

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

September 30, 2022

**Off-Range Corral:** Ridgecrest Off-Range Corral

**State:** California

**Facility Manager or COR:** Grant Lockie, Facility Manager

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

**Assessment Dates:** September 22, 2022

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 95

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 84/95= 88%

**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 Ridgecrest Off-Range Corrals was excellent. The CAWP team was well received and was provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe wild horses and burros being loaded and sorted. All BLM personnel on site were current with CAWP training.

### **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.

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

#### **Facility Personnel**

##### **Standard**

**1.I.C** The facility must have personnel that can properly maintain the working chute systems and facility infrastructure to provide for the safe housing, movement, and processing of the WH&Bs.

**Non-Compliance:** The facility has been short staffed, and infrastructure maintenance has fallen behind.

## **Standard**

**1.I.D** The facility should be staffed by appropriate office staff for record maintenance and recording.

**Non-Compliance:** The facility does not have enough staff to maintain records and complete timely recording of data into BLM systems. Much of the record maintenance and recording has fallen to the facility manager and people helping from other offices, and they seem to be struggling to keep up.

## **Facility Design**

### **Standard**

**1.II.E** Facility fences, gates, alleys, tubs, and working chutes must be constructed of stout materials and must be maintained in proper working condition.

**Non-Compliance:** The rubber belting in the alley before the squeeze chute was hanging down from the top into the alley and off the sides of the alley.

### **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:** Windblown sand and manure has accumulated along the fence, making the fence height less than 6 feet in places, and the bottom of some gates were more than 12 inches from the ground.

## **Receiving Procedures**

### **Standard**

**1.III.B.10** WH&Bs should be penned with WH&Bs of like age, sex, and temperament.

**Non-Compliance:** Some pens had wild horses of sexes and the wild horses and burros waiting for shipping were penned together in the same pen.

## **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:** In some of the large pens where feeding had recently occurred, hay was already running out and there were thin stallions observed.

### **Standard**

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

**Non-Compliance:** Not all animals could access hay simultaneously in the smaller pens with hanging mangers and in the larger pens where feed was on the ground.

**Standard**

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

**Non-Compliance:** Not all pens had salt and/or mineral blocks provided.

**Preparation Procedures**

**Standard**

**1.IV.D.2** Facilities must conduct Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing and apply freeze-marks within 30 days of receiving WH&Bs, unless directed by the facility veterinarian when age or physical condition requires a delay.

**Non-Compliance:** A pen of burros had been in the facility for over 100 days without prepping.

**Standard**

**1.IV.D.6** Facilities must adhere to the current BLM vaccination policy.

**Non-Compliance:** According to randomly selected animal health records, not all animals in the facility received booster vaccinations on schedule and animals the Assessment Team saw shipped were due for boosters.

**Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures**

**Standard**

**2.II.D** Except for exceptional circumstances including but not limited to trap site adoptions, WH&Bs being offered for adoption should have received primary and booster vaccinations as well as deworming medications prior to adoption.

**Non-Compliance:** According to health records, animals did not receive booster vaccinations prior to being shipped to a Storefront.

**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:** Good. 88% of applicable CAWP standards were met.