



THE MAXWELL MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY  
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO  
ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO 87131

## Destructive Analysis Request

The Maxwell Museum of Anthropology encourages the use of its collections for research and supports a wide variety of research methods. Destructive analysis that modifies the substance or appearance of an object must be justified by the scientific value of the study, taking into consideration the long-term preservation of the collection for future research and other uses. Requests must explain what anthropological question may be answered by the destructive analyses proposed that cannot be answered without such analyses. All destructive procedure requests are reviewed on a case-by-case basis by the Collections Committee based on the following information:

**Requesting Individual(s):**

**Affiliation(s) and Title(s):**

**Address(es):**

**Email(s):**

**Phone(s):**

**Supervisor's Name:**

**Date(s) sampling will occur:**

**Project description and explanation of the significance of the proposed research technique(s):**

**Description of technique(s) to be used:**

**Collection(s) to be sampled:**

**What, if any, provenience information is needed:**

**Description of sample size, sample location, and sample removal method (we encourage all sampling to be completed on-site):**

**Where will the sample(s) be processed?**

**Will all of sample(s) be used or destroyed? Is it necessary to destroy the entire sample? If it is necessary to destroy the entire sample, why?**

**List any prior projects similar or related to this project that you have undertaken:**

**Is this a federal-owned or tribal-owned collection? If so, please provide proof of permission from the owning agency or tribe at least 60 days prior to the date samples are to be taken. Please consult appropriate curator with all questions.**

*By signing this request form, the researcher is agreeing to:*

1. *Provide a letter of support from their supervisor (if the researcher is a student),*
2. *Provide the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology a copy of photo documentation (pre-sampling and post-sampling photos) and any data, results, and publications produced from the destructive analysis,*
3. *Give proper credit to the Maxwell Museum of Anthropology in any publications, papers, presentations, theses, or dissertations,*
4. *Return all usable sampled or unused portions of samples to the Maxwell Museum, and*
5. *Pay for all costs associated with the analysis of the collection.*

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*Signature of Requesting Individual*

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*Date of Request*

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*Signature of Supervisor*

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*Date of Request*

No alteration, sampling, modification or testing of objects is permitted without prior written authorization in the form of a signed Maxwell Museum of Anthropology Destructive Analysis Request Form. Under no circumstances is testing permitted in the absence of this agreement, including on the basis of verbal discussions with any staff member, curator, or administrator.

**Reviewed by Collections Committee on:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_

**Request:**       Approved                       Denied

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*Signature of Curator of Collection to be analyzed*

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*Date*

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*Signature of Museum Director*

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*Date*