

***Interactive comment on* “Technical Note: Open-paleo-data implementation pilot – The PAGES 2k special issue” by Darrell Kaufman and PAGES 2k special-issue editorial team**

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I commend and fully support David Karoly, Kathy Allen and Patrick Baker for their very detailed and completely justified critique of the Technical Note: Open-paleo-data implementation pilot. It is quite clear that the ramifications of this "pilot" have not been thought out well by its authors, especially given the way that it forces graduate students and early-career scientists to give up their sensitive new data prematurely before their degrees or projects are completed. I know because this is a very real concern of my two graduate students and they deserve to be concerned given this so-called "best practices" data stewardship policy that prompted the earlier comment. The same is-

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sues apply to funded research projects that may have very good reasons to not want to release data before their projects are completed. Depending on the funding source, this may not even be allowed. Does this mean that cutting-edge research cannot be published in certain journals before the end of a project when the data will be released? Of course, we all want to see data placed in a public domain data base like the ITRDB, but there has to be a better middle ground way of doing this than that proposed in the Technical Note. One that better respects those who generate the data, and one that is not unreasonably forced upon vulnerable graduate students and early-career scientists as the case is now. I look forward to discussions that would move us towards a more reasonable middle ground of data stewardship policy.

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