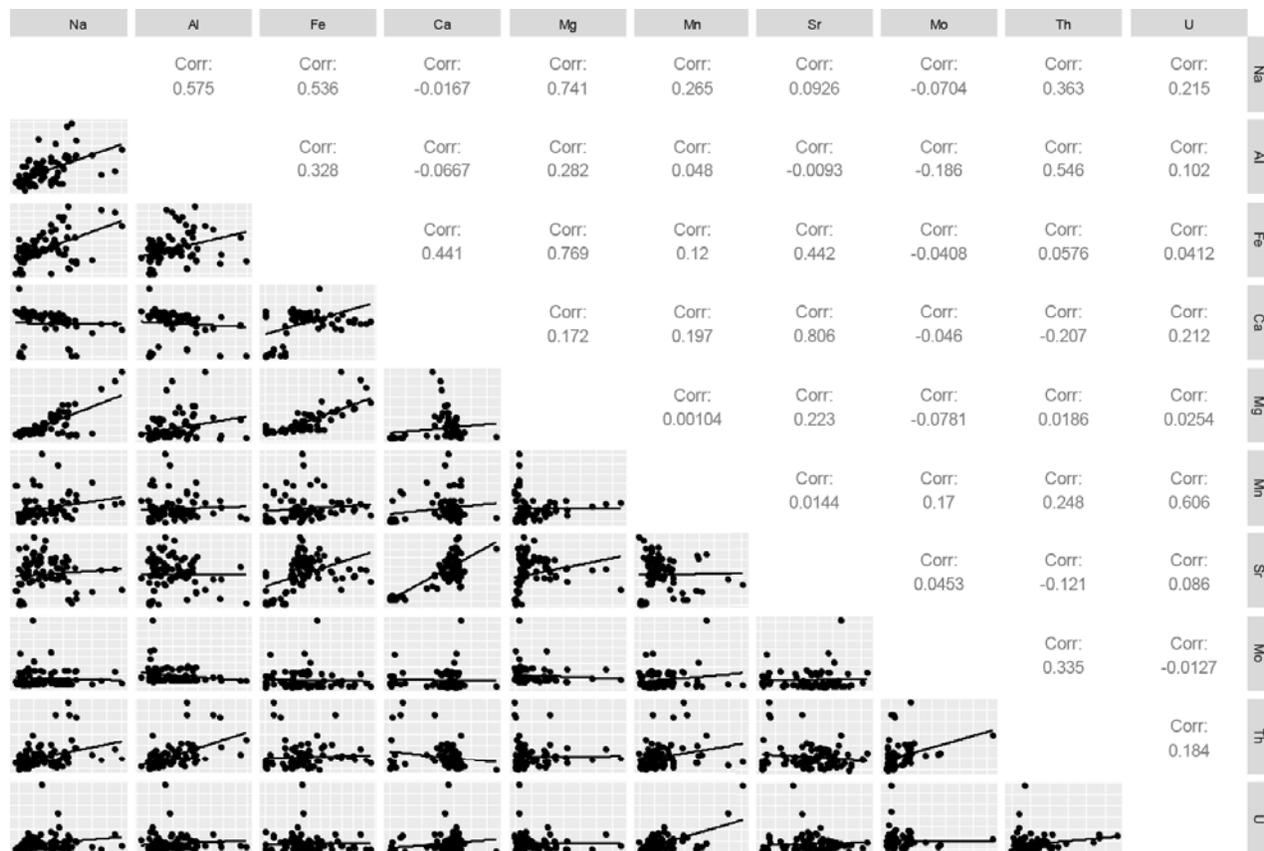


SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 2—Shepard's plot for NMDS ordination. R^2 equals 0.9174.

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SUPPLEMENTARY FIGURE 3—Scatterplot matrix for ICP-MS data with scatterplots (lower) and Pearson’s r values (upper) for intersecting variables along top and right axes. Figure made using *ggpairs()* function in *R*.

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