

Supporting Information

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Table S1. Metadata for climate stations used to estimate the frequency of historical regional drought duration

Station	Period of record	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation, m
Blanding, UT	1905–2008	37°37'N	109°28'W	1,841
Bloomfield, NM	1905–2008	36°40'N	107°58'W	1,768
Jerome, AZ	1905–2008	34°45'N	112°07'W	1,601
Mesa Verde, CO	1922–2008	37°12'N	108°30'W	2,125