

**In attempting creation we take
on creation's burden of guilt, of murder
and irreversibility.**

The Witches of Eastwick, p. 275

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Cover: With its species-rich groundlayer under a broken canopy of post oaks, the savanna at HaHaTonka Savanna Natural Area in Missouri's Ozark region, represents landscape-scale savanna restoration being carried out in the state. Maintained during the century and a half since European settlement by off-the-record fires set by residents managing for forage, in recent years savannas like these, relatively commonplace in the west-central part of the state, have become a laboratory in which restorationists are developing techniques for restoring and managing these ecosystems on a scale of thousands of hectares. An account of this work by Ken McCarty of Missouri's Department of Natural Resources begins on page 22. *Missouri DNR photo by Greg Leech*