

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

July 5, 2022

**Off-Range Corral:** Sutherland Off-Range Corral

**State:** Utah

**Facility Manager and COR:** Trent Staheli, Facility Manager and Gus Warr, COR

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Jake Benson, Ben Noyes, and Doug Satoca

**Assessment Dates:** June 29, 2022

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 75

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 65/75 = 87%

**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 Sutherland Off-Range Corrals was good. The CAWP team was well received and was provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe wild horses being sorted and moved through the chute system, and replacement of neck tags. All BLM and contract personnel were current with CAWP training.

### **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.

### **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:** Cross fence, feed bunk fence, and sick pens were not 6 feet in height. Most of the gates were off the ground greater than 12 inches.

**Standard**

**1.II.G** Fences must be of stout design and be maintained in proper condition with no holes, gaps, or sharp edges which could result in WH&Bs being injured. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** While the fences were designed to be stout, there were areas where the belting was loose and bolts and rivets created sharp edges throughout the facility that could result in animals being injured, including in alleyways.

**Standard**

**1.II.I** Ground surfaces in pens must be maintained to promote drainage, reduce wet ground conditions, and allow for routine manure removal. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** The facility is built on flat ground; the pens do not promote drainage.

**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. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** The provided shelter for compromised animals needing special care is insufficient for the size of the facility.

**Standard**

**1.II.N** Shelter structures should be designed or constructed to reduce the risk for injury of the WH&Bs and maintained to avoid excessive manure and mud. (minor)

**Non-Compliance:** Pens with shelters are not designed to be cleaned out easily and avoid excessive buildup of manure and mud.

**Loading and Unloading Facilities**

**Standard**

**1.III.A.2** The side panels of the loading chute must be a minimum of 6 feet high and covered with materials such as plywood or metal without holes that may cause injury. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** The side gate in the loading chute was inadequate and could allow for animals to be injured.

**Standard**

**1.III.A.3** There must be no holes, gaps or openings, protruding surfaces, or sharp edges present in fence panels or other structures that may cause escape or possible injury. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** There were protruding surfaces that could cause injury in the loading and unloading area.

**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:** Sick pens were being used for saddle horses.

**Preparation Procedures**

**Standard**

**1.IV.D.2** Facilities must conduct Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing and apply freeze-marks within 30 days of receiving WH&Bs, unless directed by the facility veterinarian when age or physical condition requires a delay. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** Not all EIA testing was completed within 30 days.

**Standard**

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

**Non-Compliance:** The 6-month booster vaccinations were not being administered timely and some of the annual vaccinations were not completed timely according to a random paperwork inspection.

**Table 1: Standards and Overall Assessment Rating**

<b>CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements</b>	<b>Compliant</b>	<b>Partially Compliant</b>	<b>Non-Compliant</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>CAWP Trained BLM Staff</b>	✓			
<b>CAWP Contract Trained Staff</b>	✓			
<b>Facility Personnel</b>	✓			
<b>Facility Design</b>		✓		
<b>Loading and Unloading Facilities</b>		✓		
<b>Receiving Procedures</b>	✓			
<b>Veterinarian</b>	✓			
<b>Biosecurity</b>		✓		
<b>Feed and Water</b>	✓			
<b>Preparation Procedures</b>		✓		
<b>Euthanasia Procedures</b>	✓			
<b>Carcass Disposal</b>	✓			
<b>Willful Acts of Abuse</b>	✓			
<b>General Handling</b>	✓			
<b>Handling Aids</b>	✓			
<b>Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures</b>				✓
<b>Vehicles</b>				✓
<b>Transport Procedures</b>				✓
<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. 87% of applicable CAWP standards were met.