Dear Editor,

My coauthor and I hereby a manuscript entitled *Inherent spatiotemporal variation trumps fire and grazer effects in an Oklahoma tallgrass prairie* for consideration as an Article for publication in *Ecological Applications*. We believe this is of interest to the readerships because our study took advantage of a unique opportunity to examine the response of the vascular plant community to inherent landscape sources of environmental heterogeneity relative to the influence of prescribed fires and bison vs. cattle management on a preserve that is using the Natural Variability Hypothesis to guide its application of fire and grazing. We believe that this study is important because the majority of the research on the effects of management decisions experimentally factors out the inherent landscape heterogeneity which we found to be the primary determinate of both vascular plant species richness and composition. Our results also suggest that fine-tuning management plans for relatively intact tallgrass prairie plant communities may not be necessary under certain situations. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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