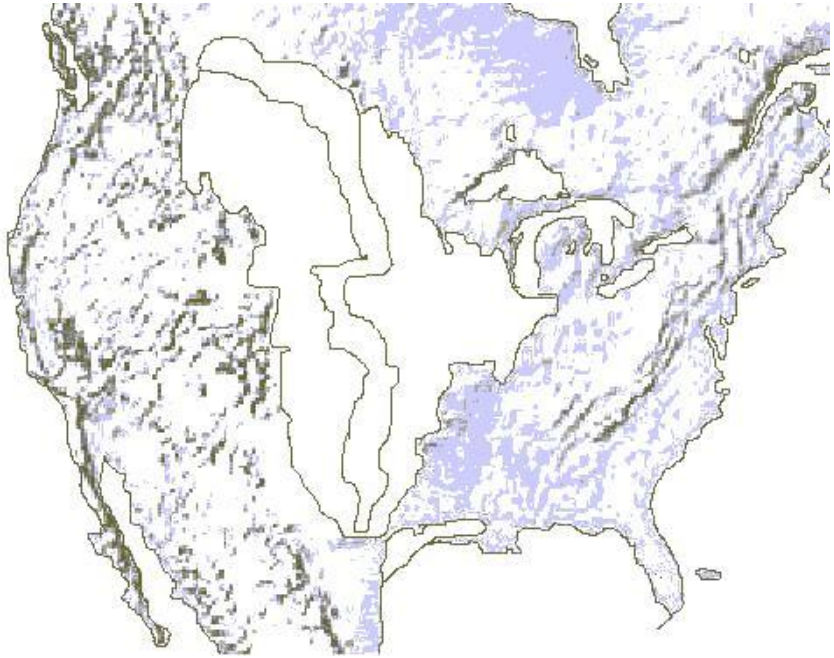

Handout 1: Tall Grasslands Guide

Build a Prairie Web Site:

<<http://www.bellmuseum.org/distancelearning/prairie/build/>>

Color the tall grass prairie
area green



How can you tell the difference between a mesic prairie and a wet prairie?

Why is couch grass considered an “invader” on the mesic prairie?

Which other grass is a “weed” on the tall grass prairie?

Which of the six forbes are the exotic invasive plants?

Which forb is on the endangered species list?

Face of an owl and body of a hawk – it must be a

Which raptor of the tall grass prairie was the most surprising to you?

What surprised you about that particular bird?

Do you think coyotes and red foxes would compete for prey in a tall grass prairie? _____

Explain your answer:

Which reptile would go hungry in the tall grass prairie?

Explain your answer:

Describe why the two invasive insect species are unwanted guests in the tall grass prairie.

How are prairie plants adapted to survive prairie fires?

Hint: see <<http://www.abnc.org/stewardship/prescribed-burns.php>> and <<http://www.fpdwc.org/burning.cfm>> (Natural History of Fire and Why Prescribed Fire?)
