



Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

June 4, 2025

Off-Range Corral: Mantle Adoption and Training Facility

State: Wyoming

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Assessment Dates: June 3, 2025

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 68

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 64/68 = 94%

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: Assessments of Off-Range Corrals includes the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Off-Range Corrals and Transportation as applicable.

Coordination with the Mantle Adoption and Training Facility for the CAWP Team Assessment was excellent. The CAWP Team was well received and provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe wild horses in different stages of training. All contract and BLM personnel were current with CAWP training.

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.

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: In the main alley there were gates that were more 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.

Non-Compliance: There was a gap that could result in animals being injured in the sick pen.

Standard

- 1.II.L** An appropriate squeeze chute maintained in proper working order must be available for safely restraining WH&Bs for necessary procedures at the facility including hoof trimming.

Non-Compliance: There is no tilt chute available for hoof trimming.

Preparation Procedures

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 and therefore were not current with hoof trimming.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	11/14	79%	Complies
Loading and Unloading Facilities	2/2	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	9/9	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	3/3	100%	Excellent
Feed and Water	6/6	100%	Excellent
Preparation Procedures	5/6	83%	Complies
Euthanasia Procedures	5/5	100%	Excellent
Carcass Disposal	2/2	100%	Excellent
Willful Acts of Abuse	4/4	100%	Excellent
General Handling	4/4	100%	Excellent
Handling Aids	3/3	100%	Excellent
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	64/68	94%	Good

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