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Worland Field Office
The First Recorded Roundup

Below is the agreement to conduct the first recorded roundup of wild horses on federal rangeland. It is a contemporaneous transcription of the original handwritten document, signed in Meeteetse, Wyoming on September 5, 1938.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
DIVISION OF GRAZING

AGREEMENT

September 5, 1938.

Meeteetse, Wyoming.

This agreement entered into at Meeteetse, Wyoming, on September 5, 1938, as to a horse roundup on the Federal Range in the area south of the Greybull River to Cottonwood Creek.

And it is agreed that a man will be hired to run these horses and shall receive the sum of \$7.50 for each and every horse over the age of 1 year, the 1938 suckling colts not counted.

Mr. Henry Sayles was on this day appointed to gather these horses. It is thoroughly understood that anyone owning horses in this area can ride and help gather their horses, and by doing so shall not have to pay the sum of \$7.50 for their horses. But, they must only ride for themselves and any day that they are not present they shall pay the sum of \$7.50 for any horse of theirs gathered during that day. It is further understood that Mr. Sayles shall supervise and conduct the handling of the riders while on this roundup.

All the stray horses shall be handled disposed of according to the Stray Law of the State of Wyoming.

All micks shall be disposed of by Henry Sayles and he shall be reimbursed \$7.50 from the money derived from the sale for each and every stray. Mr. Charles Hillberry shall count the micks.

This horse roundup is to start on or about October 1, 1938.

In the event that Mr. Sayles or those employed by him are not able to gather some of these horses for the reason of bunch quitting or other reasons, then Mr. Sayles shall use his own judgment of how he will dispose of such horses. Whatever method he uses is agreeable with the undersigned.

SIGNED: Chas. A. Webster & Son
J. J. Winniger
W. S. Myers
Charles Hillberry
Lloyd Robbins
Levi Snyder & Snyder Bros. by Percy Snyder
Henry Sayles
Eugene Phelps
Phelps Ranch Co. by Allan Smith
Ed Larson