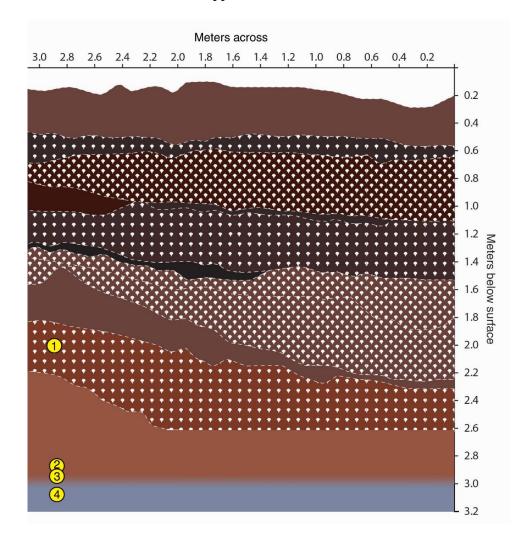
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3 **Figure S1-** Schematic of archaeological investigation and units. Units with the dots are those

- 4 that contained archaeological artifacts. The yellow circles (1-4) are locations where the soil
- 5 samples were collected.

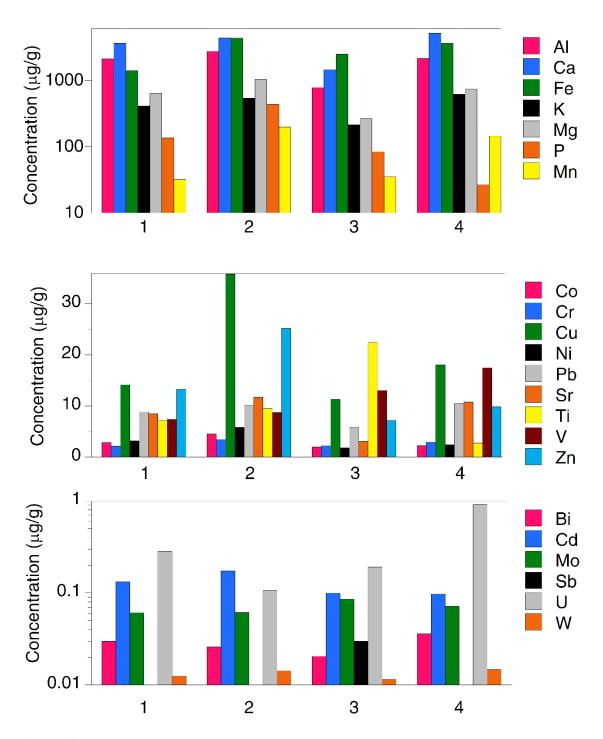


Figure S2- Geochemistry of soil samples for A- major elements; B- minor elements; C- trace elements.

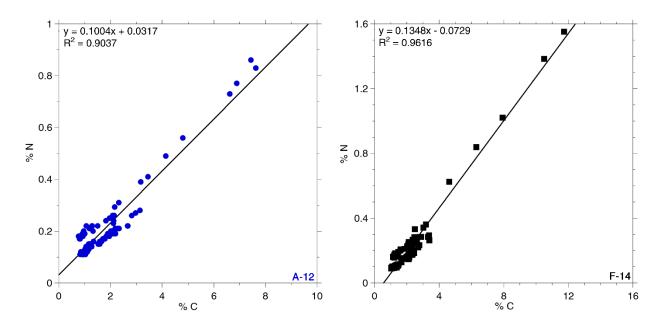


Figure S3- Percent C versus percent N for A-12 cores (left, blue circles) and F-14 cores (right, black squares). The y-intercept in the A-12 regression line suggests the influence of inorganic nitrogen whereas the F-14 regression line does not.

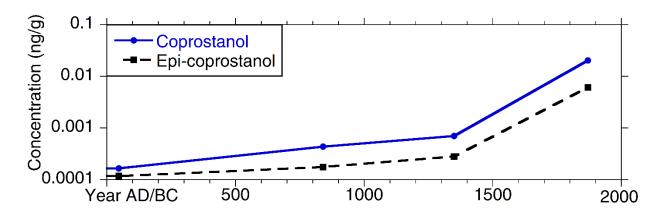


Figure S4- Concentrations of fecal 5β -stanols from Dian A-12 cores that begin to increase by at

29 least 1500 AD.

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