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Identifying the Younger Dryas in Central New Mexico using Micro-invertebrates

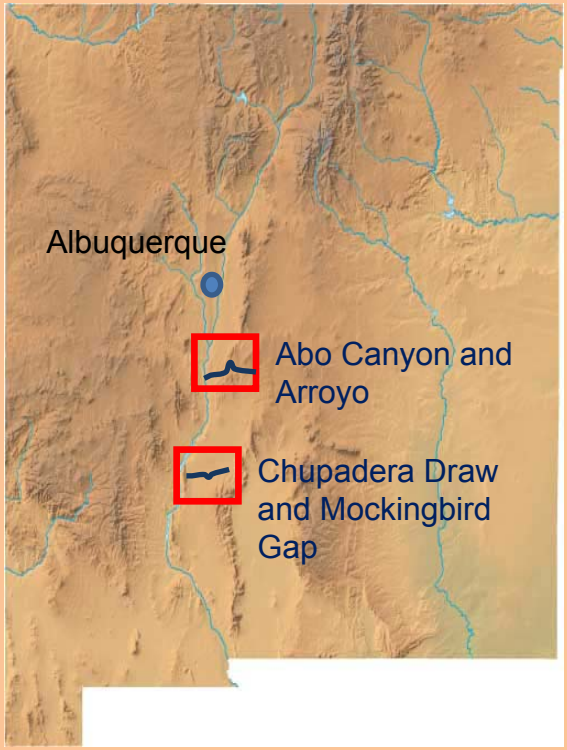

Figure 1. Location map of Mockingbird Gap at Jornada del Muerto, and Abo Arroyo in central New Mexico. (After Google Earth.)

The purpose of this study was to identify the lacustrine environments at two Clovis sites in central New Mexico using micro-invertebrates and calcareous algae. The outstanding findings permitted the identification of the transition from the Allerød-Younger Dryas to the early Holocene at Mockingbird Gap (Jornada del Muerto) and Abo Arroyo.
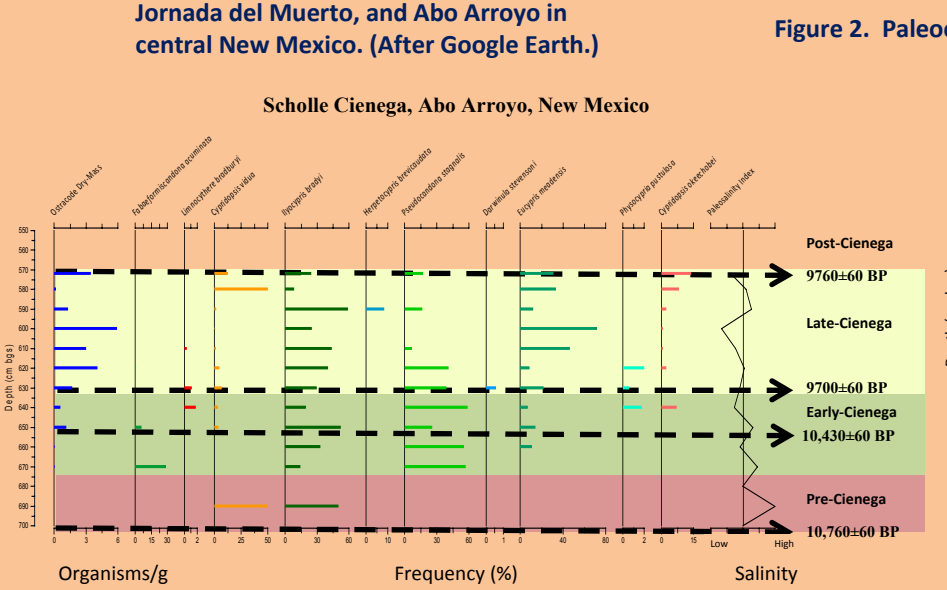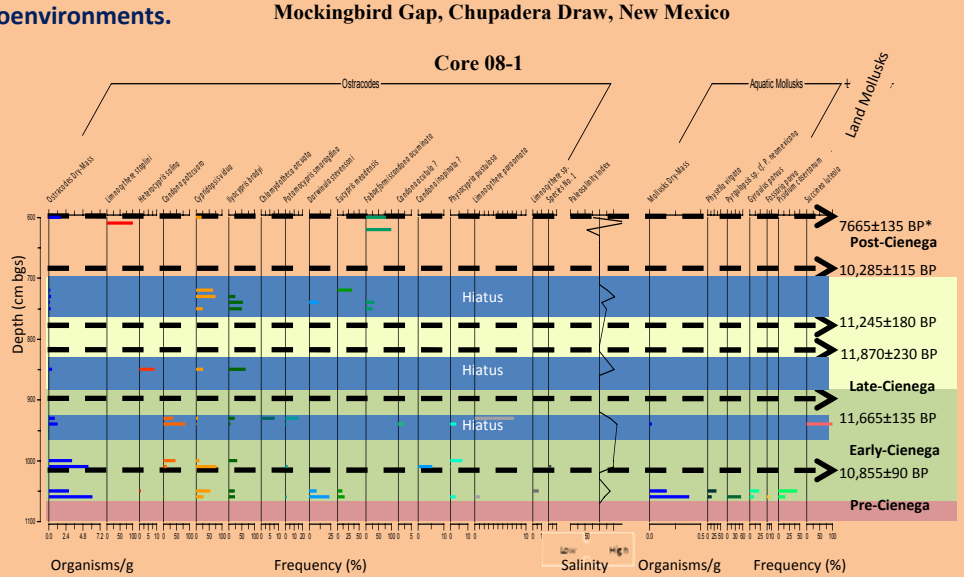
Figure 2. Paleoenvironments.