

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

July 24, 2024

**Gather Name:** Swasey Wild Horse Gather

**State:** Utah

**District/Field Office:** West Desert District Office/Fillmore Field Office

**Incident Commander:** Gus Warr

**Lead COR:** Brianna Brodowski

**Gather Method:** Helicopter Dive Trapping

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Melissa Cleavinger, Ben Noyes and Lynae Rogers

**Assessment Dates:** July 22-23, 2024

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Gather Standards:** 163

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 160

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 160/163 = 98%

**General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team:** Communication and coordination for the Swasey wild horse gather was easy. Gather team members were observed checking ambient temperatures multiple times at the trap site, and relaying information about ambient temperatures to other gather team members. Gather operations were stopped before exceeding 95° Fahrenheit.

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

### Trap Site

#### Roping

#### Standard

##### II.C.9

Animals captured by roping must be evaluated by the on-site/on-call veterinarian within four hours after capture, marked for identification at the trap site, and be re-evaluated periodically as deemed necessary by the on-site/on-call veterinarian.

**Non-Compliance:** Animals captured by roping were not marked for identification, and a mare and foal that was captured by roping was not evaluated by the on-site veterinarian within four hours.

## **Wild Horse and Burro Care**

### **Standard**

**III.B.3.a** Dependent foals or weak/debilitated animals must be separated from other WH&Bs at the trap site to avoid injuries during transportation to the temporary holding facility. Separation of dependent foals from mares must not exceed four hours unless the Lead COR/COR/PI authorizes a longer time or a decision is made to wean the foals.

**Non-Compliance:** Not all foals were separated at the trap site and transported separately from the trap to the temporary holding corral. All mares and foals were separated less than four hours and were compliant with the standard.

### **Temporary Holding Corral**

## **Wild Horse and Burro Care Biosecurity**

### **Standard**

**III.C.1, III.C.1.a, III.C.1.b**

Health records for all saddle and pilot horses used on WH&B gathers must be provided to the Lead COR/COR/PI prior to joining a gather, including:

Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate, within 30 days).

Proof of:

- 1) A negative test for equine infectious anemia (Coggins or EIA ELISA test) within 12 months.
- 2) Vaccination for tetanus, eastern and western equine encephalomyelitis, West Nile virus, equine herpes virus, influenza, *Streptococcus equi*, and rabies within 12 months.

**Non-Compliance:** Not all saddle horses health records were provided to the COR prior to joining the gather.

**Corrective Action:** All health records were provided to the COR at the end of day on July 23, 2024.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

	<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>Percent Compliant</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<b>Trap Site</b>	59/61	97%	Excellent
<b>Temporary Holding</b>	60/61	98%	Excellent
<b>Transportation</b>	41/41	100%	Excellent
<b>Gather Compliance</b>	167/168	98%	Excellent

**Final CAWP Assessment Rating:** Excellent. 98% 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.