

## APPENDIX 7

### Sweetgrass Road Maintenance History

- GE Martin (Forest Supervisor) Letter dated August 4, 1930 addressed to Mr. Ward and Mr. Parker, inholders of Section 9, TN4, R12E in Sweetgrass Drainage.
  - The letter details that the Forest Service maintains “only a trail through the Forest up Sweet Grass Canyon” and that “there is no objection to private individuals improving this trail to the point where it can be used for either wagons or automobiles...The Forest Service is distinctly interested in keeping all existing trails open for horse travel, and aggressive action will be taken in every case where trails are blocked by fencing or in any other manner...This policy is necessary to conserve for the public established means of gaining ingress and egress to the National Forest and for use of Forest employees in protection and administration of Forest resources.” [Author’s emphasis]
- CV Rubottom (Forest Ranger) Letter dated July 31, 1936 to RC Ward regarding Mr. Ward’s request for the Forest Service to work on Sweet Grass Road.
  - Ranger Rubottom states that the road project is not on the “approved list of roads and for this reason we are unable to use regular road funds...however this project has been included in our plans for WPA work to commence some time this fall. If this work should be approved, we will build a new road from Brannin’s to your place. I hope that this project will be approved as I agree with you that the road is important and should be done”.
- GE Martin (Forest Supervisor) Letter dated June 18, 1943 documenting ownership and use in the Big Timber and Sweetgrass Canyon areas.
  - Forest records of historic government trail construction are addressed. They include expenditures as follow for “Sweetgrass Trail #122: 1930, \$17.27, 1934, \$32.14; 1935, \$1676.98; 1936, \$430.03 1937, \$565.64; 1939, \$111.13; 1940, \$42.00; Total, \$2875.18.
- CV Rubottom (Forest Ranger) Letter dated July 3, 1945 detailing Forest Service work on Sweetgrass Road.
  - States the Forest Service contributed \$125 for work on Sweet Grass Road, and that “any further time beyond this will have to be taken care of by your fellows I guess, as my road money has been canceled for the fiscal year. If you men wish to put in the small bridges you mention, as a contribution, it will be OK. We do not have any steel culvert...The county expense should be paid by the ranger at Big timber since he has taken over that area July 1. And if he wishes to pay you for the bridge planks, he can do that, to make any other arrangements. Note ther eis also an updated invlice to the Frest Supervisor from RV Rubottom to pay RC Ward (“Mr. Ward”) \$126 for 42 hours for a tractor and operator “as per contract”.