

## PORTRAIT OF THE WEST

# Big Buddies

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**P**atiently waiting to go back to the barn and have their harnesses removed, these two had spent the day as the lead team of a four-horse hitch. After many hours of pulling heavy sleds full of hay to feed the cattle, they had barely broken a sweat.

Lonnie (left) and Dan originally came from one of the top teamsters in southwestern Montana. After many years, their home ranch was no longer using horses to feed in winter, so they were moved to the Bacon ranch in Fishtrap, Montana. Over the years they developed quite a kinship, so it was decided they would remain a pair. ■

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