

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

June 1, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Wyoming Honor Farm

State: Wyoming

Facility Manager or COR: Scott Fluer, COR

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, and Doug Satica

Assessment Dates: May 25, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 66

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 60/66 = 91%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: Assessments of Off-Range Corrals includes the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Off-Range Corrals and Transportation as applicable.

Coordination with the Wyoming Honor Farm for the CAWP Team Assessment was good. The CAWP Team was well received and provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe a wild horse in different stages of training. All contract personnel were current with CAWP training.

The Wyoming Honor Farm facility is very well kept, and the cleanliness, general upkeep and maintenance of the pens was impressive. Despite the age of the facility, the design is well thought out and functional.

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.

Not all BLM personnel responsible for on-site management of the contract had completed the required 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. (major)

Non-Compliance: The fence height in multiple locations was less than 6 feet high, and there were several gates with bottom rails that were greater than 12 inches from the ground.

Receiving Procedures

Standard

- 1.III.B.10** WH&Bs should be penned with WH&Bs of like age, sex, and temperament. (minor)

Non-Compliance: Pens had animals with mixed sexes.

Biosecurity

Standard

- 1.IV.B.3** Pens should be provided to segregate sick, infectious, injured, or weak WH&Bs from other healthy individuals in the facility when possible. (minor)

Non-Compliance: The facility has good pens to segregate sick, infectious, injured, or weak animals, but they are currently being used for both sick and healthy animals.

Preparation Procedures

Standard

- 1.IV.D.6** Facilities must adhere to the current BLM vaccination policy. (major)

Non-Compliance: Several of the records pulled showed that the incorrect vaccines were used for the 6-month booster shots and the correct vaccines were not being provided by BLM.

Standard

- 1.IV.D.8** Hoof trimming must be performed twice per year at minimum or as necessary to maintain hooves in a proper condition. (major)

Non-Compliance: Many of the wild horses had hooves that were not maintained in proper condition.

Euthanasia Procedures

Standard

1.IV.E.2 Euthanasia must be done in compliance with BLM Euthanasia policy. (major)

Non-Compliance: The team observed horses on site that met the criteria for humane euthanasia due to chronic conditions with a poor prognosis for improvement or little chance of recovery, as outlined in the BLM’s euthanasia policy. Animals that meet criteria for humane euthanasia should be euthanized in a timely manner to be compliant with policy.

Table 1: Standards and Overall Assessment Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Compliant	Partially Compliant	Non-Compliant	N/A
CAWP Trained BLM Staff		✓		
CAWP Contract Trained Staff	✓			
Facility Personnel	✓			
Facility Design		✓		
Loading and Unloading Facilities	✓			
Receiving Procedures		✓		
Veterinarian	✓			
Biosecurity		✓		
Feed and Water	✓			
Preparation Procedures		✓		
Euthanasia Procedures		✓		
Carcass Disposal	✓			
Willful Acts of Abuse	✓			
General Handling	✓			
Handling Aids	✓			
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures				✓
Vehicles				✓
Transport Procedures				✓
<i>Compliant – all the activities were compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Partially compliant – one or more of the activities were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Non-Compliant – all standards were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. N/A – not applicable, standards that were not observed during an assessment.</i>				

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Good. 91% of applicable CAWP standards were met.