

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

October 12, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Florence Off-Range Corral

State: Arizona

Facility Manager or COR: John Hall, Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Crystal Cowan, Tami Howell, Jason Lutterman, and Ben Noyes

Assessment Date: October 3, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 85

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 80/85 = 94%

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 Florence 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 burros being sent through the working facility. All 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 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: At the training facility portion of the off-range corral, some gates in round pens were not 6 feet tall and pens had gaps from the bottom rail to the ground greater than 12 inches.

Standard

1.II.M Facilities must provide access to shade and shelter (wind breaks) in pens designated for compromised animals needing special care (i.e., injured or weak animals). Additional provisions for shade and shelter (wind breaks) will be evaluated and determined by managers as appropriate for their region, the function of their facility and the condition of the animals under their care.

Non-Compliance: While there was shade in most of the pens, there was no shelter (wind breaks) in the pens designated for compromised animals.

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: There was some sharp protrusions that may cause injury in the loading/unloading alley.

Receiving Procedures

Standard

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

Non-Compliance: A pen had mixed sexes of burros.

Feed and Water

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.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Compliant	Partially Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
CAWP Trained BLM Staff	✓			
CAWP Contract Trained Staff	✓			
Facility Personnel	✓			
Facility Design		✓		
Loading and Unloading Facilities		✓		
Receiving Procedures		✓		
Veterinarian	✓			
Biosecurity	✓			
Feed and Water		✓		
Preparation Procedures	✓			
Euthanasia Procedures	✓			
Carcass Disposal	✓			
Willful Acts of Abuse	✓			
General Handling	✓			
Handling Aids	✓			
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures	✓			
Vehicles				✓
Transport Procedures				✓
<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. 94% of applicable CAWP standards were met.