

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

September 24, 2021

Gather Name: Jackson Mountains Emergency Wild Horse Gather
State: Nevada
District/Field Office: Winnemucca District/Blackrock Field Office
Incident Commander: Garrett Swisher
Lead COR: Morgan Weigand
Contractor: CD Warner Livestock
Gather Method: Helicopter Drive Trapping
Gather Reason: Emergency – lack of water/forage
CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Doug Satica, and Ben Noyes
Assessment Dates: September 15-16, 2021
Number of Applicable CAWP Gather Standards: 121 out of 188 total
Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 121/121 = 100%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: Both BLM Nevada gather crew and the contractor and contractor’s crew take the standards within the CAWP seriously, this was evident by the actions observed by the Team. The attention to details at the temporary holding corral was impressive, pen sizes were large and allowed for animals to eat simultaneously as well as having space to allow animals to get away from aggressive animals. It was apparent that thought to rounded corners at the temporary holding corral was taken into consideration in the design. Gathered wild horses were not held at the trap location for extended periods, they were shipped to the temporary holding corral timely. While working the horses at the trap and temporary holding corral the crew exhibited the upmost level of skill and patience. The patience of this contractor and crew while working wild horses was at the highest level, the trap and temporary holding corral were quiet, and not hurried. The primary device to move wild horses was body position. The BLM crew and contractor requested feedback from the CAWP Team so issues could be addressed as soon as possible. The Team was provided ample access to each aspect of the gather to complete the assessment. Only essential contractor crew and BLM staff were on the gather.

	Compliant	Partially Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
CAWP Trained BLM Staff	✓			
CAWP Trained Contractor	✓			
Required Documentation	✓			
Trap Site Facility	✓			
Trap Site Animals	✓			
Temporary Holding Facility	✓			

Temporary Holding Animals	✓			
Transport Design and Facilities	✓			
Transport Animals	✓			

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Excellent. 100% of applicable CAWP standards were met.