

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

April 18, 2022

**Off-Range Corral:** Boise Off-Range Corral

**State:** Idaho

**Facility Manager or COR:** Raul Trevino, Facility Manager

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Doug Satoca and Rob Sharp

**Assessment Dates:** April 13, 2022

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 57

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 45/57 = 79%

**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 and access to the Boise Off-Range Corral was excellent. The ability to see and access the facility was good, as was the opportunity to ask and answer questions. During the assessment period, the CAWP team did not observe any handling, moving, or sorting of wild horses or burros. The staff shared concerns that when newly gathered wild horses arrive at the corral, it may take them a few months to settle due to traffic on an open access road that rings the perimeter of the facility. The outside activity near the facility could have negative impacts on the welfare of the wild horses and burros. During the assessment period, the wild horses and burros at the facility appeared to be undisturbed

### **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 Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Off-Range Corrals:**

## **Facility Personnel**

### **Standard**

**1.I.C** The facility must have personnel that can properly maintain the working chute systems and facility infrastructure to provide for the safe housing, movement, and processing of the WH&Bs. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** Though the priority of the staff appears to be the care and feeding of the wild horses and burros, the current staffing at the facility is not adequate to both care for the animals and complete all the maintenance required to keep the infrastructure working in proper condition. The facility depends on seasonal fire crew to do maintenance, but these crews are seasonal, and this is not sustainable for the long-term.

## **Facility Design**

### **Standard**

**1.II.C** The facility must have a sufficient number of pens available to sort WH&Bs according to sex, age, temperament, health status, or physical condition as needed. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** The facility has a sufficient number of pens to sort wild horses and burros, but the burros were not sorted by sex, and gelded jacks and jennies were being housed together in the same pen.

### **Standard**

**1.II.E** Facility fences, gates, alleys, tubs, and working chutes must be constructed of stout materials and must be maintained in proper working condition. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** Some gates and panels were tied with neck ropes and light weight chains were used to secure gates. There were broken welds in the main alley and the expanded metal mesh before the chute had holes with sharp edges.

### **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 bottom rails of a few gates in the center alley were greater than 12 inches from ground level.

### **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 numerous sharp edges along the fence.

## **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:** There was no shade or shelter in pens designated for compromised animals needing special care.

## **Loading and Unloading Facilities**

### **Standard**

- 1.III.A.1** Facilities in areas for loading and unloading WH&Bs must be maintained in a safe and proper working condition, including gates and doors that swing freely and latch or tie easily as designed. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** The gate in the loading/unloading chute was tied with a neck rope.

### **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 panels at the end of the loading chute were not covered with materials such as plywood or metal.

## **Veterinarian**

### **Standard**

- 1.IV.A.1** Routine presence by an on-site or on-call veterinarian must be provided at each facility with records of those visits maintained at the facility. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** The facility does not maintain records of routine presence by the on-call veterinarian such that treatments being administered by wranglers can be recorded and tracked on site.

## **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 are used for sorting during large events and also used for wild horses and burros being treated and under veterinary care. This potentially exposes animals about to be shipped with adopters to animals that may have contagious illness.

**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 wild horses and burros in some pens had adequate bunk space to eat simultaneously.

**Standard**

**1.IV.C.6** Salt and/or mineral blocks should be provided in holding pens at all times.  
(minor)

**Non-Compliance:** Salt and/or mineral blocks were not provided in the pens.

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

**Final CAWP Assessment Rating:** Complies. 79% of applicable CAWP standards were met.