Brothers sentenced in wild horse deaths

Two brothers charged with killing 11 wild horses were sentenced to a year's probation Wednesday by a U.S. magistrate.

U.S. Magistrate Lawrence Leavitt also ordered that Vern and Duane Dimick pay \$250 apiece in fines and do 120 hours of commu-

nity service.

The dead horses were discovered near Mount Potosi in November.

Federal Bureau of Land Management agents said the horses appeared to have died from slugs fired from high-powered rifles.

The federal investigation led

BLM agents to the Dimicks in March; the brothers eventually pleaded guilty to misdemeanor "willful unauthorized destruction of wild horses."

The federal violation carries a maximum penalty of a year in prison and a \$2,000 fine per violation.

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2 get probation for killing wild horses

Two young Las Vegas men, who pleaded guilty to federal charges of killing wild horses, were sentenced Wednesday to probation, \$250 in fines and 120 hours of community service.

Duane and Vern Dimick originally were charged with 11 counts of destroying wild horses but pled guilty to one count each species.

U.S. Magistrate Lawrence Leavitt ordered the brothers to spend the 120 hours "improving the habitat for wildlife." (Las Vegas Sun)

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