

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

October 10, 2021

Gather Name: Centennial Emergency Wild Horse Gather
State: California
District/Field Office: California Desert District/Ridgecrest Field Office
Incident Commander: Alex Neibergs
Lead COR: Alex Neibergs
Contractor: Rocking A Livestock
Gather Method: Helicopter Drive Trapping
Gather Reason: Emergency – lack of water/forage
CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola and Jason Lutterman
Assessment Dates: October 9-10, 2021
Number of Applicable CAWP Gather Standards: 79 out of 188 total
Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 78/79 = 99%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: The BLM COR and PI were eager to participate and engaged with the CAWP Team by asking questions and seeking feedback. The contractor was also approachable, asked questions and requested feedback. Both the California BLM crew and the contractor adapted to the challenge of limited access and shifting needs of the base. The Team was provided ample access to each aspect of the gather to complete the assessment. Only essential contractor crew and BLM staff were on the gather.

| | Compliant | Partially Compliant | Non-Compliant | N/A |
|---------------------------------|-----------|---------------------|---------------|-----|
| CAWP Trained BLM Staff | | ✓ | | |
| CAWP Trained Contractor | ✓ | | | |
| Required Documentation | ✓ | | | |
| Trap Site Facility | ✓ | | | |
| Trap Site Animals | ✓ | | | |
| Temporary Holding Facility | | | | ✓ |
| Temporary Holding Animals | | | | ✓ |
| Transport Design and Facilities | | ✓ | | |
| Transport Animals | ✓ | | | |

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Excellent. 99% of applicable CAWP standards were met.

Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Gatherers:

Transport: Design and Facilities

Standard

V.B.11 Surfaces and floors of trailers must be cleaned of dirt, manure and other organic matter prior to the beginning of a gather.

Non-Compliance: Not all stock trailers were clean of manure prior to the beginning of the gather.