Montana Cooperative State Grazing District Directory

2024

Front cover artist: David Graham
Left Top: “The Chase”
Right Top: “First Ones to Cross”
Bottom: “God’s Country”

David is from the Miles City, Montana area. From an early age, David’s artistic passions have been greatly influenced and shaped by his Western surroundings, as well as his family’s deep roots in the ranching way of life. His oil paintings portray cowboys and horses, as well as wildlife and Native Americans. He gains his inspiration from time spent in the saddle and hiking back-country trails. The history of the West also captivates David’s imagination. The land, the people, and the wildlife of this area all ensure that he will never lack for ideas when he puts paint to canvas.

Today, David lives in the Yellowstone River valley between Miles City and Glendive in eastern Montana. He enjoys homesteading on his small parcel of land, cultivating a small apple orchard and growing vegetables and fruits, and taking care of a small flock of animals. He generally surrounds himself with everything he likes to paint.
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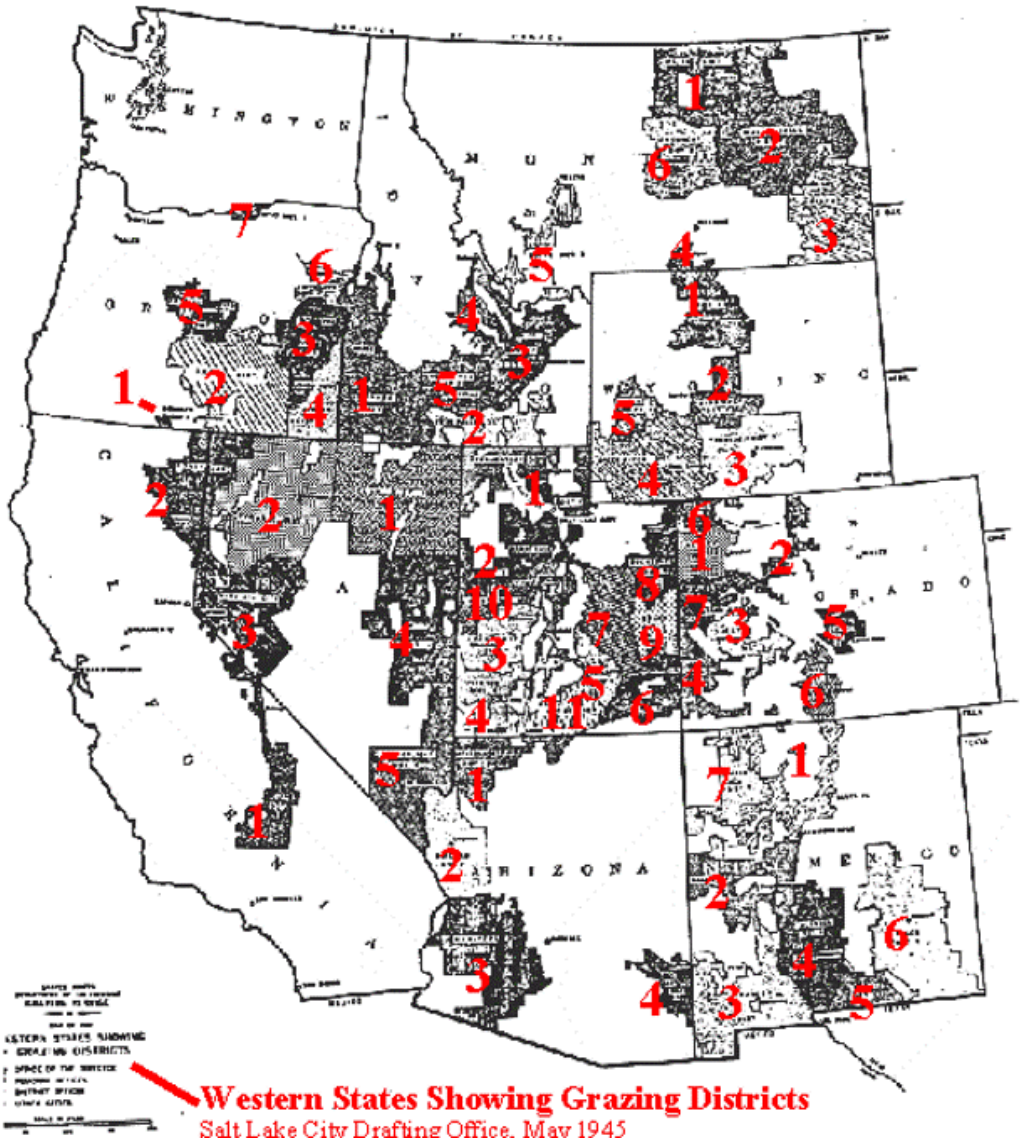

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1. Arizona Strip
2. Kingman
3. Maricopa
4. Safford

California
1. Mojave
2. Honey Lake

Colorado
1. Meeker
2. Summit
3. Ouray
4. Dolores
5. Royal Gorge
6. Yampa
7. Rifle
8. San Luis

Idaho
1. Owyhee
2. Twin Falls
3. Lost River
4. Lemhi
5. Wood River

Montana
1. Malta
2. Musselshell
3. Mizpan
4. Bridger
5. Butte
6. Roundup

Nevada
1. Elko
2. Pyramid
3. Virginia City
4. Ely
5. Searchlight

New Mexico
1. San Isidro
2. Magdalena
3. Border
4. Tularosa
5. Mesa
6. Pecos
7. Chaco

Oregon
1. Bonanza
2. Basin
3. Vale
4. Jordan
5. Crooked River
6. Baker
7. Echo

Utah
1. Promontory
2. Bonneville
3. Panvant
4. Virgin
5. Escalante
6. Monticello
7. San Rafael
8. Ducnesne
9. Grand
10. Hebo
11. Vermillion

Wyoming
1. Tensleep
2. Wind River
3. Divide
4. Green River
5. Sublette

Badland Grazing District

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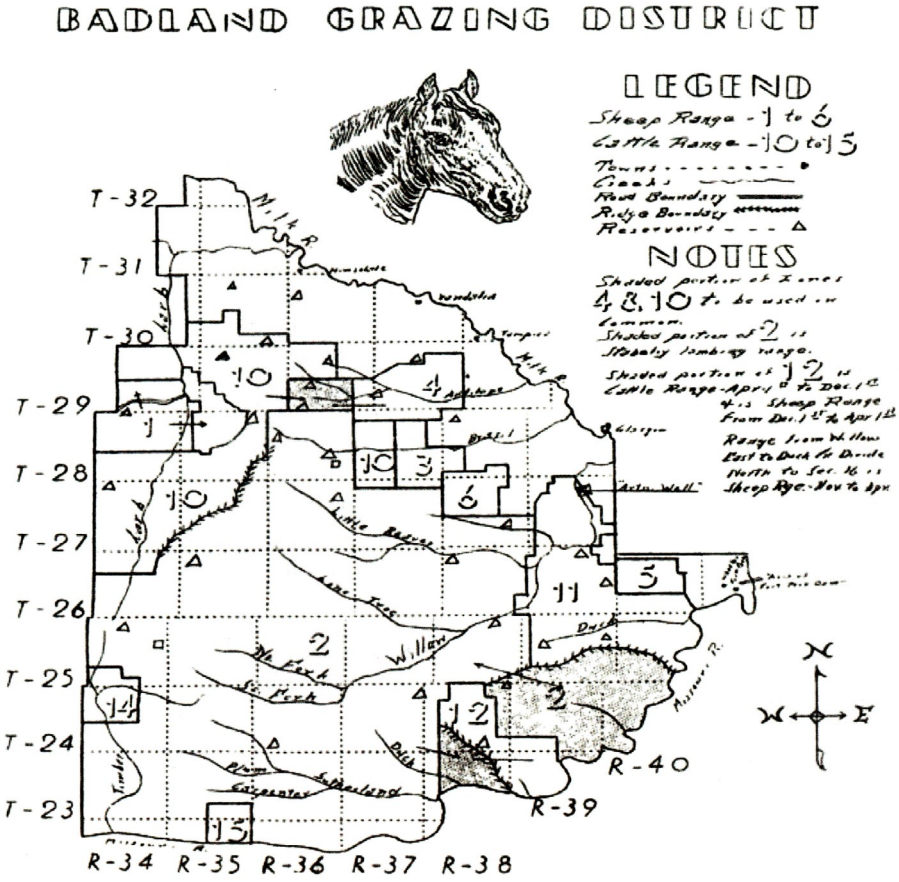

Map of the Boundaries of the Badlands Grazing District

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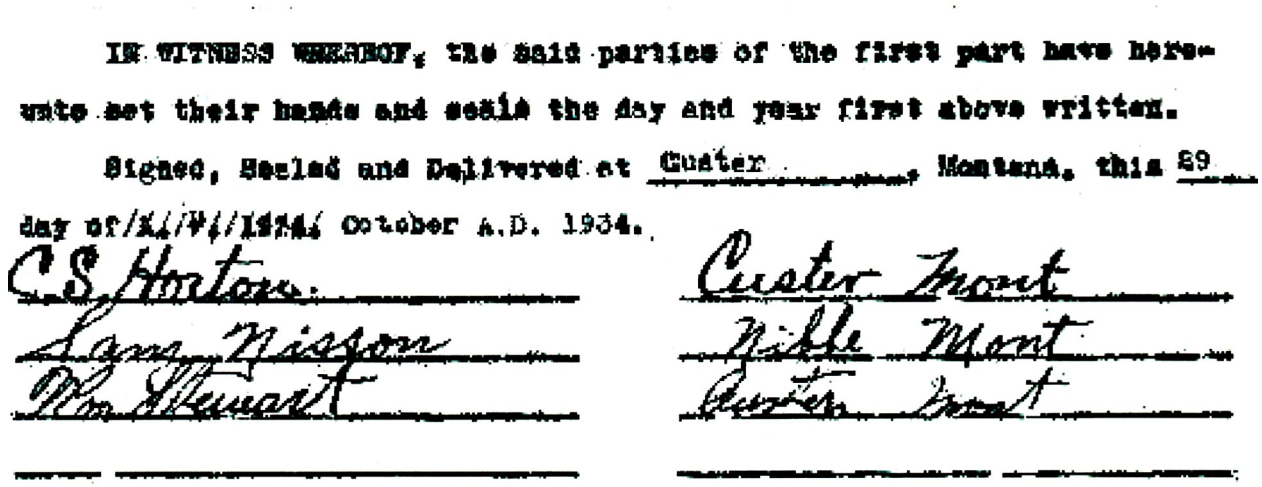

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered at Custer, Montana, this 29 day of ~~[illegible]~~ October A.D. 1934.

C.S. Horton — Custer Mont
Sam Nisson — Nibbe Mont
Wm Stewart — Custer Mont

Original signers of the Buffalo Creek Grazing District Articles of Incorporation

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Pictured from left to right: Lynn Cornwell. Two Valley County electrical workers, and Wayne Anderson

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Dove Tail School

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In testimony whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and executed this instrument this 8th day of June, 19 39.

A. J. Southworth (SEAL)
Vernon Puckett (SEAL)
Swan Johnson (SEAL)

STATE OF MONTANA)
: ss
COUNTY OF Fergus)

On this 8th day of June 19 39, before me Eva T. Murphy, a Notary Public, personally appeared A. J. Southworth, Vernon Puckett and Swan Johnson known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

Eva T. Murphy
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Roy, Montana.
My Commission expires Dec 22, 1940.

Original Articles of Incorporation

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Knowlton School was built in 1920. It has closed and reopened twice. A fire in the summer of 2003 gutted the building, but it was rebuilt and school opened again in the fall of 2004. The 03-04 school year was held in the upstairs rooms of Mary Ellen Anderson's home. The school closed again in the Spring of 2014. The building is now owned by Jim Anderson and used as a community Hall.

Flatwillow Grazing District

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in
the Presence of

Wm. B. Johnson — G. R. Milburn

Albert Seaholm

J O Miller

State of Montana }
County of Fergus } ss.

On this 22nd day of March 1935, before me, Wm. B. Johnson, a Notary Public for the State of Montana, personally appeared G. R. Milburn, Albert Seaholm and J. O. Miller known to me personally to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

Wm. B. Johnson
Notary Public for the State of Montana

My commission expires March 24th -1935

Residing at Lewistown, Montana

SEAL

Original Articles of Incorporation

Froze to Death Grazing District

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Photos of the Last Roundup of the unfenced district

Grass Range Grazing District

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

I. The name of this association shall be:

"Grass Range Cooperative Grazing Association."

2. This is a cooperative organization without capital stock and is not operated for profit. The purpose for which it is formed is to make possible the acquisition, control, conservation and beneficial use by its members of certain grazing lands lying in Fergus County, Montana, to the end that the members of the association may stabilize their farming and ranching operations.

3. The Grass Range cooperative Grazing District shall be situated wholly within the boundaries of Fergus County, and the office of the Association shall be located in Grass Range, Fergus County, Montana.

4. The membership fee of this Association shall be Two and 50/100 Dollars ($2.50) per member.

5. This Association shall have a corporate life of forty (40) years.

6. The individuals who subscribe to membership and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation, together with their respective residences and the legal description of their lands, is as follows:

Henry Rustuen	Grass Range Mont	Sec 4-Tp 15 N-R 22 E
C. W. Ryan	"	Sec 21- Tp 15 N-R23E
Ole Olson	"	Sec 7 - Tp 14 N- R 24E

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals this 5th day of March 1938.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

G. W. Breckenridge

Henry Rustuen

C. W. Ryan

Ole Olson

County of Fergus)
State of Montana) ss

Original Articles of Incorporation

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Pictures taken in 2003 as part of range monitoring program started in 1998.

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The officers of the merged state grazing district are as follows:

President: LeRoy Dion
Vice-President: Thomas J. Courtney
Secretary/Treasurer: Jennifer Coles

The duties of the officers include, but are not limited to, calling and presiding over meetings of the District members and Board of Directors, signing certificates of membership, notes, deeds, and other instruments on behalf of the District, record keeping of all business of the District including receipt and disbursement of funds, the officers will act as the custodian of all property of the District, the officers will perform all other acts and duties required by the District, Board of Directors, and the By-Laws, as well as direct the affairs of the District, subject to the control of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors will consist of five permittee members elected at the first meeting of the District. The Board of Directors will generally manage the business of the District, exercise its powers, conduct its affairs and make such policies and procedures consistent with the By-Laws and the laws of the State of Montana to properly carry out the purposes of the District.

The names and addresses of the incorporators are as follows:

Lane Pilster	Thomas J. Courtney	Richard G. Morgan
(Name)	(Name)	(Name)
HC 56 Box 63	HC 50 Box 8	HCR 62 Box 32
(Address)	(Address)	(Address)
Alzada MT 59311	Alzada MT 59311	Belle Fourche S. Dak 57717
(Signature)	(Signature)	(Signature)

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Original Articles of Incorporation

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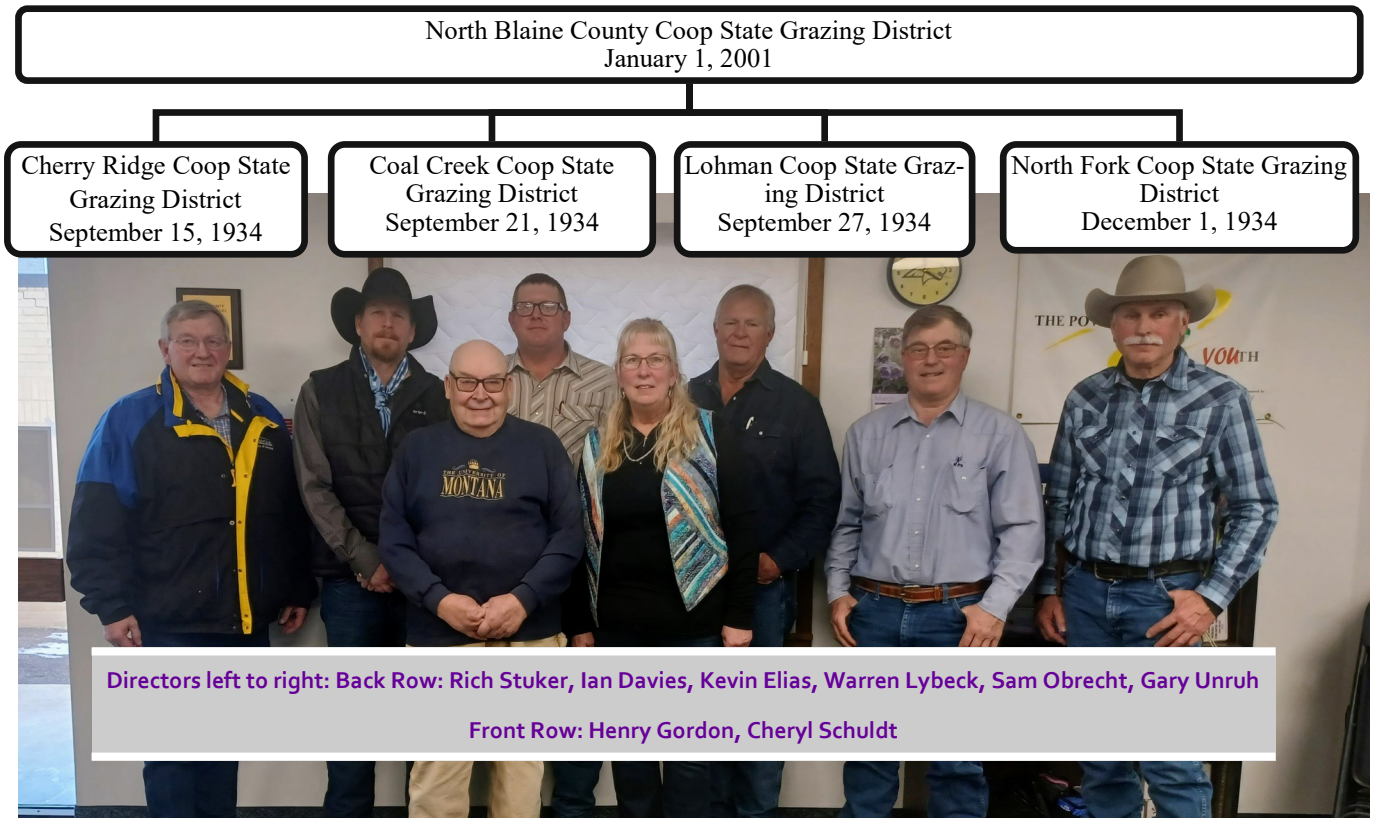

Directors left to right: Back Row: Rich Stuker, Ian Davies, Kevin Elias, Warren Lybeck, Sam Obrecht, Gary Unruh

Front Row: Henry Gordon, Cheryl Schuldt

North Phillips Grazing District

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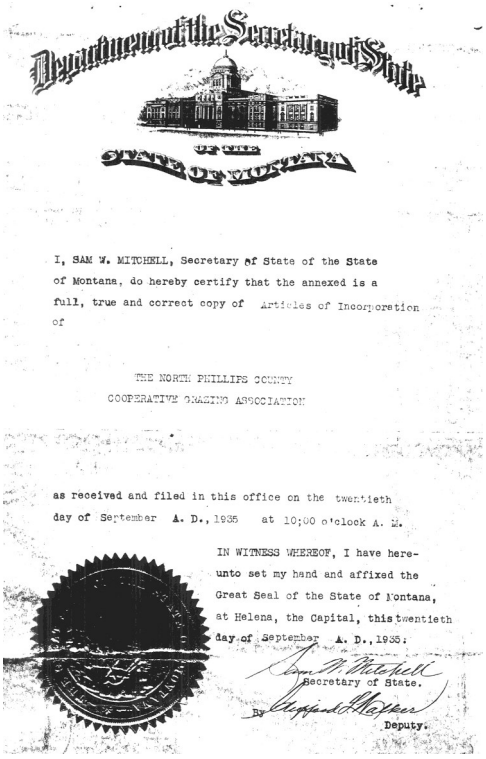

Department of the Secretary of State
OF THE
STATE OF MONTANA

I, SAM W. MITCHELL, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that the annexed is a full, true and correct copy of Articles of Incorporation of

THE NORTH PHILLIPS COUNTY
COOPERATIVE GRAZING ASSOCIATION

as received and filed in this office on the twentieth day of September A. D., 1935 at 10:00 o'clock A. M.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Helena, the Capital, this twentieth day of September A. D., 1935.

Sam W. Mitchell
Secretary of State.
By Stephen L. Mather
Deputy.

Original Seal of the Grazing District

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Mass turnout of cattle by the grazing associations 1907.

Pole Creek Grazing District

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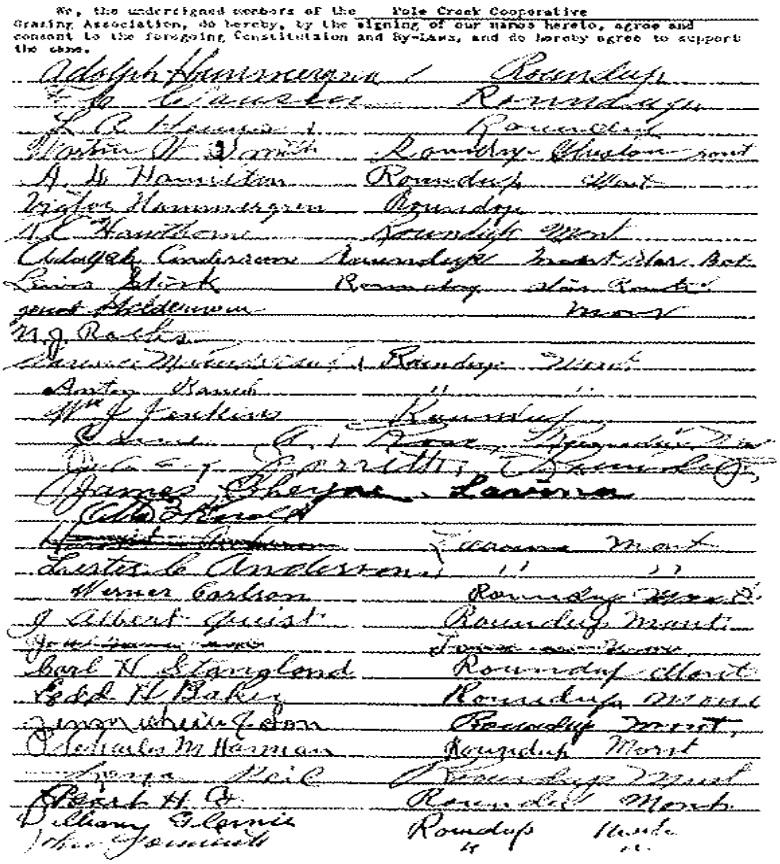
We, the undersigned members of the Pole Creek Cooperative Grazing Association, do hereby, by the signing of our names hereto, agree and consent to the foregoing Constitution and By-Laws, and do hereby agree to support the same.

Original signatures of the members of Pole Creek Grazing Association.

Prairie County Grazing District

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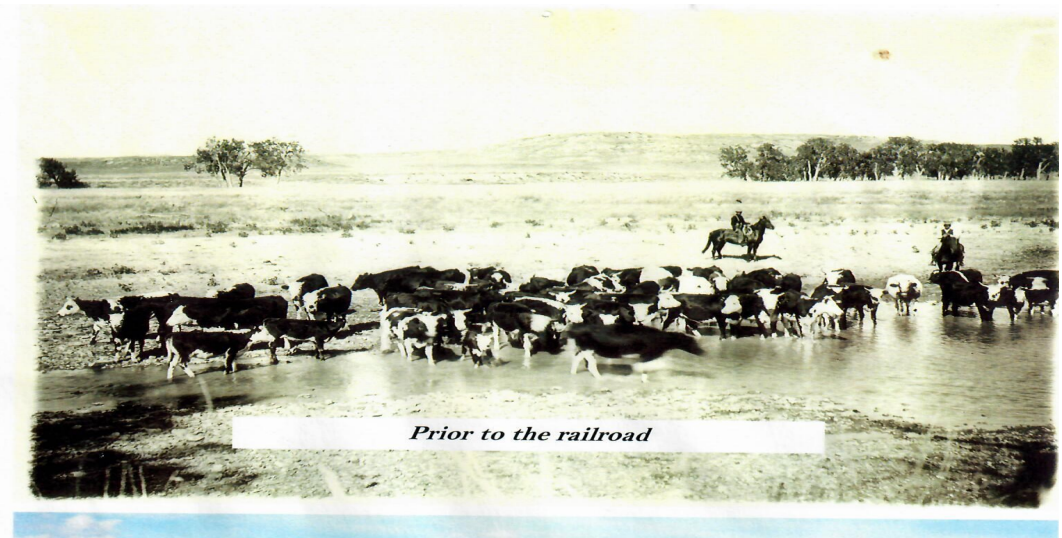

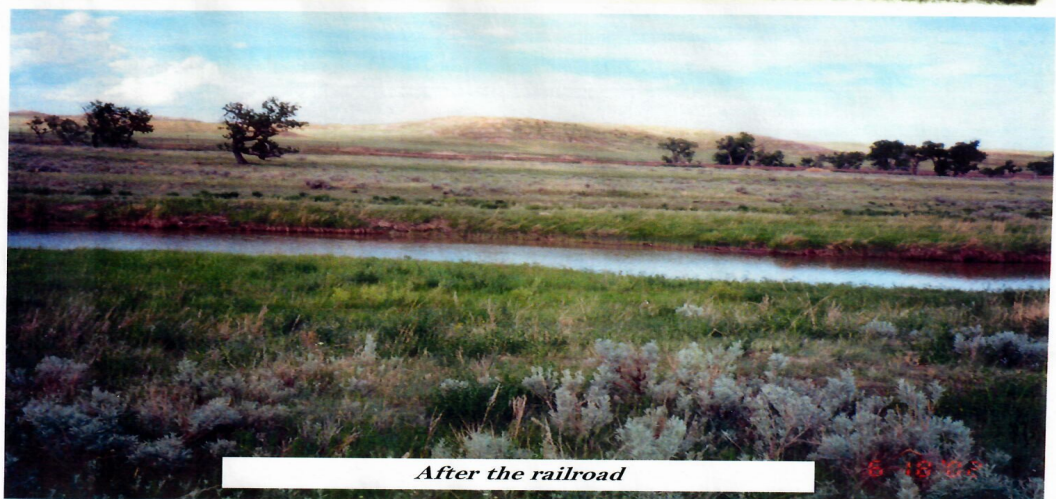

Historic Grazing in Prairie County

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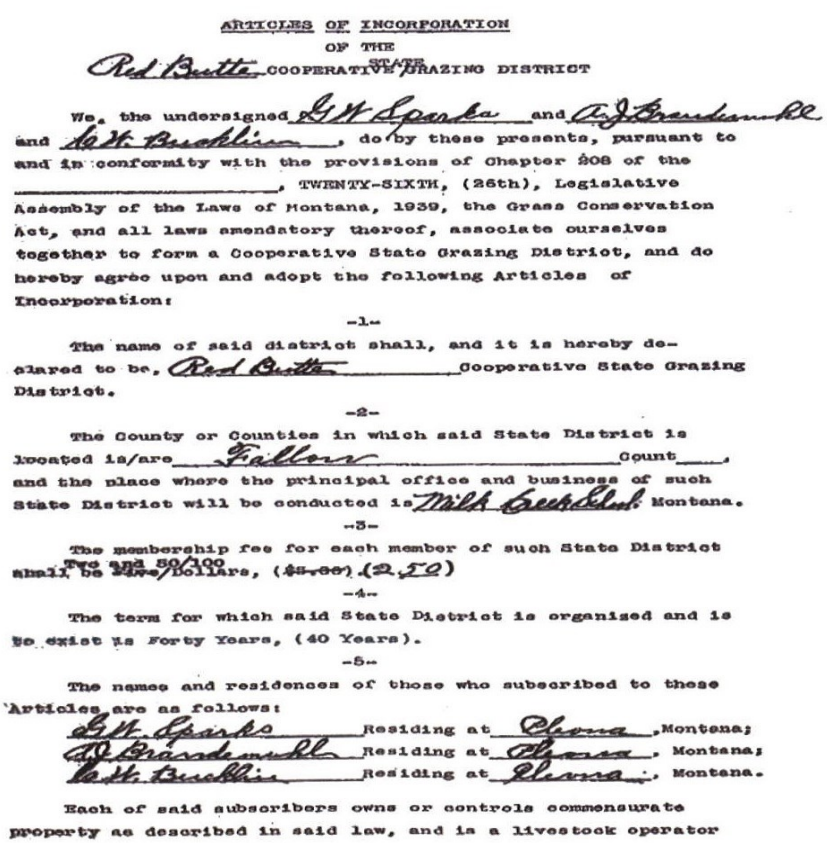

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
Red Butte COOPERATIVE STATE GRAZING DISTRICT

We, the undersigned G W Sparks and A J Brandemuhl and C W Bucklin, do by these presents, pursuant to and in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 208 of the _____, TWENTY-SIXTH, (26th), Legislative Assembly of the Laws of Montana, 1939, the Grass Conservation Act, and all laws amendatory thereof, associate ourselves together to form a Cooperative State Grazing District, and do hereby agree upon and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

-1-

The name of said district shall, and it is hereby declared to be, Red Butte Cooperative State Grazing District.

-2-

The County or Counties in which said State District is located is/are Fallon Count____, and the place where the principal office and business of such State District will be conducted is Milk Creek School Montana.

-3-

The membership fee for each member of such State District shall be ~~Five~~ Two and 50/100 Dollars, (~~$5.00~~) (2.50)

-4-

The term for which said State District is organized and is to exist is Forty Years, (40 Years).

-5-

The names and residences of those who subscribed to these Articles are as follows:

G W Sparks Residing at Plevna, Montana;
A J Brandemuhl Residing at Plevna, Montana;
C W Bucklin Residing at Plevna, Montana.

Each of said subscribers owns or controls commensurate property as described in said law, and is a livestock operator

Original Articles of Incorporation

South Phillips Grazing District

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Larry Smith	3229 Alkali Road Malta, MT 59538	406-658-2148	

In testimony whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and executed this instrument this 15 day of September, 19 39.

Dal Waters (SEAL)
Ed Armstrong (SEAL)
[illegible] (SEAL)

STATE OF MONTANA)
: ss
COUNTY OF Phillips)

On this 15 day of September 19 39, before me Carl Liviehl, a Notary Public, personally appeared Dal Waters, Ed Armstrong, and W. F. Martin, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

Carl C. Liviehl
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Malta, Montana.
My Commission expires Feb. 26-1941

Original Articles of Incorporation

Wayne Creek Grazing District

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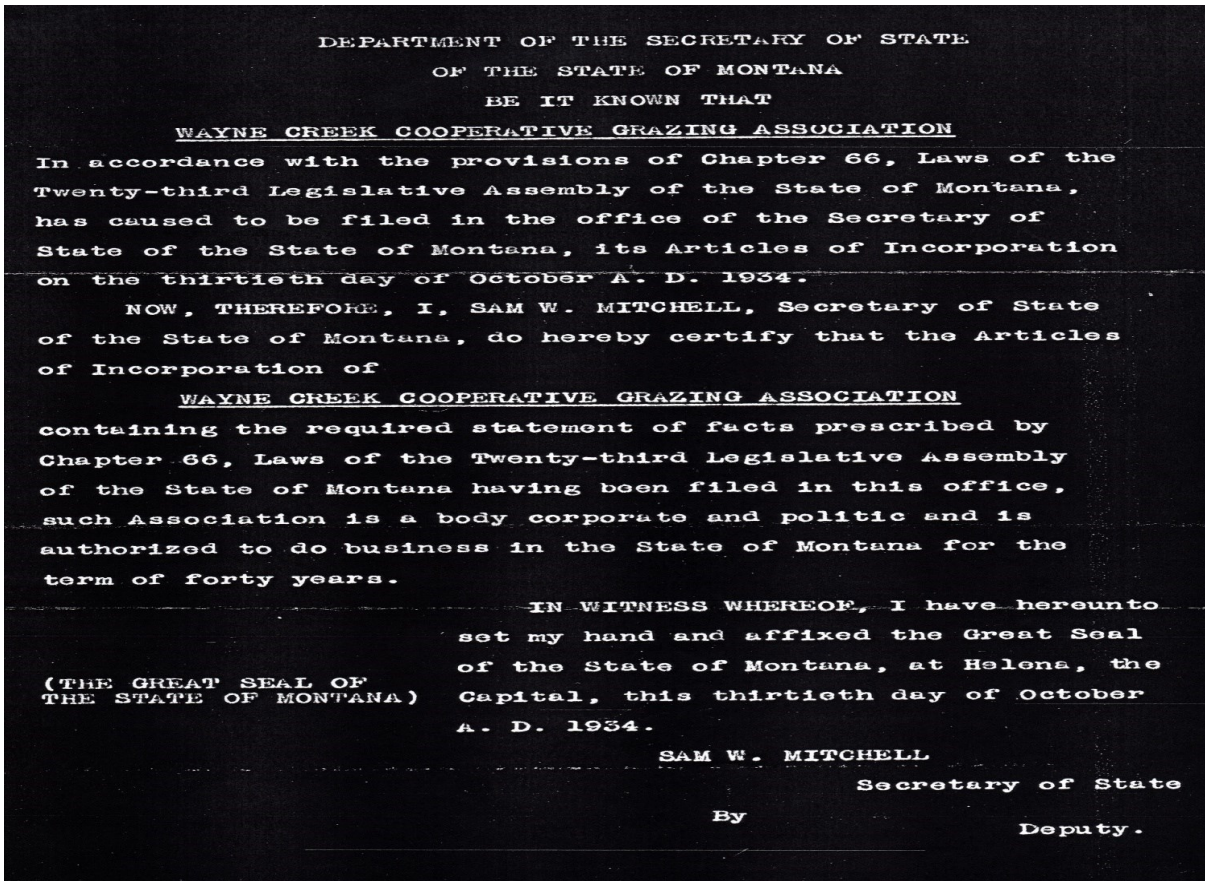

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA
BE IT KNOWN THAT
WAYNE CREEK COOPERATIVE GRAZING ASSOCIATION

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 66, Laws of the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana, has caused to be filed in the office of the Secretary of State of the State of Montana, its Articles of Incorporation on the thirtieth day of October A. D. 1934.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, SAM W. MITCHELL, Secretary of State of the State of Montana, do hereby certify that the Articles of Incorporation of

WAYNE CREEK COOPERATIVE GRAZING ASSOCIATION

containing the required statement of facts prescribed by Chapter 66, Laws of the Twenty-third Legislative Assembly of the State of Montana having been filed in this office, such Association is a body corporate and politic and is authorized to do business in the State of Montana for the term of forty years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Helena, the Capital, this thirtieth day of October A. D. 1934.

(THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF MONTANA)

SAM W. MITCHELL
Secretary of State
By
Deputy.

Original Seal of the Secretary of the State

Weede Grazing District

Wyna Woodford, Secretary/Treasurer
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Kevin Hill	123 Hill Road Mosby, MT 59058	406-429-6801	
Jay Woodford	364 Woodford Trail Mosby, MT 59058	406-429-7461	

In testimony whereof, the said parties have hereunto set their hands and executed this instrument this 12th day of August, 1939.

H. W. McGiboney (SEAL)
J. R. Hill (SEAL)
Lou E. Hill (SEAL)

STATE OF MONTANA)
: ss
COUNTY OF PETROLEUM)

On this 12th day of August 1939, before me W. F. Dunlap, a Notary Public, personally appeared H. W. McGiboney, J. R. Hill, and Lou E. Hill, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they execute the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate avove written.

W. F. Dunlap
Notary Public for the State of Montana.
Residing at Winnett, Montana.
My Commission expires April 6th, 1941.

Williams Coulee Grazing District

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In testimony whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and executed this instrument this 17th day of November 1939.

Wren C. Niles (SEAL)
W A Stroup (SEAL)
W T Wells (SEAL)

STATE OF MONTANA)
) SS
COUNTY OF Petroleum)

On this 17th day of November, 1939, before me Dorothy Bowen, a ~~Notary Public~~ Clerk of the District Court, personally appeared Wren C. Niles, W. A. Stroup and W. T. Wells, known to me to be the persons whose names are subscribed to the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal the day and year in this certificate above written.

(Seal)

Dorothy Bowen Clerk of District Court.
~~Notary Public for the State of Montana~~
Residing at Winnett, Montana.
~~My Commission Expires~~

Original Articles of Incorporation

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Winnett Grazing District

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The Winnett Cooperative State Grazing District was officially incorporated on June 27, 1936. It was formed by a group of ranchers getting together to protect their livestock interests. In their letter of incorporation, it was stated, "the object of this association shall be to promote, aid, and protect the raising of livestock in the Winnett Grazing District".

The first members to join the Winnett Grazing District were:

Leslie Forbes	Jonas Olson	Walter Allen
V.W. Braaten	W.A. Stroup	R.E. Bailey
John U. Winter	M.T. Wells	Chas. D. Bohn
Joe Rogge	Guy Bump	George M. Ingebo
W.D. Bowen	Ernest Bump	
H.E. Connie	Lou Mosby	

The Winnett Grazing District is still going strong today. There are currently 43 members in the Grazing District. The current directors of the Grazing District are:

Sig Pugrud	Tye Lund
Jay Hughes	Nick Schultz
Chris King	

The Secretary/Treasurer of Winnett Grazing District is Raye Anne Lund. She took over the position in 2006 from Sue McKenna. Sue had been the secretary for approximately 10 years. Prior to Sue, the secretary was Torger Skveland who held the position for a number of years.

Notes

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Rangeland Monitoring

Range conditions change from year to year and within a single season due to weather, wildlife foraging, insect infestation, fire and erosion. To gain the greatest productivity from the range, while also protecting to resource over the long term, livestock producers must use grazing to reflect these changing conditions ***Rangeland Monitoring*** is the key to making the proper adjustments.

The information gained by monitoring may also help to protect grazing interests for the future. By collecting factual data about trends in range condition, livestock producers can establish a historical record of the actual effects of grazing. Such evidence will help support the continuing role of livestock producers as stewards of the range.

A monitoring program is best carried out by the individual landowner, with help from the local county extension agent, grazing district, conservation district, federal land manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service office, or private professional range consultant. A monitoring program should include four basic steps:

- Define the objectives—set attainable goals for short and long term improvements in soil, moisture, and vegetative conditions.
- Identify study sites—select and map representative study sites and record baseline data for existing conditions and management practices.
- Gather measurable data—keep records of grazing use, precipitation levels, range trends, and other factors. Photograph study plots annually to create a permanent, objective record of range conditions.
- Evaluate the data—compare annual conditions to the baseline data. Adjust grazing use and other management practices as needed to meet the pre-determined objectives.

Remember: Proper monitoring takes time and effort, but it is time and effort well invested. Careful planning at the outset will result in a more efficient monitoring program.

Source: Montana Association of State Grazing Districts

Rangeland Improvement Loan Program

The Rangeland Improvement Loan Program offers low-interest loans to Montana farmers and ranchers who want to develop and improve their rangelands. Many types of projects are eligible for loans, including stock water development, fencing, reseeding, establishing grazing systems, sagebrush management, wildlife habitat improvement, weed control and mechanical rangeland renovation.

Loans are funded through a revolving account earmarked for range improvements by the state legislature in 1983. Outstanding loans are repaid to this account, ensuring that funds will be available for future loans. To obtain a loan, the borrower applies to the local conservation district. The district supervisors review the loan application and the landowner's conservation land and forward feasible project to DNRC. The application is then reviewed by DNRC and the Rangeland Resource Executive Committee. A successful application receives final approval from the director of DNRC.

- The maximum loan amount is $100,000
- The interest rate is 3.5 percent
- Loans are available over a 10 year term with annual payments

An administrative fee of 1 percent of the loan amount is charged, and loans are secured by a first or second mortgage. Preference is given to applicants who have additional funding available. Applicants must pay all loan costs, such as title insurance, appraisal fees, and filing fees.

For more information, contact your local conservation district, or Bill Herbolich, Loan officer, DNRC 406-444-6686,

BHerbolich@mt.gov, Stacey Barta, Program Manager, 406-594-8481 SBarta@mt.gov, Or dnrc.mt.gov

Source: DNRC, Montana Association of State Grazing Districts

Inactive Grazing Districts

Devils Basin Grazing District

Fort Pease Grazing District

Kilby Butte Grazing District

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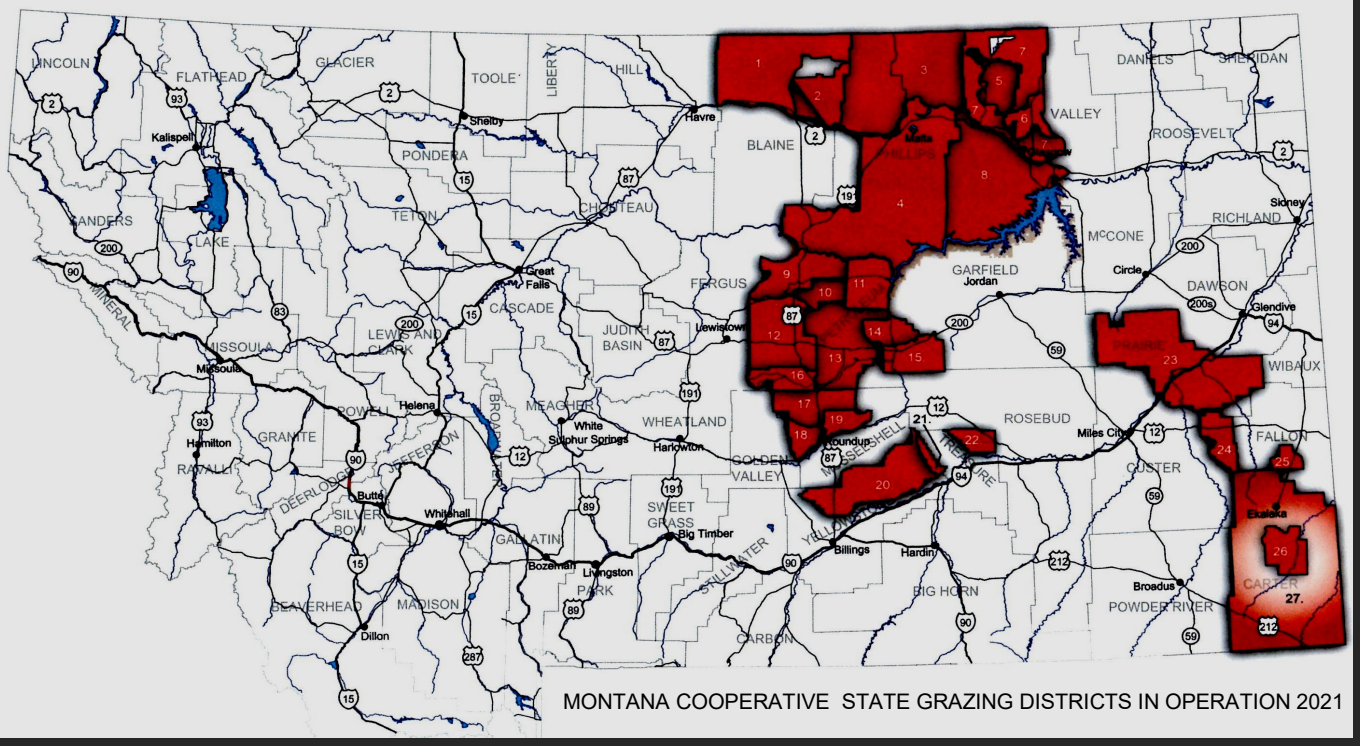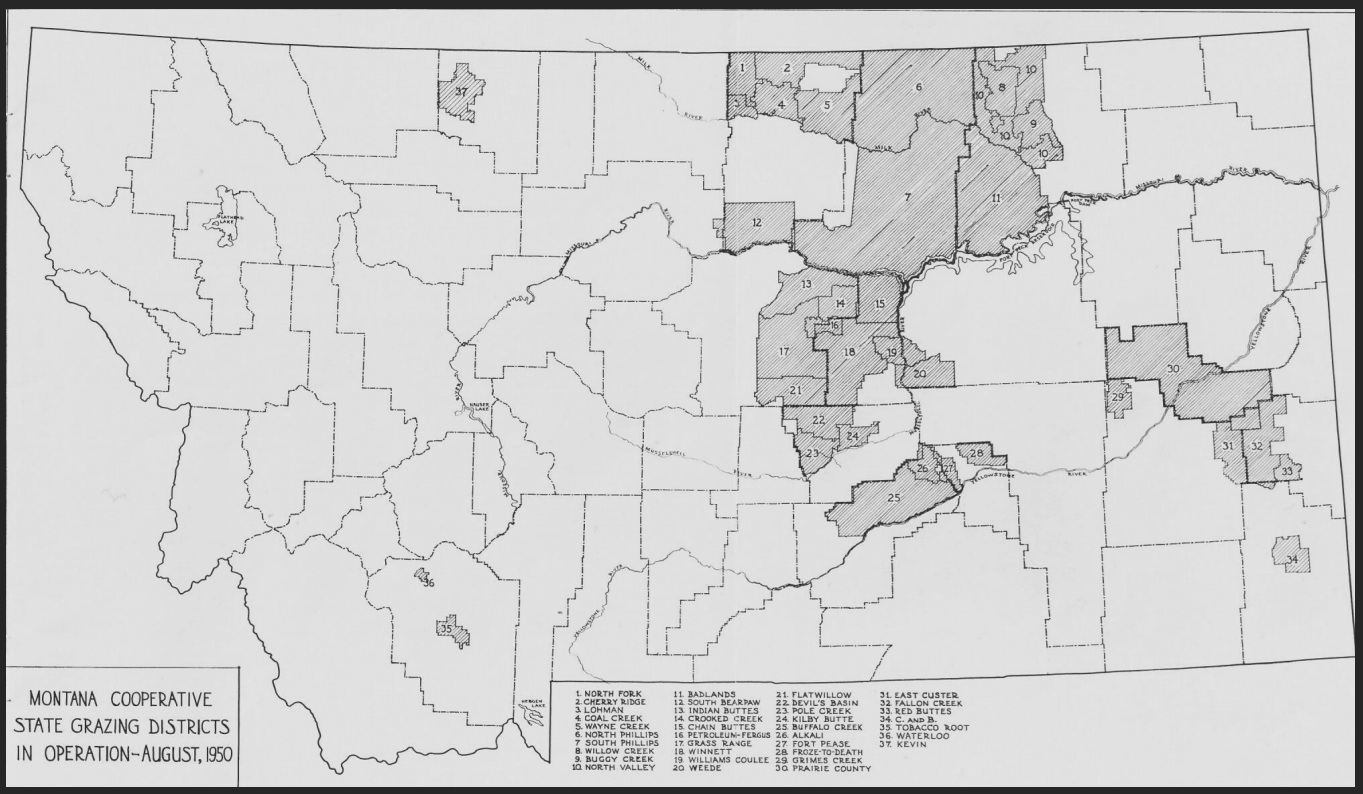
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