Hunting Stories: A Buffalo Tale



In February of 2018, Big Horn Armory Owner Greg Buchel and three others went on an amazing hunt at a bison ranch in North Dakota. Greg was using his personal <u>Model 89 in .500 S&W Magnum</u>, Serial Number 89. The other members of his hunting party were also armed with .500 S&W Magnum Model 89s.

His group hunted in the southern hunting pasture, which was eight miles deep by 13 miles long. One pasture on the bison ranch was over 66,000 acres and included the second-highest point in North Dakota at about 500 vertical feet of elevation change. The group hunted a valley in the high ground where water from a spring ran down the hill.







Each hunter successfully took yearling heifers, which are known to have the best meat. The herd cooperated by remaining in the area for all the hunters. As the last hunter took his shot, the rest of the herd took off down the hill, as if on cue. The group watched the herd disappear down the valley at the base of the hill that ran to the east and viewed their progress for several miles as they galloped to the east.



The Model 89 lever-action rifle was an ideal choice for their bison hunt. Big-bore calibers, such as the .500 S&W Magnum, are known to make for more effective and humane hunts. These big-bore calibers are capable of dropping giant animals, like the bison, with very thick hides in fewer shots.

Built from the ground up and solidly engineered using the latest CNC technology, the Model 89 embodies the best of the old Model 86 and Model 92 lever-action in a modern platform capable of handling the powerful .500 S&W Magnum. Proudly built in the USA, it is manufactured with 17-4 stainless steel precision machined and properly hardened to deliver consistent downrange performance and rugged in-the-field dependability. The Model 89's large, hunter-friendly curved lever enables ease of operation, especially with gloved hands.

Honoring the long tradition of great American sporting rifles, the Model 89 .500 S&W Magnum provides hunters with pride in ownership, and a powerful advantage afield.