

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

October 24, 2024

**Off-Range Corral:** Boise Off-Range Corral

**State:** Idaho

**Facility Manager or COR:** Raul Travino, Facility Manager

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Jake Benson, Lisa Reid, Ben Smith and Garrett Swisher

**Assessment Date:** October 23, 2024

**Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards:** 117

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 102

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 99/102 = 97%

**Understanding Assessments:** The Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program promotes the welfare of wild horses and burros during management activities while minimizing stress and ensuring humane care, handling and treatment. CAWP assessments evaluate compliance with standards during the activities taking place at the time of the assessment. This framework helps ensure a clear and unbiased evaluation of events or actions as they occur. Here are some key points:

- **Holistic Approach:** Assessments reflect the entirety of the activity, not targeting individuals or specific groups.
- **Time-Specific:** The evaluation focuses solely on the observed circumstances during the assessment period.
- **Limitations:** Previous or subsequent events are not accounted for, meaning the assessment is a standalone observation.

**General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team:** During the assessment, the team observed the off-range corral staff sort wild horses, load a wild horse into a stock trailer, and geld weanling wild horses. The staff worked well together to keep an efficient, effective, and safe working environment for staff and wild horses.

The Boise Off-Range Corral has two wranglers and an administrative assistant who also work for the Bruneau Off-Range Corral. While current staffing levels are sufficient, meeting future adoption demands may require dedicated wranglers and an administrative assistant for the Boise Off-Range Corral, as well as additional support for the Bruneau facility, to ensure both locations can operate efficiently. The Bruneau Off-Range Corral has been participating in the scheduled Online Corral adoption events and offering animals for fixed-price adoption between scheduled events, and the Boise Off-Range Corral often serves as the pick-up location for the animals offered on the Online Corral. As the Bruneau Off-Range Corral intends to continue providing animals for adoption through both Online Corral options, the Boise Off-Range Corral is expected to continue to be the pick-up location for adopted animals.

The Boise Off-Range Corral personnel were willing to answer questions when asked and provided the necessary records for review during the assessment. The staff at the Boise Off-Range Corral has already made significant updates and improvements and is actively working to implement further enhancements. Panel fences have been replaced with continuous pipe fencing throughout much of the facility, the sick and compromised animal area is currently under construction, and all the water and electrical infrastructure was removed during the summer and is in the process of being rebuilt.

**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.

*All personnel were current with CAWP training.*

**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:** In several locations, the bottom rail was more than 12 inches from the ground.

**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:** The compromised animal pens were under construction; the facility anticipates that the pens will be completed in November as long as the weather remains favorable.

## **Preparation Procedures**

### **Standard**

**1.IV.D.6** Facilities must adhere to the current BLM vaccination policy.

**Non-Compliance:** The BLM vaccination policy requires vaccinations to be given every six months. Booster vaccinations were missing on some of the randomly selected paperwork that was reviewed. The missing booster vaccinations involved wild horses that had been received from other off-range corrals where the boosters should have been administered. The wild horses received directly from the Idaho emergency fire gathers were current with vaccinations.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

<b>CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements</b>	<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>Percent Compliant</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<b>Facility Personnel</b>	4/4	100%	Excellent
<b>Facility Design</b>	11/13	85%	Complies
<b>Loading and Unloading Facilities</b>	6/6	100%	Excellent
<b>Receiving Procedures</b>	11/11	100%	Excellent
<b>Veterinarian</b>	6/6	100%	Excellent
<b>Biosecurity</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>Feed and Water</b>	7/7	100%	Excellent
<b>Preparation Procedures</b>	10/11	91%	Good
<b>Euthanasia Procedures</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>Carcass Disposal</b>	2/2	100%	Excellent
<b>Willful Acts of Abuse</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>General Handling</b>	7/7	100%	Excellent
<b>Handling Aids</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures</b>	2/2	100%	Excellent
<b>Vehicles</b>	11/11	100%	Excellent
<b>Transport Procedures</b>	2/2	100%	Excellent
<b>Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating</b>	<b>99/102</b>	<b>97%</b>	<b>Excellent</b>

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