

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

July 20, 2024

**Gather Name:** Blue Wing Complex Wild Horse Gather

**State:** Nevada

**District/Field Office:** Winnemucca District Office/Humboldt River Field Office

**Incident Commander:** Garrett Swisher

**Lead COR:** Ruth Thompson/Tami Howell

**Gather Method:** Helicopter Dive Trapping

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Melissa Cleavinger, and Doug Satica

**Assessment Dates:** July 18-19, 2024

**Total Number of CAWP Gather Standards:** 206

**Number of Applicable CAWP Gather Standards:** 168

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 167

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 167/168 = 99%

**General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team:** Coordination with Nevada and the Winnemucca District was excellent. The gather team was available to the CAWP Team to answer any questions and to provide access to the gather. Communication between the gather team (BLM, APHIS, and the contractor) was excellent. All gather team members knew what their job was and completed it efficiently. The handling of wild horses at the trap, temporary holding corral, and during transportation was outstanding and done in a quiet, calm, and relaxed manner creating an atmosphere that was supportive in providing excellent care, handling, and treatment of the wild horses. All wild horses always had food and water at the temporary holding corral. Multiple gather team members were observed checking ambient temperatures multiple times at the trap site, discussing weather conditions, and relaying information about ambient temperatures to other gather team members. Gather operations were stopped before exceeding 95° Fahrenheit. The care, handling, and treatment of the wild horses was a priority for all involved in this gather.

**Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Gatherers:**

### Transportation

#### **Standard**

**V.A.I** All sorting, loading, or unloading of WH&Bs during gathers must be performed during daylight hours except when unforeseen circumstances develop and the Lead COR/CO/PI approves the use of supplemental light.

**Non-Compliance:** Sorting and loading from temporary holding to the off-range corral began prior to daylight hours without the use of supplemental light.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

	<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>Percent Compliant</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<b>Trap Site</b>	68/68	100%	Excellent
<b>Temporary Holding</b>	60/60	100%	Excellent
<b>Transportation</b>	39/40	98%	Excellent
<b>Gather Compliance</b>	167/168	99%	Excellent

**Final CAWP Assessment Rating:** Excellent. 99% of applicable CAWP standards were met overall.

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