

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

June 2, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Rock Springs Off-Range Corral

State: Wyoming

Facility Manager or COR: Jake Benson, Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, and Doug Satica

Assessment Dates: May 26, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 77

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 71/77 = 92%

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 Rock Springs 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 being sorted and moved through the chute system, and the administration of booster vaccinations. All BLM and contract personnel 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

Section

1.1.B The facility must have employees with training, skills, and experience to observe, move, and handle the WH&Bs on the facility. (major)

Non-Compliance: While the BLM employees working at the facility have the training, skills, and experience to observe, move, and handle the wild horses at the facility, but the facility is short-staffed.

Facility Design

Standard

1.II.C All WH&Bs must have adequate space to move freely within a pen enclosure. (major)

Non-Compliance: As more foals are born, the pens are becoming overcrowded and, in many cases, pens were completely full while animals were at rest.

Standard

1.II.G Fences must be of stout design and be maintained in proper condition with no holes, gaps, or sharp edges which could result in WH&Bs being injured. (major)

Non-Compliance: The fences are stout without holes, gaps, or sharp edges that could result in injury, but they are not being maintained in proper condition. Structures supporting the panels are absent or nonfunctional in several locations, causing the panels to lean excessively. This could result in horses becoming entangled in the panels, and it increases the risk of escape.

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. (major)

Non-Compliance: The provided shelter for compromised animals needing special care is insufficient for the size of the facility.

Standard

1.II.N Shelter structures should be designed or constructed to reduce the risk for injury of the WH&Bs and maintained to avoid excessive manure and mud. (minor)

Non-Compliance: There was excessive manure buildup inside and surrounding the shelter. The shelter would need to be dismantled to be easily cleaned.

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. (major)

Non-Compliance: Not all animals were freeze-marked and EIA-tested within 30 days of receiving from gather operations.

Table 1: Standards and Overall Assessment 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 were compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Partially compliant – one or more of the activities were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Non-Compliant – all standards were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. N/A – not applicable, standards that were not observed during an assessment.</i>				

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Good. 92% of applicable CAWP standards were met.