

Hi Payson,

I would like to confirm something: were you simply soliciting organizational suggestions for the hazards workshop in your last two e-mail messages to the group, or would you like to see the 5 powerpoint slides and the templates "blanks" filled in and circulated among the group *before* the meeting? Everything you have sent out so far looks logical as an organization plan to me, as it did to Ben Fitzhugh.

By the way, I don't know how well this fits in the "hazards" theme, but my interest in disasters or catastrophes is a subset of the larger issue of how groups on different scales react to abrupt, relatively unpredictable, major changes, whether they be a destructive great storm, a seismic event, an invading army burning all the crops, or a sudden requirement for greatly increased food production demanded by sociopolitical variables over the short term. And I am very interested in the archaeological visibility of those events and the responses to them: I agree completely about the dating methods problem.

Thanks,
Gerry