

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

April 18, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Burns Off-Range Corral

State: Oregon

Facility Manager or COR: Rob Sharp, Acting Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, and Doug Satica

Assessment Dates: April 12, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 92

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 85/92 = 92%

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 and access to the Burns Off-Range Corral was outstanding. The ability to see and access the facility was excellent, as was the opportunity to ask and answer questions. All staff were engaging and aware of the importance of animal welfare. The atmosphere at the Burns Off-Range Corral was welcoming and comments were made to the CAWP team members by adopters about the positive interactions they had with the Burns Off-Range Corral staff. During the assessment period, the CAWP team observed wild horses worked through the chute system, moving of wild horses within the pens, and sorting and loading of adopted wild horses.

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: The staffing at the facility is adequate to care and maintain the animals; however, current staffing level is not adequate to complete the maintenance required to keep the infrastructure working in proper condition. Key positions are vacant, including the facility manager, wrangler, and administrative clerk. It appeared that the priority of the staff is the care of the wild horses and burros. All the current staff is helping to cover the workload of the vacant positions and ensure that as much of the work as possible gets completed; however, this appears to be at the expense of routine maintenance. The lack of adequate staffing is not sustainable over the long-term.

Standard

1.I.D The facility should be staffed by appropriate office staff for record maintenance and recording. (minor)

Non-Compliance: An administrative clerk position is vacant at the facility. Data entry does not always happen in the required timeframes. Filing, record maintenance, and recording is not up to date in the Wild Horse and Burro Program System (WHBPS). Currently, the program analyst and acting facility manager are triaging the data entry, but it will be difficult if not impossible to keep up to date in a timely manner over the long-term.

Facility Design

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: While the design of fences, gates, alleys, tubs, and working chutes is good and they were constructed of stout materials maintenance has lagged. There were gaps between the double swinging gates along the outside pens that could allow for young animals to become entangled and were not in proper working condition. There was also a severely bent gate near the sick pens, and panels near the chute alley exit and saddle horse staging area were in disrepair.

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 rail of multiple gates on the outside perimeter is greater than 12 inches from ground level.

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: Animals selected by adopters were held in the sick pens next to a wild horse that was being treated and under veterinary care.

Standard

1.IV.B.5 Working chute and tub systems should be routinely cleaned and disinfected to reduce the risk of disease transmission, especially after moving contagious WH&Bs through the system. (minor)

Non-Compliance: The working chute and tub system are being cleaned and disinfected after infectious animals are moved through, but they are not routinely cleaned and disinfected on a scheduled basis.

Feed and Water

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 most pens. All salt feeders examined were empty.

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				✓
<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: Good. 92% of applicable CAWP standards were met.