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Sommario/riassunto	The rich and diversified archaeological record recovered at Asana-- which spans from 10,000 to 3,500 years ago--includes the earliest houses as well as public and ceremonial buildings in the central cordillera. Built, used, and abandoned over many millennia, the Asana structures completely transform our understanding of the antiquity and development of native American architecture. Aldenderfer's detailed archaeological case study of high elevation foraging adaptation, his

description of this extreme environment as a viable human habitat, and his theoretical model of montane foraging create a

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