

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

March 30, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Palomino Valley Center Off-Range Corral

State: Nevada

Facility Manager or COR: James Beck, Acting Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Jason Lutterman, Ben Noyes, and Doug Satica

Assessment Dates: March 22-24, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 94

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 94/97 = 97%

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

Coordination to Palomino Valley Center Off-Range Corral was excellent. The ability to see and access the facility was excellent, as was the opportunity to ask and answer questions. During the assessment period, the CAWP team observed loading of wild horses, gelding, and wild horses worked through the chute.

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 online training annually.

Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP PIM 2021-002: Some of the contract personnel had not completed CAWP training, including the on-site veterinarian.

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 height of the fencing in some of the pens was less than 6 feet, and the bottom rail of some fencing and/or gates were more than 12 inches from the ground.

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: There were holes in some of the panels with sharp edges that could cause injury to wild horses.

Feed and Water

Standard

- 1.IV.C.4** Feeding sites must allow all WH&Bs within a pen simultaneous access to hay. (major)

Non-Compliance: Not all animals could simultaneously access hay in some pens. In some cases, the flakes were set out in large piles rather than spread out, functionally limited the available bunk space.

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	✓			
<p><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 – standards that are not assessed during an assessment.</i></p>				

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Excellent. 97% of applicable CAWP standards were met.