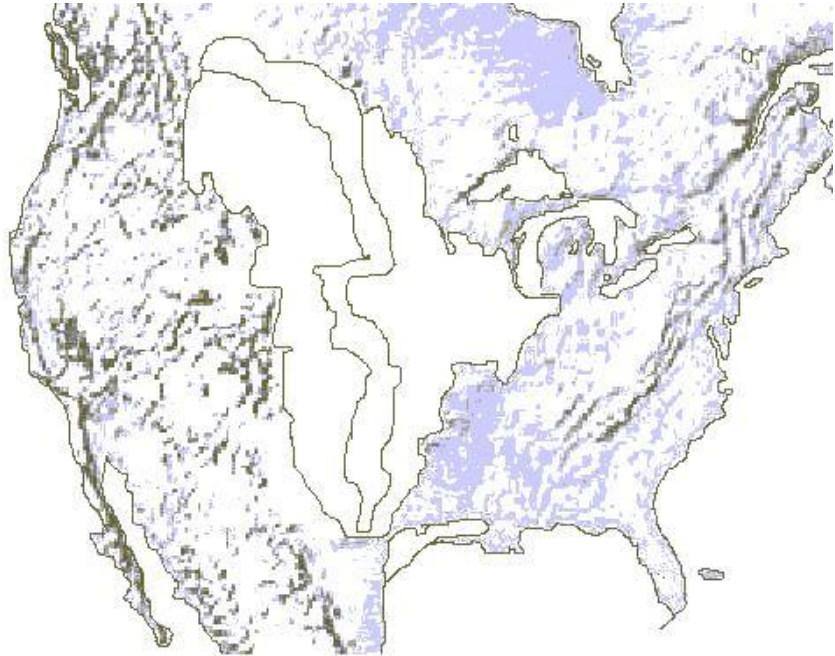

Handout 1: Short Grasslands Guide

Build a Prairie Web Site:

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

Color the short grass prairie area yellow



In the valleys of dry prairies, you would probably find another type of prairie.

Which type? _____ Describe how is this type is different from a dry prairie.

What are the two grasses considered “invaders” on the short grass prairie?

1. _____ 2. _____

What makes them unwanted species on the short grass prairie?

Which of the six forbes are the exotic invasive plants?

Describe how each exotic invasive plant is a danger to other short grass native plants.

Which of the birds you have to choose from would be much happier near a wet prairie?

What do you think would happen to the number of rabbits and mice in the short grass prairie if the ferruginous hawk became extinct?

Do you think anything would happen to the plant populations if the ferruginous hawk became extinct? _____

Explain your answer:

Which short grass prairie mammal often gives birth to twins?

What is another unique fact about this species?

Why do you think there is a large number of snake species in the short grass prairie?

Describe why the two insect species are unwanted guests in the short 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; Why Prescribed Fire?)

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