

**Table 1. Northern/Northwestern Plains Cultural and Paleoenvironmental Chronologies**

<b>Year</b>	<b>B.P.*</b>	<b>Cultural Chronology (Reeves 2003)</b>	<b>Cultural Chronology (Frison 1991)</b>	<b>Climatic Summary (Eckerle 1997; Laird et al. 1996)</b>
1700 CE*	250	Post-contact	Protohistoric Phase	Dry
1450 CE	500	Late Pre-contact	Late Prehistoric	Moist
950 CE	1000			Middle Pre-Contact
450 CE	1500	Late Plains Archaic		
50 BCE*	2000			
550 BCE	2500	Middle Plains Archaic	Middle Neoglacial (Moist)	
1050 BCE	3000			
1550 BCE	3500	Early Plains Archaic	Altithermal (Very Dry)	
2050 BCE	4000			
2550 BCE	4500			
3050 BCE	5000			
3550 BCE	5500			
4050 BCE	6000	Paleoindian	"8.2 ka Cold Event"	
4550 BCE	6500			
5050 BCE	7000		Early Holocene Drying Trend and Maximum Holocene Seasonality	
5550 BCE	7500			
6050 BCE	8000		Younger Dryas Event	
6550 BCE	8500			
7050 BCE	9000		Early Post-Glacial (Warm/Moist)	
7550 BCE	9500			
8050 BCE	10,000			
8550 BCE	10,500			
9050 BCE	11,000	Early Pre-contact		
9550 BCE	11,500			
10,050 BCE	12,000			

\* BP stands for "Before Present"—which is actually calculated from January 1, 1950. CE denotes "Common Era" and is used in place of AD. BCE denotes "Before Common Era" and is used in place of BC.