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Study Title: Caring for Prairie: The Epistemologies, Ontologies and Politics of the Great Plains

INFORMATION ABOUT CARING FOR PRAIRIE RESEARCH

You may have been approached by Jenny Reardon while she was riding her bike across Kansas. She is a Professor of Sociology at the University of California, and is conducting a research project entitled, *Caring for Prairie: The Epistemologies, Ontologies and Politics of the Great Plains*. The purpose of the study is to explore questions about how best to know and care for the prairies in Kansas. One central element in these struggles has been the locus of credible, authoritative knowledge about how best to tend to the land and care for its life. Who and what can know the prairies and its inhabitants? University researchers, independent researchers, government officials and bureaucrats, farmers, immigrant laborers? What practices of knowing are deemed legitimate and authoritative?

Benefits of this study: There are no direct benefits to you, although the speaking with me may have provided you with a chance to reflect on the practices of cultivating for and caring for prairies and their inhabitants. The results of this research may provide some benefits to society through informing national conversations about middle America, and inform community and policy discussions of post-truth politics and climate change.

Rights and Concerns: If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. I can be reached at (831) 459-1645 or via email at reardon1@ucsc.edu. If you have any questions about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the Office of Research Compliance at UC Santa Cruz via email (orca@ucsc.edu) or phone at (831) 459-1473.

Confidentiality:

The information that you gave in the study is anonymous. Your name was not collected or linked to your answers. Because of the nature of the data, it may be possible to deduce your identity; however, there will be no attempt to do so and your data will be reported in a way that will not identify you.

Future Research: De-identified information might be used for future research without additional consent.