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DETAILED METHODS

We collected stream sediment from 70 subcatchments within the Potomac River watershed (main text Figure 2, Table DR1) for analysis of in situ-produced ^{10}Be , meteoric ^{10}Be , weathered ^9Be in the reactive phase, and unweathered ^9Be left remaining in the mineral phase ($^{10}\text{Be}_i$, $^{10}\text{Be}_m$, $^9\text{Be}_{\text{reac}}$, and $^9\text{Be}_{\text{min}}$, respectively). Samples from each catchment were used for $^{10}\text{Be}_m$ analysis ($n = 70$); sufficient amounts of pure quartz was extracted from samples for the majority of catchments ($n = 62$) from which $^{10}\text{Be}_i$ was used to calculate basin-averaged, long-term erosion rates; $^9\text{Be}_{\text{reac}}$ was measured on aliquots of all samples ($n = 70$); $^9\text{Be}_{\text{min}}$ was successfully extracted from bulk sediment from 57 of the 70 catchments. $^{10}\text{Be}_m$ was measured from sandier intervals of core sediment from the Hybla Valley (Core 7) (Litwin et al., 2013).

All samples were processed at the University of Vermont Cosmogenic Nuclide Laboratory (www.uvm.edu/~cosmolab). $^9\text{Be}_{\text{reac}}$ was extracted from sediment grain coatings by leaching ~0.25 g of powdered sediment in 2 mL of 6 M HCl in centrifuge tubes for 24 h. Subsequent leaching experiments show that native ^9Be , that which is naturally found in situ within mineral crystal lattices, remains locked in the mineral grains and does not interfere with ^9Be sample measurement (Greene et al., 2015). Samples were diluted with 10 mL of 0.2 M HNO₃ and 0.1 M HCl in order to match the matrix of multi-element inductively coupled plasma optical emission spectrometry (ICP-OES) standard solutions. Diluted samples were weighed and centrifuged at 3,200 rpm for 5 min and the supernatant was transferred to a clean centrifuge tube for analysis using ICP-OES. Beryllium emission was measured with the monochromator at 313.107 nm. The mass of the sample and the solution added were used to calculate atoms of ^9Be per gram of sample. ^{10}Be concentrations are 8–9 orders of magnitude lower than ^9Be concentrations, well below the detection limit of the ICP-OES and thus do not interfere with ^9Be measurements.

$^9\text{Be}_{\text{min}}$ was extracted from the same sample material as $^9\text{Be}_{\text{reac}}$. Following the HCl leaching, sediment was rinsed with MilliQ water and dried. Material from each sample was digested in 2.5 mL of 1:1 HNO₃ in a beaker heated to 95 °C and refluxed for 15 min; refluxing was done twice more with 1 mL of concentrated HNO₃ added after each reflux. Samples were heated for two hours at 95 °C until ~1 mL of solution remained in the beaker. Samples were cooled and 1 mL of 18 MΩ water and 1 mL of 30% H₂O₂ was added. Samples were covered and heated to 85 °C for 1 h. Following a second cooling step, an additional 1 mL of 30% H₂O₂ was added and heated at 85 °C for another hour. The H₂O₂ step was repeated in full and samples were

then heated for ~2 h at 95 °C or until there was ~1 mL of solution remaining in the beaker. Samples were cooled again and a mixture of 3 mL of concentrated HF with 1% H₂SO₄, 0.5 mL of concentrated HNO₃, and 1 mL of concentrated HClO₄ were added to each beaker. Samples were covered, left overnight at 105 °C, and evaporated the next morning at 110 °C until dry. Samples were subsequently heated to 230 °C to drive off HClO₄. Samples were then cooled and gravimetrically diluted with 0.01 M HNO₃ and analyzed using ICP-OES. Often, white crystalline TiO₂ was observed at the end of the leaching steps and was subsequently centrifuged before ICP-OES analysis. Such a precipitate has been previously observed in ¹⁰Be_i digestions and does not appear to incorporate beryllium (Hunt et al., 2008).

¹⁰Be_m samples were powdered and spiked with ~300 µg of ⁹Be standard solution (SPEX 1000 ppm; ⁹Be_{spex}; Table DR2). A modification of Stone's (1998) total fusion method was used to extract ¹⁰Be_m from each sample as a beryllium-hydroxide gel, which was subsequently ignited to produce BeO and mixed with Nb powder at a 1:1 molar ratio before being packed into stainless steel accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) cathodes. Samples were processed in batches of 16 including one full process blank.

Samples processed for ¹⁰Be_i (Table DR2) were first etched in 6 N HCl and then in a series of 1% HF/HNO₃ acids to dissolve all carbonates and remove grain coatings and non-quartz minerals (Kohl and Nishiizumi, 1992). Each sample was then heated to 500 °C for 5 h to burn off any organic material, including coal. Some samples required further density separations using sodium-polytungstate to isolate quartz. All quartz was then etched for one week in 0.5% HF/HNO₃ and tested for purity (that is <100 ppm Al, Fe, Ti and ~10 ppm Na, Ca, K). About 20 g of pure quartz was dissolved in HF along with ~250 µg ⁹Be carrier (⁹Be_{carr}; ⁹Be carrier 285–2A, created in-house from beryl, $\rho = 1.012 \text{ g mL}^{-1}$). Aliquots from each sample were analyzed to demonstrate that the only substantial ⁹Be in each ¹⁰Be_i sample was that added as a carrier, ensuring erosion rate determinations are accurate (Portenga et al., 2015). Beryllium was subsequently isolated from Fe, Ti, and Al using procedures outlined in Corbett et al. (2011), oxidized, and mixed with Nb at a 1:1 molar ratio before being packed into stainless steel AMS cathodes. All sample batches (12 unknowns) contained one full process blank.

¹⁰Be_m/⁹Be_{spex} and ¹⁰Be_i/⁹Be_{carr} ratios were measured at the Lawrence Livermore National laboratory Center for AMS and normalized to the AMS beryllium standard, 07KNSTD, assuming a nominal standard ratio of 2.85×10^{-12} (Nishiizumi et al., 2007; Table DR2). ¹⁰Be_i and ¹⁰Be_m concentrations presented here, and used in subsequent analyses, were derived from blank-corrected ¹⁰Be_m/⁹Be_{spex} and ¹⁰Be_i/⁹Be_{carr} AMS ratios ($2.11 \times 10^{-14} \pm 9.31 \times 10^{-15}$ for meteoric ¹⁰Be, $n = 6$; $1.23 \times 10^{-14} \pm 5.41 \times 10^{-16}$ for in situ ¹⁰Be, $n = 5$), which include all AMS measurement uncertainties and the propagated uncertainty of the average process blank ratio (Table DR3).

We summarized ¹⁰Be_i production across each sampled basin to a single point in space and calculated basin-scale erosion rates from ¹⁰Be_i data using the CRONUS online calculator (Balco et al., 2008, main calculator version 2.1, wrapper script 2.2, objective function 2.0, constants 2.2.1, muons 1.1; main text Table 1), incorporating standard atmospheric pressure and a sample thickness of 1 cm. ¹⁰Be production rates were scaled from global production rates at high latitude-sea level using Lal's (1991) and Stone's (2000) polynomials. The effective elevation (Portenga and Bierman, 2011), mean latitude, and mean longitude for each catchment were used as input parameters to the CRONUS calculator. Some sampled catchments are nested within others; thus, we derive effective erosion rates for unnested portions of larger catchments following Granger et al. (1996). ¹⁰Be_i erosion rates referred to in the remainder of this study are

either the CRONUS erosion rates for unnested catchments or the effective erosion rates. In this way, erosion rates and catchment data are assigned to unoverlapped portions of the field area.
 ^{10}Be erosion rates were converted to long-term sediment fluxes using a bulk rock density of 2.7 g/cm³.

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Table DR1 - Sample Basin Location Data

| Sample ID ^a | USGS Gauging Station ID | Latitude (°N) | Longitude (°W) | Mean Latitude (°N) ^b | Mean Longitude (°W) ^b | Mean Elevation (m asl) ^b | Average Basin Slope (°) | Basin Area (km ²) | Basin Relief (m) | Phys. Prov. ^c | Land-use ^d | Mean Annual Precip (cm yr ⁻¹) |
|------------------------|-------------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| POT01 | 01646580 | 38.9306 | 77.1161 | 39.1646 | 78.3821 | 387 | 8.8 | 30000 | 1482 | VR | T | 100 |
| POT02 | 01650500 | 39.0647 | 77.0284 | 39.1077 | 77.0333 | 130 | 3.5 | 55 | 90 | P | U | 107 |
| POT04 | 01647740 | 39.1059 | 77.1250 | 39.1480 | 77.1409 | 143 | 3 | 44 | 96 | P | U | 105 |
| POT05 | 01647720 | 39.1179 | 77.1009 | 39.1463 | 77.0953 | 140 | 2.8 | 24 | 74 | P | U | 106 |
| POT06 | 01638500 | 39.2724 | 77.5462 | 39.1331 | 78.5789 | 432 | 10 | 25021 | 1425 | VR | T | 100 |
| POT09 | 01656120 | 38.6401 | 77.5123 | 38.6458 | 77.6740 | 113 | 2.8 | 459 | 359 | P | A | 103 |
| POT10 | 01631000 | 38.9142 | 78.2100 | 38.3639 | 78.8516 | 494 | 9.4 | 4227 | 1211 | VR | F | 102 |
| POT11 | 01603000 | 39.6215 | 78.7737 | 39.5320 | 79.0409 | 658 | 10.5 | 2274 | 1080 | AP | F | 108 |
| POT12 | 01614500 | 39.7157 | 77.8242 | 39.9156 | 77.7381 | 266 | 5.6 | 1321 | 628 | VR | A | 102 |
| POT13 | 01639000 | 39.7157 | 77.8242 | 39.8122 | 77.2481 | 192 | 3.1 | 449 | 507 | P | A | 105 |
| POT14 | | 39.5870 | 77.4641 | 39.5889 | 77.4863 | 477 | 8.7 | 15 | 298 | BR | F | 111 |
| POT15 | | 39.3069 | 77.6511 | 39.2838 | 77.6720 | 167 | 4.9 | 33 | 357 | BR | A | 100 |
| POT16 | | 39.7084 | 77.4116 | 39.7046 | 77.4442 | 361 | 8.2 | 27 | 296 | BR | F | 109 |
| POT17 | | 39.4979 | 77.3276 | 39.4753 | 77.2971 | 152 | 5.4 | 10 | 109 | P | A | 101 |
| POT18 | | 39.2107 | 77.3108 | 39.2305 | 77.3077 | 173 | 5 | 14 | 86 | P | A | 102 |
| POT19 | | 39.1543 | 77.1320 | 39.1742 | 77.1376 | 155 | 2.6 | 15 | 66 | P | A | 105 |
| POT20 | | 39.0218 | 76.8604 | 39.0238 | 76.8481 | 53 | 2 | 25 | 56 | C | U | 108 |
| POT21 | | 38.8312 | 76.9197 | 38.8347 | 76.9004 | 79 | 2.7 | 18 | 42 | C | U | 105 |
| POT22 | | 38.7554 | 76.8417 | 38.7840 | 76.8573 | 73 | 1.8 | 27 | 40 | C | U | 105 |
| POT23 | | 38.7590 | 76.9419 | 38.7815 | 76.9091 | 76 | 2.2 | 30 | 47 | C | U | 105 |
| POT24 | | 38.6645 | 76.8794 | 38.6820 | 76.8701 | 69 | 0.9 | 11 | 21 | C | A | 105 |
| POT25 | | 38.5421 | 77.0176 | 38.5761 | 76.9937 | 57 | 2.8 | 42 | 55 | C | F | 104 |
| POT26 | | 38.4229 | 77.2132 | 38.4612 | 77.2141 | 33 | 1.8 | 36 | 43 | C | F | 101 |
| POT27 | | 38.4830 | 77.0841 | 38.5142 | 77.0821 | 47 | 3.4 | 22 | 52 | C | F | 103 |
| POT28 | | 38.4417 | 77.5406 | 38.4614 | 77.5592 | 99 | 2.9 | 16 | 61 | P | F | 104 |
| POT29 | | 38.5664 | 77.6727 | 38.5507 | 77.6748 | 109 | 2.2 | 10 | 63 | P | F | 104 |
| POT30 | | 38.6293 | 77.7641 | 38.6472 | 77.7873 | 140 | 1.9 | 22 | 81 | P | A | 105 |
| POT31 | | 38.6688 | 77.5374 | 38.6784 | 77.5692 | 74 | 1.4 | 27 | 54 | P | A | 100 |
| POT32 | | 38.6174 | 77.3721 | 38.6389 | 77.4061 | 108 | 3.7 | 21 | 66 | P | F | 101 |
| POT33 | | 38.7818 | 77.3880 | 38.8084 | 77.3677 | 110 | 4.1 | 44 | 94 | P | U | 101 |
| POT34 | | 38.7980 | 77.3519 | 38.8216 | 77.3337 | 121 | 4 | 16 | 74 | P | U | 102 |
| POT35 | | 38.9593 | 77.5383 | 38.9644 | 77.5740 | 110 | 2.5 | 23 | 69 | P | A | 101 |
| POT36 | | 38.9508 | 77.7196 | 38.9100 | 77.7497 | 184 | 5.4 | 64 | 291 | P | A | 104 |
| POT37 | | 39.0616 | 77.7543 | 39.0953 | 77.8036 | 210 | 5.3 | 49 | 431 | BR | A | 102 |
| POT38 | | 39.0828 | 78.1264 | 39.0804 | 78.1632 | 216 | 2.9 | 13 | 55 | VR | A | 96 |
| POT39 | | 38.9735 | 78.0820 | 38.9555 | 78.0571 | 377 | 11.6 | 13 | 533 | BR | F | 103 |
| POT40 | | 38.7358 | 78.5306 | 38.7440 | 78.5545 | 605 | 13.8 | 9 | 441 | VR | F | 103 |
| POT41 | | 38.3471 | 78.6120 | 38.3203 | 78.6222 | 602 | 17.5 | 14 | 545 | BR | F | 110 |
| POT42 | | 38.2510 | 78.8920 | 38.2594 | 78.9283 | 369 | 3.9 | 16 | 148 | VR | A | 98 |
| POT43 | | 38.1014 | 78.8603 | 38.0935 | 78.8106 | 575 | 13.8 | 26 | 521 | BR | F | 111 |
| POT44 | | 37.9403 | 78.9682 | 37.9132 | 79.0043 | 693 | 16.3 | 30 | 674 | BR | F | 117 |
| POT45 | | 38.5582 | 79.1520 | 38.5328 | 79.1694 | 990 | 21.9 | 29 | 635 | VR | F | 113 |
| POT46 | | 38.4926 | 79.6653 | 38.4727 | 79.6798 | 1198 | 12.7 | 16 | 295 | VR | F | 133 |
| POT47 | | 38.8096 | 78.9457 | 38.8210 | 78.9278 | 595 | 13.1 | 16 | 369 | VR | F | 95 |
| POT48 | | 39.0700 | 78.9575 | 39.0436 | 78.9278 | 391 | 11.4 | 13 | 712 | VR | F | 92 |
| POT49 | | 39.1374 | 78.7717 | 39.1385 | 78.8125 | 651 | 11.7 | 27 | 481 | VR | F | 101 |
| POT50 | | 38.8895 | 79.4031 | 38.9115 | 79.4140 | 1150 | 19 | 20 | 754 | VR | F | 132 |
| POT51 | | 39.2373 | 79.4490 | 39.2320 | 79.4714 | 868 | 9.2 | 14 | 251 | AP | F | 131 |
| POT52 | | 39.3484 | 79.2851 | 39.3621 | 79.3090 | 844 | 6.1 | 20 | 272 | AP | F | 123 |
| POT53 | | 39.3986 | 79.1334 | 39.3709 | 79.1249 | 720 | 11.1 | 22 | 497 | AP | F | 110 |
| POT54 | | 39.4552 | 78.8041 | 39.4412 | 78.7895 | 324 | 15.6 | 5 | 312 | VR | F | 92 |
| POT55 | | 39.4578 | 79.2281 | 39.4464 | 79.2536 | 804 | 8.5 | 17 | 282 | AP | F | 118 |
| POT56 | | 39.5134 | 79.1549 | 39.5280 | 79.1998 | 716 | 13.3 | 30 | 385 | AP | F | 113 |
| POT57 | | 39.6034 | 79.0791 | 39.6246 | 79.0900 | 740 | 12.7 | 6 | 291 | AP | F | 110 |
| POT58 | | 39.5657 | 78.9799 | 39.5436 | 78.9634 | 704 | 10.2 | 10 | 410 | AP | F | 105 |
| POT59 | | 39.8191 | 78.9376 | 39.7944 | 78.9178 | 734 | 9 | 17 | 190 | AP | F | 107 |
| POT60 | | 39.9059 | 78.8355 | 39.9119 | 78.8502 | 707 | 10.9 | 6 | 314 | AP | A | 108 |
| POT61 | | 39.8933 | 78.6019 | 39.8905 | 78.6265 | 602 | 13.9 | 9 | 410 | VR | F | 101 |
| POT62 | | 39.6870 | 78.5858 | 39.6955 | 78.6093 | 367 | 13.1 | 29 | 332 | VR | F | 95 |
| POT63 | | 39.4712 | 78.4380 | 39.4651 | 78.4584 | 424 | 10.7 | 18 | 419 | VR | F | 96 |
| POT64 | | 39.7955 | 78.2547 | 39.7878 | 78.2925 | 341 | 8.7 | 21 | 356 | VR | F | 96 |
| POT65 | | 39.8615 | 78.3017 | 39.8874 | 78.2867 | 430 | 9 | 12 | 258 | VR | F | 98 |
| POT66 | | 40.0180 | 78.0401 | 40.0377 | 78.0259 | 309 | 7.5 | 10 | 94 | VR | F | 99 |
| POT67 | | 40.1773 | 77.6630 | 40.2034 | 77.6386 | 438 | 12.1 | 25 | 408 | VR | F | 105 |
| POT68 | | 39.8671 | 77.2227 | 39.8900 | 77.2197 | 171 | 2.4 | 12 | 69 | P | A | 104 |
| POT69 | | 39.8794 | 77.2936 | 39.9043 | 77.3101 | 237 | 4.9 | 11 | 312 | BR | A | 105 |
| POT70 | | 39.9163 | 77.7482 | 39.9271 | 77.7767 | 196 | 3.3 | 13 | 113 | VR | A | 101 |
| POT71 | | 39.9505 | 77.4445 | 39.9720 | 77.4291 | 558 | 8.7 | 12 | 214 | BR | F | 114 |
| POT72 | | 39.5675 | 77.0598 | 39.5648 | 77.0250 | 205 | 4.8 | 23 | 127 | P | A | 107 |
| POT73 | | 39.6610 | 76.9482 | 39.6687 | 76.9185 | 247 | 5.7 | 15 | 146 | P | A | 108 |

^a ¹⁰Be_m and ⁹Be were measured from all samples; ¹⁰Be_w was measured for samples in bold; ⁹Be_{min} was measured for samples in italics.^b Basin metrics used as input for calculating erosion rates using the CRONUS erosion rate calculator (Balco et al., 2008), following methods presented in Portenga and Bierman (2011).^c Physiographical provinces. AP - Appalachian Plateau; BR - Blue Ridge; C - Coastal Plain; P - Piedmont; VR - Valley and Ridge.^d Predominant land-use for each catchment. A - Agriculture; F - Forest; T - Trunk stream (mostly forested); U - Urban.

Table DR2 - Sample Preparation Data and AMS Measurement Ratios

| Sample | ¹⁰ Be _i Quartz | | Blank Corrected | | ¹⁰ Be _m Sample | | Blank Corrected | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------|--|---|---|-------------|--|---|
| | ID | Mass (g) | ⁹ Be _{carr} Mass (μ g) | ¹⁰ Be _i / ⁹ Be _{carr} | Measured Ratio $\times 10^{-13}$ ($\pm 1\sigma$) | Mass (g) | ⁹ Be _{spex} Mass (μ g) | ¹⁰ Be _i / ⁹ Be _{spex} |
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| <i>Potomac River data from this study</i> | | | | | | | | |
| POT01 | 20.2835 | 249.1 | | 3.44 \pm 0.070 | 0.551 | 300.4 | 5.31 \pm 0.116 | |
| POT02 | 21.3027 | 248.8 | | 2.36 \pm 0.060 | 0.519 | 300.40 | 2.08 \pm 0.030 | |
| POT04 | 20.4721 | 248.8 | | 2.84 \pm 16.312 | 0.581 | 301.38 | 3.31 \pm 0.056 | |
| POT05 | 20.3331 | 248.1 | | 3.11 \pm 12.293 | 0.575 | 300.40 | 4.07 \pm 0.059 | |
| POT06 | 20.3349 | 251.0 | | 3.41 \pm 11.542 | 0.456 | 325.10 | 5.31 \pm 0.058 | |
| POT06x | | | | | 0.512 | 300.40 | 6.41 \pm 0.059 | |
| POT09 | 20.1183 | 249.2 | | 5.24 \pm 0.015 | 0.517 | 299.41 | 4.17 \pm 0.060 | |
| POT10 | 20.2061 | 250.6 | | 8.15 \pm 0.016 | 0.574 | 300.40 | 10.42 \pm 0.147 | |
| POT11 | 20.6843 | 248.3 | | 4.83 \pm 0.011 | 0.459 | 326.09 | 8.55 \pm 0.086 | |
| POT12 | 20.4943 | 248.1 | | 6.18 \pm 0.012 | 0.486 | 325.10 | 11.82 \pm 0.149 | |
| POT13 | 20.4158 | 248.7 | | 3.66 \pm 0.007 | 0.495 | 325.10 | 6.55 \pm 0.066 | |
| POT14 | 20.5500 | 249.2 | | 3.65 \pm 0.009 | 0.475 | 327.1 | 18.19 \pm 0.225 | |
| POT15 | 22.2406 | 247.9 | | 4.83 \pm 0.011 | 0.577 | 300.4 | 7.55 \pm 0.068 | |
| POT16 | 12.4930 | 248.7 | | 2.45 \pm 0.006 | 0.463 | 299.4 | 8.78 \pm 0.120 | |
| POT17 | 22.4892 | 249.5 | | 3.35 \pm 0.008 | 0.474 | 299.4 | 9.18 \pm 0.109 | |
| POT18 | 19.2144 | 249.0 | | 3.15 \pm 0.008 | 0.471 | 300.4 | 12.20 \pm 0.100 | |
| POT19 | 22.4617 | 249.5 | | 4.08 \pm 0.008 | 0.481 | 300.4 | 4.65 \pm 0.042 | |
| POT20 | 23.0535 | 249.8 | | 1.37 \pm 0.004 | 0.462 | 295.5 | 0.82 \pm 0.011 | |
| POT21 | 22.3728 | 248.6 | | 5.19 \pm 0.123 | 0.443 | 304.3 | 0.76 \pm 0.011 | |
| POT22 | 22.5192 | 247.7 | | 9.86 \pm 0.194 | 0.479 | 298.4 | 2.12 \pm 0.023 | |
| POT23 | 22.7368 | 250.5 | | 6.68 \pm 0.131 | 0.479 | 301.4 | 1.21 \pm 0.018 | |
| POT24 | 20.6337 | 248.6 | | 8.51 \pm 0.145 | 0.459 | 301.4 | 1.68 \pm 0.019 | |
| POT25 | 20.7810 | 248.6 | | 7.50 \pm 0.128 | 0.526 | 301.4 | 1.64 \pm 0.028 | |
| POT26 | 21.0315 | 249.7 | | 6.04 \pm 0.142 | 0.491 | 300.4 | 1.24 \pm 0.019 | |
| POT27 | 22.4813 | 247.9 | | 11.10 \pm 0.194 | 0.497 | 298.4 | 2.52 \pm 0.027 | |
| POT28 | 22.3990 | 247.4 | | 4.04 \pm 0.007 | 0.510 | 300.4 | 2.84 \pm 0.039 | |
| POT29 | 22.2244 | 241.1 | | 6.87 \pm 0.161 | 0.474 | 299.4 | 17.82 \pm 0.272 | |
| POT30 | 20.5498 | 249.0 | | 3.82 \pm 0.009 | 0.542 | 300.4 | 25.48 \pm 0.148 | |
| POT31 | 13.1799 | 249.1 | | 5.05 \pm 0.117 | 0.498 | 299.4 | 38.00 \pm 0.500 | |
| POT32 | 20.6290 | 248.3 | | 12.18 \pm 0.203 | 0.545 | 298.4 | 1.99 \pm 0.022 | |
| POT33 | 22.7229 | 248.4 | | 9.41 \pm 0.144 | 0.536 | 300.4 | 10.50 \pm 0.073 | |
| POT34 | 22.7791 | 251.1 | | 4.11 \pm 0.010 | 0.532 | 298.4 | 4.23 \pm 0.033 | |
| POT35 | 20.0630 | 249.3 | | 4.05 \pm 0.009 | 0.533 | 299.4 | 17.29 \pm 0.120 | |
| POT36 | 18.9722 | 251.1 | | 5.12 \pm 0.009 | 0.546 | 300.4 | 5.02 \pm 0.054 | |
| POT37 | 18.4223 | 249.1 | | 3.03 \pm 0.007 | 0.522 | 299.4 | 4.88 \pm 0.046 | |
| POT38 | 18.5186 | 248.3 | | 3.12 \pm 0.007 | 0.514 | 297.4 | 23.15 \pm 0.230 | |
| POT39 | 20.1190 | 248.2 | | 6.72 \pm 0.156 | 0.581 | 299.4 | 11.55 \pm 0.074 | |
| POT40 | 18.2155 | 250.0 | | 10.26 \pm 0.168 | 0.511 | 298.4 | 9.30 \pm 0.086 | |
| POT41 | 18.6707 | 251.3 | | 4.11 \pm 0.010 | 0.524 | 300.4 | 10.80 \pm 0.058 | |
| POT42 | 18.5351 | 247.8 | | 12.38 \pm 0.205 | 0.513 | 300.4 | 43.45 \pm 0.446 | |
| POT43 | 20.4871 | 250.6 | | 6.73 \pm 0.162 | 0.575 | 299.4 | 7.54 \pm 0.112 | |
| POT44 | 18.6002 | 248.4 | | 4.93 \pm 0.008 | 0.546 | 299.4 | 9.58 \pm 0.092 | |
| POT45 | 17.1618 | 249.1 | | 2.46 \pm 0.006 | 0.507 | 299.4 | 5.52 \pm 0.036 | |
| POT46 | 17.2141 | 250.2 | | 4.07 \pm 0.010 | 0.549 | 299.4 | 8.40 \pm 0.076 | |
| POT47 | | | | | 0.554 | 298.4 | 14.41 \pm 0.152 | |
| POT48 | 18.6625 | 251.8 | | 9.68 \pm 0.183 | 0.530 | 302.4 | 15.95 \pm 0.123 | |

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|-------|---------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| POT49 | 21.6322 | 248.5 | 6.59 ± 0.126 | 0.539 | 298.4 | 11.61 ± 0.129 |
| POT50 | 21.6409 | 249.1 | 6.44 ± 0.142 | 0.506 | 300.4 | 7.28 ± 0.120 |
| POT51 | 21.4089 | 249.0 | 4.88 ± 0.009 | 0.594 | 299.4 | 3.98 ± 0.035 |
| POT52 | 21.8922 | 249.2 | 7.54 ± 0.125 | 0.551 | 301.4 | 17.07 ± 0.262 |
| POT53 | 14.5076 | 249.6 | 4.98 ± 0.008 | 0.509 | 300.4 | 17.94 ± 0.196 |
| POT54 | | | | 0.539 | 297.4 | 9.26 ± 0.072 |
| POT55 | 8.9300 | 250.9 | 2.68 ± 0.006 | 0.506 | 300.4 | 10.45 ± 0.081 |
| POT56 | | | | 0.555 | 299.4 | 7.10 ± 0.055 |
| POT57 | | | | 0.518 | 290.5 | 9.34 ± 0.111 |
| POT58 | 21.6532 | 248.7 | 3.98 ± 0.009 | 0.544 | 299.4 | 8.92 ± 0.082 |
| POT59 | | | | 0.523 | 299.4 | 11.20 ± 0.186 |
| POT60 | | | | 0.545 | 300.4 | 8.26 ± 0.064 |
| POT61 | 21.6659 | 249.1 | 8.27 ± 0.137 | 0.533 | 299.4 | 9.51 ± 0.121 |
| POT62 | 9.8105 | 248.3 | 1.82 ± 0.004 | 0.539 | 298.4 | 10.56 ± 0.143 |
| POT63 | 21.7010 | 248.0 | 8.99 ± 0.148 | 0.518 | 300.4 | 5.45 ± 0.091 |
| POT64 | 20.0599 | 249.3 | 4.22 ± 0.010 | 0.511 | 301.4 | 7.53 ± 0.050 |
| POT65 | 20.1525 | 248.7 | 4.39 ± 0.113 | 0.508 | 299.4 | 5.82 ± 0.032 |
| POT66 | | | | 0.530 | 299.4 | 18.92 ± 0.103 |
| POT67 | 22.1607 | 248.0 | 6.42 ± 0.107 | 0.519 | 300.4 | 2.70 ± 0.018 |
| POT68 | 21.5883 | 249.0 | 3.82 ± 0.009 | 0.523 | 299.4 | 20.36 ± 0.126 |
| POT69 | 21.9931 | 249.1 | 5.43 ± 0.103 | 0.533 | 300.4 | 6.27 ± 0.043 |
| POT70 | | | | 0.510 | 306.3 | 13.32 ± 0.145 |
| POT71 | 21.9866 | 248.6 | 4.61 ± 0.009 | 0.516 | 300.4 | 1.26 ± 0.011 |
| POT72 | 22.1316 | 249.8 | 3.26 ± 0.008 | 0.530 | 301.4 | 9.68 ± 0.110 |
| POT73 | 22.7059 | 248.6 | 3.52 ± 0.008 | 0.525 | 300.4 | 9.24 ± 0.063 |

Paleo-Potomac River data from the Hybla Valley Core

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|--------------|--|--|-------|-------|---------------|
| R2C45 | | | 0.520 | 298.4 | 8.25 ± 0.056 |
| R3C55 | | | 0.531 | 301.4 | 10.78 ± 0.073 |
| R7C10 | | | 0.508 | 299.4 | 16.16 ± 0.148 |
| R11C30 | | | 0.508 | 301.4 | 14.84 ± 0.072 |
| R13(AL)20 | | | 0.524 | 299.4 | 1.00 ± 0.016 |
| R18C55 | | | 0.507 | 301.4 | 31.28 ± 0.696 |
| R23C25 | | | 0.534 | 305.3 | 17.76 ± 0.295 |
| R25C45 | | | 0.522 | 299.4 | 17.05 ± 0.432 |
| R28C35 | | | 0.521 | 300.4 | 15.60 ± 0.245 |
| R32C65 | | | 0.514 | 300.4 | 19.80 ± 0.31 |
| R35(AL)(L)30 | | | 0.525 | 299.4 | 18.25 ± 0.233 |
| R41C10 | | | 0.523 | 299.4 | 17.72 ± 0.278 |
| R45C10 | | | 0.537 | 302.4 | 0.84 ± 0.022 |

Table DR3 - Beryllium Isotope Data

| Sample ID ^a | ⁹ Be _{react} (atoms kg ⁻¹ x10 ¹⁹) | ⁹ Be _{min} (atoms kg ⁻¹ x10 ¹⁹) | ⁹ Be _{diss} (atoms kg ⁻¹ x10 ¹⁹) ^b | ¹⁰ Be _i LLNL # | ¹⁰ Be _i ± 1SD (atoms g ⁻¹ x10 ⁵) | Prod. Rate (atoms g ⁻¹ yr ⁻¹) ^c | ¹⁰ Be _m LLNL # | ¹⁰ Be _m ± 1SD (atoms g ⁻¹ x10 ⁸) ^d | Deposition Rate (atoms cm ⁻² yr ⁻¹ x10 ⁶) ^e |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| <i>Potomac River data from this study</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| POT01 | 2.77 | 4.91 | 9.03 | BE29062 | 2.83 ± 0.055 | 5.72 | BE27095 | 1.93 ± 0.042 | 1.89 |
| POT02 | 1.48 | 1.99 | 13.24 | BE29063 | 1.84 ± 0.045 | 4.49 | BE27096 | 0.81 ± 0.012 | 2.02 |
| POT04 | 2.05 | 5.36 | 9.30 | BE29064 | 2.31 ± 0.059 | 4.55 | BE27097 | 1.15 ± 0.020 | 1.98 |
| POT05 | 2.18 | 3.74 | 10.79 | BE29066 | 2.54 ± 0.062 | 4.53 | BE27098 | 1.42 ± 0.021 | 2.00 |
| POT06 | 3.09 | 6.71 | 7.04 | BE29067 | 2.81 ± 0.068 | 6.03 | BE27778 | 2.53 ± 0.028 | 1.89 |
| POT06x | | | | | | | BE27099 | 2.51 ± 0.023 | 1.89 |
| POT09 | 2.24 | 4.75 | 9.72 | BE29068 | 4.34 ± 0.123 | 4.37 | BE27100 | 1.61 ± 0.023 | 1.93 |
| POT10 | 3.15 | 3.43 | 10.13 | BE29069 | 6.76 ± 0.133 | 6.19 | BE27101 | 3.65 ± 0.051 | 1.90 |
| POT11 | 13.01 | | | BE29070 | 3.88 ± 0.091 | 7.22 | BE27779 | 4.06 ± 0.041 | 2.05 |
| POT12 | 6.93 | 8.06 | 1.72 | BE29071 | 5.00 ± 0.096 | 5.16 | BE27780 | 5.28 ± 0.067 | 1.95 |
| POT13 | 7.24 | 10.81 | 0.00 | BE29072 | 2.98 ± 0.058 | 4.8 | BE27781 | 2.88 ± 0.029 | 2.01 |
| POT14 | 3.39 | 3.30 | 10.02 | BE29073 | 2.96 ± 0.07 | 6.18 | BE27782 | 8.37 ± 0.103 | 2.11 |
| POT15 | 2.74 | 3.55 | 10.42 | BE29074 | 3.60 ± 0.085 | 4.65 | BE27762 | 2.63 ± 0.024 | 1.89 |
| POT16 | 2.62 | 4.16 | 9.93 | BE29086 | 3.26 ± 0.079 | 5.59 | BE27763 | 3.79 ± 0.052 | 2.08 |
| POT17 | 3.64 | 7.40 | 5.67 | BE29075 | 2.48 ± 0.059 | 4.58 | BE27764 | 3.88 ± 0.046 | 1.92 |
| POT18 | 3.46 | 16.26 | 0.00 | BE29077 | 2.72 ± 0.065 | 4.67 | BE27765 | 5.20 ± 0.043 | 1.93 |
| POT19 | 2.13 | 6.97 | 7.61 | BE29078 | 3.03 ± 0.059 | 4.59 | BE27766 | 1.94 ± 0.018 | 1.98 |
| POT20 | 0.78 | 0.00 | 15.93 | BE29079 | 0.99 ± 0.025 | 4.15 | BE27767 | 0.35 ± 0.005 | 2.03 |
| POT21 | 0.55 | 0.00 | 16.16 | BE29080 | 3.85 ± 0.091 | 4.28 | BE27768 | 0.35 ± 0.005 | 1.97 |
| POT22 | 0.83 | 0.00 | 15.88 | BE29081 | 7.25 ± 0.142 | 4.25 | BE27769 | 0.88 ± 0.010 | 1.97 |
| POT23 | 0.62 | 0.46 | 15.63 | BE29088 | 4.92 ± 0.097 | 4.26 | BE27770 | 0.51 ± 0.008 | 1.97 |
| POT24 | 0.39 | 0.57 | 15.75 | BE29089 | 6.85 ± 0.117 | 4.2 | BE27771 | 0.74 ± 0.008 | 1.96 |
| POT25 | 0.58 | 0.83 | 15.31 | BE29090 | 6.00 ± 0.103 | 4.16 | BE27105 | 0.63 ± 0.011 | 1.94 |
| POT26 | 0.49 | 0.39 | 15.83 | BE29091 | 4.79 ± 0.113 | 4.06 | BE27772 | 0.51 ± 0.008 | 1.88 |
| POT27 | 1.16 | 0.53 | 15.02 | BE29082 | 8.18 ± 0.143 | 4.11 | BE27773 | 1.01 ± 0.011 | 1.92 |
| POT28 | 0.90 | 1.39 | 14.43 | BE29083 | 2.98 ± 0.05 | 4.33 | BE27774 | 1.12 ± 0.015 | 1.94 |
| POT29 | 9.25 | 10.97 | 0.00 | BE29092 | 4.98 ± 0.117 | 4.34 | BE27775 | 7.52 ± 0.115 | 1.94 |
| POT30 | 5.29 | 1.71 | 9.71 | BE29093 | 3.09 ± 0.074 | 4.47 | BE27776 | 9.44 ± 0.055 | 1.96 |
| POT31 | 15.12 | | | BE29094 | 6.38 ± 0.148 | 4.21 | BE28973 | 15.27 ± 0.201 | 1.87 |
| POT32 | 1.33 | 2.48 | 12.90 | BE29095 | 9.80 ± 0.163 | 4.35 | BE28974 | 0.73 ± 0.008 | 1.89 |
| POT33 | 3.88 | 7.95 | 4.88 | BE29084 | 6.88 ± 0.105 | 4.38 | BE28975 | 3.93 ± 0.027 | 1.89 |
| POT34 | 2.17 | 5.62 | 8.92 | BE29085 | 3.03 ± 0.072 | 4.41 | BE28976 | 1.58 ± 0.012 | 1.91 |
| POT35 | 6.15 | 9.51 | 1.05 | BE29096 | 3.36 ± 0.079 | 4.37 | BE28977 | 6.49 ± 0.045 | 1.90 |
| POT36 | 2.37 | 5.13 | 9.21 | BE29097 | 4.53 ± 0.083 | 4.7 | BE29391 | 1.85 ± 0.020 | 1.96 |
| POT37 | 2.50 | 5.30 | 8.91 | BE29099 | 2.74 ± 0.065 | 4.83 | BE29392 | 1.87 ± 0.018 | 1.92 |
| POT38 | 11.40 | 3.64 | 1.67 | BE29100 | 2.80 ± 0.066 | 4.86 | BE29393 | 8.95 ± 0.089 | 1.81 |
| POT39 | 11.40 | 11.67 | 0.00 | BE29101 | 5.54 ± 0.128 | 5.65 | BE29394 | 3.98 ± 0.026 | 1.94 |
| POT40 | 4.81 | 3.32 | 8.58 | BE29102 | 9.41 ± 0.154 | 6.86 | BE29395 | 3.63 ± 0.034 | 1.93 |
| POT41 | 4.57 | 12.28 | 0.00 | BE29103 | 3.70 ± 0.086 | 6.5 | BE29396 | 4.14 ± 0.022 | 2.04 |
| POT42 | 14.00 | | | BE29104 | 11.11 ± 0.183 | 5.49 | BE29397 | 17.00 ± 0.175 | 1.82 |
| POT43 | 2.92 | 2.67 | 11.12 | BE29105 | 5.50 ± 0.133 | 6.55 | BE27106 | 2.62 ± 0.039 | 2.05 |
| POT44 | 2.93 | 4.49 | 9.29 | BE29106 | 4.40 ± 0.075 | 7.12 | BE29398 | 3.51 ± 0.034 | 2.15 |
| POT45 | 4.20 | 7.30 | 5.21 | BE29107 | 2.39 ± 0.055 | 9.19 | BE29399 | 2.18 ± 0.014 | 2.11 |
| POT46 | 2.87 | | | BE29108 | 3.96 ± 0.093 | 10.82 | BE29401 | 3.06 ± 0.028 | 2.48 |
| POT47 | 9.62 | | | | | | BE29402 | 5.19 ± 0.055 | 1.78 |
| POT48 | 13.57 | 15.76 | 0.00 | BE29109 | 3.73 ± 0.165 | 5.64 | BE29403 | 6.08 ± 0.047 | 1.73 |
| POT49 | 5.42 | 7.09 | 4.20 | BE29110 | 5.06 ± 0.096 | 7.06 | BE29404 | 4.30 ± 0.048 | 1.91 |
| POT50 | 6.39 | 11.36 | 0.00 | BE29111 | 4.95 ± 0.109 | 10.6 | BE27107 | 2.89 ± 0.047 | 2.48 |
| POT51 | 7.04 | 2.34 | 7.33 | BE29112 | 3.79 ± 0.073 | | BE29405 | 1.34 ± 0.012 | 2.48 |
| POT52 | 7.97 | 4.28 | 4.46 | BE29113 | 5.74 ± 0.095 | | BE29406 | 6.24 ± 0.096 | 2.33 |
| POT53 | 16.60 | | | BE29114 | 5.72 ± 0.096 | | BE29407 | 7.08 ± 0.077 | 2.09 |
| POT54 | 9.25 | | | | | | BE29408 | 3.42 ± 0.026 | 1.75 |
| POT55 | 5.07 | 3.48 | 8.16 | BE29115 | 5.03 ± 0.12 | | BE29409 | 4.15 ± 0.032 | 2.24 |
| POT56 | 5.95 | | | | | | BE29410 | 2.56 ± 0.020 | 2.15 |
| POT57 | 7.79 | | | | | | BE29411 | 3.50 ± 0.042 | 2.10 |
| POT58 | 18.18 | 3.92 | 0.00 | BE29116 | 3.06 ± 0.072 | | BE27108 | 3.28 ± 0.030 | 2.00 |
| POT59 | 6.64 | | | | | | BE29412 | 4.28 ± 0.071 | 2.04 |
| POT60 | 4.48 | | | | | | BE29413 | 3.04 ± 0.024 | 2.07 |
| POT61 | 2.42 | 3.60 | 10.69 | BE29117 | 6.35 ± 0.105 | | BE29414 | 3.57 ± 0.045 | 1.93 |
| POT62 | 6.72 | 21.30 | 0.00 | BE29118 | 3.07 ± 0.076 | | BE29416 | 3.91 ± 0.053 | 1.81 |
| POT63 | 3.76 | 3.48 | 9.47 | BE29119 | 6.86 ± 0.113 | | BE27109 | 2.11 ± 0.035 | 1.82 |
| POT64 | 3.57 | 3.62 | 9.52 | BE29120 | 3.50 ± 0.082 | | BE29417 | 2.97 ± 0.020 | 1.83 |
| POT65 | 2.94 | 3.37 | 10.40 | BE29122 | 3.62 ± 0.093 | | BE29418 | 2.29 ± 0.012 | 1.88 |
| POT66 | 9.51 | | | | | | BE29419 | 7.14 ± 0.039 | 1.90 |
| POT67 | 1.87 | 0.00 | 14.84 | BE29123 | 4.80 ± 0.08 | | BE29420 | 1.05 ± 0.007 | 2.02 |
| POT68 | 10.25 | 12.53 | 0.00 | BE29124 | 2.94 ± 0.069 | | BE29421 | 7.79 ± 0.048 | 1.99 |
| POT69 | 3.02 | 3.39 | 10.30 | BE29125 | 4.11 ± 0.078 | | BE29422 | 2.36 ± 0.016 | 2.01 |
| POT70 | 9.96 | | | | | | BE29423 | 5.35 ± 0.058 | 1.93 |
| POT71 | 0.42 | 0.53 | 15.76 | BE29126 | 3.48 ± 0.066 | | BE29424 | 0.49 ± 0.004 | 2.18 |
| POT72 | 2.88 | 14.88 | 0.00 | BE29127 | 2.46 ± 0.058 | | BE29425 | 3.68 ± 0.042 | 2.04 |
| POT73 | 2.60 | 17.64 | 0.00 | BE29128 | 2.58 ± 0.061 | | BE29426 | 3.53 ± 0.024 | 2.06 |
| <i>Potomac River data from Brown et al. (1988)</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 01638500 | | | | | | | | 3.81 | 1.89 |
| 01643000 | | | | | | | | 7.69 | 1.98 |
| 01610200 | | | | | | | | 4.14 | 1.84 |

^a Sample IDs for Brown et al.'s (1988) samples are USGS gauging station identification numbers.^b ⁹Be_{diss} was estimated by subtracting measured ⁹Be_{react} and ⁹Be_{min} concentrations from an assumed crustal ⁹Be_{parent} concentration of 2.5 ppm (von Blanckenburg et al., 2012).^c ¹⁰Be_i production rate calculated using the CRONUS calculator (main calculator version 2.1, wrapper script 2.2, objective function 2.0, constants 2.2.1, muons 1.1; Balco et al., 2008), a global ¹⁰Be production rate scaled from high latitude and sea level using Lal's (1991) and Stone's (2000) scaling factors.^d ¹⁰Be_m concentrations from Brown et al. (1988) were recalculated from originally-reported ¹⁰Be_m/⁹Be_{corr} AMS ratios to account for recent constraints of the ¹⁰Be half-life (see Supplementary Information).^e ¹⁰Be_m deposition rates derived from Graly et al.'s (2011) equations, using the mean annual precipitation rate (Table 1) and mean latitude for each catchment.

Table DR4 - Hybla Valley Core Data

| Sample | Core Depth | $^{10}\text{Be}_m$ | Core Age | $^{10}\text{Be}_m \pm 1\text{SD}$ | Erosion |
|--------------|------------|--------------------|-------------------|--|---------|
| ID | (m) | LLNL # | (ka) ^a | (atoms g ⁻¹) $\times 10^5$ | Index |
| R2C45 | 0 | BE29438 | 17 | 0.38 \pm 0.006 | 0.06 |
| R3C55 | 1 | BE29431 | 17 | 5.88 \pm 0.029 | 0.97 |
| R7C10 | 5 | BE29439 | 32 | 12.43 \pm 0.277 | 2.04 |
| R11C30 | 9 | BE29441 | 49 | 6.54 \pm 0.165 | 1.07 |
| R13(AL)20 | 9 | BE29443 | 51 | 7.73 \pm 0.121 | 1.27 |
| R18C55 | 14 | BE29427 | 70 | 3.17 \pm 0.022 | 0.52 |
| R23C25 | 17 | BE29428 | 84 | 4.09 \pm 0.028 | 0.67 |
| R25C45 | 19 | BE29440 | 90 | 6.79 \pm 0.113 | 1.12 |
| R28C35 | 21 | BE29429 | 100 | 6.37 \pm 0.059 | 1.05 |
| R32C65 | 24 | BE29444 | 113 | 6.96 \pm 0.089 | 1.14 |
| R35(AL)(L)30 | 26 | BE29442 | 123 | 6.01 \pm 0.094 | 0.99 |
| R41C10 | 31 | BE29446 | 140 | 6.78 \pm 0.106 | 1.11 |
| R45C10 | 34 | BE29447 | 156 | 0.31 \pm 0.008 | 0.05 |

^a Core ages derived from age-depth relationships presented in Litwin et al. (2013).