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ROBERT ADAMS

A compelling photographic essay about the Colorado prairie will be on view at The Museum of Modern Art in an exhibition of the work of ROBERT ADAMS, February 9 through May 1. Taken during a ten-year period, these photographs have been selected from the larger exhibition of Adams's work prepared by the Denver Art Museum and made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. The exhibition was shown in Denver during the summer of 1978.

Long fascinated by the visual and emblematic resonances of the prairie, Robert Adams captures the hope and vulnerability of prairie life--its spare, isolated buildings, its empty vistas, its mysterious silences and expanses. As Adams himself has noted: "Mystery in this landscape is a certainty, an eloquent one. There is everywhere silence--a silence in thunder, in wind, in the call of doves, even a silence in the closing of a pickup door. If you are crossing the plains, leave the interstate and find a back road on which to walk; listen."

Widely exhibited, Robert Adams has published several books of his own work, the most recent of which is Prairie, a selection of the photographs in this show. Robert Adams was born in Orange, New Jersey in 1937. He received his Ph.D. in English at the University of Southern California in 1965, and from 1962 until 1970 was on the faculty of Colorado College in Colorado Springs. He is currently living and working as a free-lance photographer and writer in Longmont, Colorado. He received a National

Endowment for the Arts fellowship in 1972, and a Guggenheim in 1973. His work was shown at The Museum of Modern Art (with Emmet Gowin) in 1971-72.

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