

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

November 17, 2022

**Off-Range Corral:** Hutchinson Off-Range Corral

**State:** New Mexico

**Facility Manager or COR:** Carey Fieser, Facility Manager

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Jake Benson, Ruby Kyle, and Rob Sharp

**Assessment Date:** November 9, 2022

**Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards:** 117

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 59

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 50/59 = 85%

**General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team:** Assessments of Off-Range Corrals includes the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Off-Range Corrals and Transportation, as applicable.

Coordination with the Hutchinson Off-Range Corrals was excellent. The CAWP team was well received and was provided access to the entire facility.

### **Requirements of Permanent Instruction Memorandum (PIM) 2021-002, Wild Horse and Burro Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP):**

- All state, district, and field offices will continue to comply with the WHB CAWP policy within their jurisdictions at all times. This includes the CAWP Standards for Off-Range Corral Facilities, Transportation, and Adoption/Sale Events.
- All personnel, including contractor and partners involved in the care, handling, and transportation of wild horses and burros at off-range corrals and adoption/sale events are required to complete training annually.

Not all personnel at the Hutchinson Off-Range Corral were current with CAWP annual training.

### **Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Off-Range Corrals:**

#### **Facility Design**

##### **Standard**

**1.II.F** Fences in pens, alleys, and working chute systems must be not less than 6 feet high for horses, 5 feet high for burros, and the bottom rail must not be more than 12 inches from ground level.

**Non-Compliance:** Not all pen gates were 6 feet high, and there were several places where the bottom rail of gates was more than 12 inches from ground level.

## **Standard**

**1.II.I** Ground surfaces in pens must be maintained to promote drainage, reduce wet ground conditions, and allow for routine manure removal.

**Non-Compliance:** The pens did not promote drainage or run-off and have not allowed for routine manure removal.

## **Standard**

**1.II.K** Feeding areas must be accessible to all WH&Bs in the enclosure and maintained as a dry area without excessive manure accumulation.

**Non-Compliance:** The feeding areas were wet with manure accumulation.

## **Loading and Unloading Facilities**

### **Standard**

**1.III.A.3** There must be no holes, gaps or openings, protruding surfaces, or sharp edges present in fence panels or other structures that may cause escape or possible injury.

**Non-Compliance:** The guardrail in the loading and unloading area had protruding edges that may cause injury.

## **Feed and Water**

### **Standard**

**1.IV.C.1** Quality hay must be provided daily to WH&Bs in the amount of 2-3% of their body weight per day.

**Non-Compliance:** The quantity of hay fed to the animals is sufficient but in some cases the quality of the hay is not sufficient.

**1.IV.C.4** Feeding sites must allow all WH&Bs within a pen simultaneous access to hay.

**Non-Compliance:** Although animals are fed free choice, not all wild horses could access the feeding sites simultaneously.

**1.IV.C.6** Salt and/or mineral blocks should be provided in holding pens at all times.

**Non-Compliance:** Salt and/or mineral blocks were not provided in all pens.

## **Preparation Procedures**

### **Standard**

**1.IV.D.8** Hoof trimming must be performed twice per year at minimum or as necessary to maintain hooves in a proper condition.

**Non-Compliance:** There were several wild horses with long hooves that were not maintained in proper condition.

**Euthanasia Procedures**

**Standard**

**1.IV.E.2** Euthanasia must be done in compliance with BLM Euthanasia policy.

**Non-Compliance:** Animals meeting the BLM Euthanasia Policy were being maintained on site and were identified as being readied for shipment to off-range pastures.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

<b>CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements</b>	<b>Compliant</b>	<b>Partially Compliant</b>	<b>Non-Compliant</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>CAWP Trained BLM Staff</b>		✓		
<b>CAWP Contract Trained Staff</b>			✓	
<b>Facility Personnel</b>	✓			
<b>Facility Design</b>		✓		
<b>Loading and Unloading Facilities</b>		✓		
<b>Receiving Procedures</b>	✓			
<b>Veterinarian</b>	✓			
<b>Biosecurity</b>	✓			
<b>Feed and Water</b>		✓		
<b>Preparation Procedures</b>		✓		
<b>Euthanasia Procedures</b>		✓		
<b>Carcass Disposal</b>	✓			
<b>Willful Acts of Abuse</b>				✓
<b>General Handling</b>				✓
<b>Handling Aids</b>				✓
<b>Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures</b>				✓
<b>Vehicles</b>				✓
<b>Transport Procedures</b>				✓
<i>Compliant – all the activities of the section were compliant with the standards or policy requirements.                      Partially compliant – one or more activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements.                      Non-Compliant – all activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements.                      N/A –activities were not observed during the assessment.</i>				

Possible ratings for CAWP Assessments are 96-100% Excellent, 86-95% Good, 70-85% Complies, and 0-69% Failure to Comply.

**Final CAWP Assessment Rating:** Complies. 85% of applicable CAWP standards were met.