

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

October 30, 2024

**Off-Range Corral:** Canon City Off-Range Corral

**State:** Colorado

**Facility Manager or COR:** Wayne Tachera, Acting Facility Manager / Lynae Rogers, COR

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Crystal Cowan, and Tami Howell

**Assessment Date:** October 29, 2024

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 84

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 82/84 = 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 handle wild horses through the tub and alley and into the squeeze chute where they trimmed hooves. Staff worked well together to keep an efficient, effective, and safe working environment for staff and wild horses.

The Canon City Off-Range Corral supports program activities including satellite adoption events in Colorado and across the United States, as well as consistently offering wild horses on the Online Corral. The Canon City Off-Range Corral trims hooves every twelve weeks to keep the hooves in good condition, trimming is completed by traditional methods using nippers and rasps to trim and shape the hooves. This increased attention to the trimming was evidenced throughout the off-range corral by animals with hooves in good condition.

The BLM vaccination policy requires vaccinations to be given every six months. A review of health records for randomly selected wild horses at the Canon City Off-Range Corral showed that all the animals were up to date on their primary and booster vaccinations. All randomly selected wild horses were also current or undergoing testing for Equine Infectious Anemia.

The Canon City Off-Range Corral received wild horses recently gathered from the Little Book Cliffs Herd Management Area in September. By the first week of November, all wild horses received from that gather already had received freeze marks and were scheduled to receive their booster vaccinations.

**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 internal pen fence heights were less than 6 feet due to accumulation of dirt along the fences.

**Biosecurity**

**Standard**

- 1.IV.B.5** Working chute and tub systems should be routinely cleaned and disinfected to reduce the risk of disease transmission, especially after moving contagious WH&Bs through the system.

**Non-Compliance:** One of the working chutes was not adequately cleaned and disinfected.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

<b>CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements</b>	<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>Percent Compliant</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	13/14	93%	Good
Loading and Unloading Facilities	5/5	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	11/11	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	4/5	80%	Complies
Feed and Water	7/7	100%	Excellent
Preparation Procedures	10/10	100%	Excellent
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
<b>Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating</b>	<b>82/84</b>	<b>98%</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.