Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP)

- Comprehensive – Applies to all management activities of the WHB Program.
- Animal Welfare – Safeguarding the well-being of the wild horses and burros by ensuring humane treatment, adequate care, and animal handling with care and compassion.
- Program – A formal program not just a philosophy or general code of conduct.
BLM’s History of Animal Welfare

• 1959 through 1970’s and 80’s regulations, policies and procedures put in place to protect animal welfare.
• 1999 BLM started engaging animal welfare experts to advise the WHB Program.
• 2010 BLM began formalizing a comprehensive animal welfare program.
• 2013 BLM issues instruction memorandum (IM) to apply the CAWP to wild horse and burro gathers.
• 2021 BLM hires permanent CAWP Coordinator and issues permanent CAWP policy.
CAWP Instruction Memorandum

Purpose

• Re-affirms and demonstrates the agency’s commitment to humane treatment of wild horses and burros.
• Standardizes BLM’s longstanding practices.
• Direction, guidance, training, and requirements for BLM employees, contractors, and partners.

Note: Permanent Instruction Memorandum 2021-002 published 12/18/2020
Wild Horse and Burro Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program
WHB CAWP Policy Includes

1. Standards for WHB Gathers
2. Training for gather operations
3. Standards for Off-Range Corrals, Transportation, and Adoption/Sale Events
4. Training for Off-Range Corrals, Transportation, and Adoption/Sales Events
5. Standards and Training will be developed for animals on the range, off-range pastures, and following private care placement
Components of the CAWP

Program Areas

• On the Range
• During Gathers
• Off-Range Corrals, Transportation, Adoption/Sale Events
• Off-Range Pastures
• Following Placement into Private Care

Elements of the CAWP

• Establishing Standards
• Training on Standards
• Assessment Tool
  o Self-Assessment
  o Formal Internal
  o External Assessment
• Document, Share and Learn from Results

NOTE: Continuous feedback loop improves and strengthens procedures and standards
Module – During Gathers

Elements of the CAWP

- Established Standards
- Training on Standards
- Assessment Tool
- Document, Share and Learn from Results

Status

- Completed
- Updated Training Being Produced
- Implementation and Internal Review Begins in July 2021
- Implemented and Ongoing
Module – Off-Range Corrals, Transportation, Adoption/Sale Events

**Elements of the CAWP**
- Established Standards
- Training on Standards
- Assessment Tool
- Document, Share and Learn from Results

**Status**
- Completed
- Being Produced
- Being Developed
- To Follow
Module – Off-Range Pastures

Elements of the CAWP

- Established Standards
- Training on Standards
- Assessment Tool
- Document, Share and Learn from Results

Status

- Initial Draft Being Reviewed
- To Follow
- To Follow
- To Follow
Module – On the Range

Elements of the CAWP

- Established Standards
- Training on Standards
- Assessment Tool
- Document, Share and Learn from Results

Status

- Initial Draft Being Reviewed
- To Follow
- To Follow
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Module – Following Placement into Private Care

Elements of the CAWP

- Established Standards
- Training on Standards
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Status

- To Follow
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Next Steps...

• Ensure the Gather Assessment Tool captures information accurately and that the Mobile Application works in gather locations
• Conduct Internal Assessments to further refine processes
• Welfare Assessment Team Experienced and Proficient with Assessments
• Continue training and education on BLM’s Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program and implementation of additional components of the CAWP
Questions?