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UPDATE

Brothers released in horse shooting

Two brothers accused of shooting 11 wild horses on federal land appeared in U.S. Magistrate's court Friday and were released on their own recognizance until their March 31 preliminary hearing.

Vern and Duane Dimick of Henderson were arrested this week by agents of the Bureau of Land Management, following an investigation that began in November.

Ben Collins, district manager of the BLM in Las Vegas, said some hunters on federal land in Potasi found 11 wild horses shot to death with a high-powered rifle in November.

Collins said the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971 specifically makes it a misdemeanor offense to shoot horses or burros.

The misdemeanor carries a penalty of up to \$2,000 in fines and a year in jail for each animal killed.

However, government prosecutor Anne Perry said at this time the brothers have only been charged with a single violation and not one per each animal.

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