

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

September 30, 2022

**Off-Range Corral:** Litchfield Off-Range Corral

**State:** California

**Facility Manager and COR:** Doug Satica, Facility Manager

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Jake Benson, Ruby Kyle, and Preston Rushing

**Assessment Dates:** September 20, 2022

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 95

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 91/95 = 96%

**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 Litchfield Off-Range Corrals was excellent. The CAWP team was well received and was provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe wild horses being loaded and burros being sorted. All BLM and contract 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.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:** Panels were tied with rope in several locations and lightweight cross gates in the main alley were not constructed with stout materials.

**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 locations was less than 6 feet due to accumulation of manure or dirt and panels sinking. Some alley fences and gates were more than 12 inches from the ground to the bottom rail. Cross gates were sagging.

**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 were no wind breaks in the pens designated for compromised animals.

**Loading and Unloading Facilities****Standard**

**1.III.A.3** There must be no holes, gaps or openings, protruding surfaces, or sharp edges present in fence panels or other structures that may cause escape or possible injury. (major)

**Non-Compliance:** There were holes in the plywood that may cause possible injury.

**Table 1: Overall Summary 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 of the section were compliant with the standards or policy requirements.<br/>                     Partially compliant – one or more activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements.<br/>                     Non-Compliant – all activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements.<br/>                     N/A –activities were not observed during the assessment.</i> |                  |                            |                      |            |

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

**Final CAWP Assessment Rating:** Excellent. 96% of applicable CAWP standards were met.