

Table 2. Youngest dates available for the sites examined containing YDB markers

YDB test sites	No. of dates	Black mat	Cal. B.P.	$\pm(1\sigma)$	^{14}C Date	$\pm(1\sigma)$	Source
Blackwater Draw, NM	1	Yes	12982	575	11040	500	Ref. 1
Chobot, AB, CAN	1	Yes	≈ 13000	—	Archaeology	—	Ref. 2
Daisy Cave, CA (F3-I)	1	Yes	13090	140	11180	130	Ref. 3
Gainey, MI	1	No	12400	1000	TL	—	Ref. 4
Lake Hind, MB, CAN	1	Yes	12755	87	10610	25	This study (UCIAMS 29317)
Lommel, Belgium	1	Yes	12943	30	10950	50	Ref. 5
Morley, AB, CAN	1	Yes	≈ 13000	—	Deglaciation	—	Ref. 6
Murray Springs, AZ	8	Yes	12916	25	10890	50	Ref. 1
Wally's Beach, AB, CAN	1	No	12966	61	10980	80	Ref. 7
Weighted average			12938	25			

In most cases, the sites were independently dated by other researchers, as noted under “Source,” and were calibrated by the authors using IntCal04 (8). Two sites were not previously radiocarbon dated: (*i*) Morley drumlin is constrained by the end of local deglaciation to ≈ 13 ka; and (*ii*) the Chobot site is of Clovis age because of an abundance of Clovis artifacts, limiting the site’s age, according to Waters and Stafford (9), to a minimum range of ≈ 200 years between 13,125 to 12,925 cal. B.P. The average calibrated age of all sites analyzed is $12938 \pm .25$ B.P., which agrees closely with the GISP2 date of 12.9 ka (see SI Fig. 6). Seven of the 10 sites exhibit a black mat immediately overlying the YDB layer.

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