

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

October 23, 2024

Off-Range Corral: Bruneau Off-Range Corral

State: Idaho

Facility Manager or COR: Ruby Kyle, Facility Manager

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Assessment Date: October 23, 2024

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 105

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 103/105 = 98%

Understanding Assessments: The Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program aims to promote 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 and confirm loads of wild horses that had been received that week from other off-range corrals. The staff verified the freeze marks and conducted any additional sorting that was needed. The staff worked well together to keep an efficient, effective, and safe working environment for staff and wild horses. The working area for the wild horses was clean, and the facility paperwork and office were well organized. In the pens, the Bruneau Off-Range Corral has added several enrichments that enable the wild horses to scratch themselves.

The Bruneau Off-Range Corral has two wranglers and an administrative assistant who also works for the Boise Off-Range Corral. While current staffing levels are sufficient, meeting future adoption demands may require dedicated wranglers and an administrative assistant for the Bruneau Off-Range Corral, as well as additional support for the Boise facility, to ensure both locations can operate efficiently. The Bruneau Off-Range Corral has been participating in the Online Corral adoption events and offering animals for fixed-price adoption on the Online

Corral between scheduled events. The Bruneau Off-Range Corral intends to continue providing animals for adoption through both Online Corral options.

The Bruneau Off-Range Corral personnel were willing to answer questions when asked and provided the necessary records for review during the assessment. The facility uses GlobalVetLink* when collecting individual Coggins records for wild horses in the adoption program, simplifying the paperwork process as wild horses are offered for adoption or transported to satellite adoption events.

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: Several gates were either less than 6 feet in height or had a bottom rail that was more than 12 inches from the ground.

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 reason provided for not vaccinating pregnant mares or mares with young foals was the potential increased risk of injury to the mares or young foals. Some of the missing booster vaccinations involved wild horses that had been received from other off-range corrals.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	13/14	93%	Good
Loading and Unloading Facilities	6/6	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	11/11	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	5/5	100%	Excellent
Feed and Water	7/7	100%	Excellent
Preparation Procedures	9/10	90%	Good
Euthanasia Procedures	5/5	100%	Excellent
Carcass Disposal	2/2	100%	Excellent
Willful Acts of Abuse	4/4	100%	Excellent
General Handling	6/6	100%	Excellent
Handling Aids	5/5	100%	Excellent
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures	4/4	100%	Excellent
Vehicles	12/12	100%	Excellent
Transport Procedures	4/4	100%	Excellent
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	103/105	98%	Excellent

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

^{*}The GlobalVetLink is a comprehensive platform designed for streamlining animal health compliance for all veterinary practices. The GVL Health Record is the core of the platform and is managed by an intelligent Compliance Engine that verifies all certificates are compliant with state, federal and international rules and regulations.