

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

May 1, 2025

Off-Range Corral: Wyoming Honor Farm

State: Wyoming

Facility Manager or COR: June Wendlandt

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Jake Benson, and Lisa Reid

Assessment Dates: April 16, 2025

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 71

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 68/71 = 96%

Understanding Assessments: The Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program promotes the welfare of wild horses and burros during management activities while minimizing stress and ensuring humane care, handling and treatment. CAWP assessments evaluate compliance with standards during the activities taking place at the time of the assessment. This framework helps ensure a clear and unbiased evaluation of events or actions as they occur. Here are some key points:

- **Holistic Approach:** Assessments reflect the entirety of the activity, not targeting individuals or specific groups.
- **Time-Specific:** The evaluation focuses solely on the observed circumstances during the assessment period.
- **Limitations:** Previous or subsequent events are not accounted for, meaning the assessment is a standalone observation.

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: During the assessment, the team observed the demonstration of five wild horses that were selected by a state agency to be used as working horses. The team also observed burros being worked and handled. During the assessment, the Wyoming Honor Farm Off-Range Corral had approximately 175 wild horses and burros in various stages of training. The Wyoming Honor Farm facility was very well kept, with impressive cleanliness, upkeep and pen maintenance. Coordination with the Wyoming Honor Farm for the CAWP Team Assessment was good. The CAWP Team was well received and provided access to the entire facility.

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.

All personnel were current with CAWP training.

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.

Non-Compliance: There were several gates with bottom rails that were greater than 12 inches from the ground.

Preparation Procedures

Standard

- 1.IV.D.6** Facilities must adhere to the current BLM vaccination policy.

Non-Compliance: The BLM vaccination policy requires vaccinations to be given every six months. Booster vaccinations were not documented on some of the randomly selected paperwork that was reviewed.

Standard

- 1.IV.D.8** Hoof trimming must be performed twice per year at minimum or as necessary to maintain hooves in a proper condition.

Non-Compliance: Some of the wild horses had hooves that were not maintained in proper condition.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	13/14	93%	Good
Loading and Unloading Facilities	4/4	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	9/9	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	4/4	100%	Excellent
Feed and Water	7/7	100%	Excellent
Preparation Procedures	2/4	50%	Failure to Comply
Euthanasia Procedures	5/5	100%	Excellent
Carcass Disposal	2/2	100%	Excellent
Willful Acts of Abuse	4/4	100%	Excellent
General Handling	6/6	100%	Excellent
Handling Aids	2/2	100%	Excellent
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	68/71	96%	Excellent

Possible ratings for CAWP Assessments are 96-100% Excellent, 86-95% Good, 70-85% Complies, and 0-69% Failure to Comply.