

### Weathering Stages for Large Mammals (from Behrensmeyer 1978)

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Stage	Description
0	no cracking or flaking on bone surface
1	longitudinal and/or mosaic cracking present on surface
2	longitudinal cracks, exfoliation on surface
3	fibrous texture, extensive exfoliation, weathering penetrates 1–1.5 mm in bone surface, cracked edges are rounded
4	coarsely fibrous texture, splinters of bone loose on the surface, open cracks
5	bone crumbling <i>in situ</i> , large splinters

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