

Interactive comment on “A digital archive of human activity in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, Antarctica” by Adrian Howkins et al.

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Thank you for your thoughtful and encouraging review.

We appreciate the comparisons to the Antarctic Data Analysis project from New Zealand, and we think adding annual data on human movement is an excellent suggestion. We have considered this for the archive, but relocating historical movable field camps is very time consuming and we did not have the resources to do so in this project. Moreover, while data on 'modern' (i.e., past 10-20 years) movable camps may exist in some compiled format, the United States National Science Foundation data policy has prevented us from being allowed to access such data. Still, our digital archive provides a platform to build from, and we hope that in the future we can include

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such data in a similar way as you describe for Antarctica New Zealand.

Thank you for the suggestions regarding the Story Maps. We are glad you found them effective, and will add additional links and resources as future time and funding permits.

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