

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

September 30, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center Off-Range Corral

State: California

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Assessment Dates: September 21, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 60

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 48/60= 80%

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 Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center Off-Range Corrals was good. The CAWP team was well received and was provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe wild horses being handled and worked by trainers. The BLM personnel and ranch manager on site 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 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.

Non-Compliance: The facility has been short staffed, resulting in maintenance of infrastructure falling behind including fences, gates, significant soil erosion etc.

Facility Design

Standard

1.II.D 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.

Non-Compliance: One of the larger pens had mixed sexes in the 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.

Non-Compliance: Gates were not constructed with stout materials; they were tied with lead ropes and twine; chain link fencing was tied to poles with twine and panels were tied together. Belting in front of the squeeze chute had screws sticking out.

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: Fence and gate heights were less than 6 feet in multiple locations, and some gates and fencing were more than 12 inches from the ground.

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 were multiple gaps that could result in animals being injured and many fences were not of stout design.

Standard

1.II.H All WH&Bs within a pen must have adequate dry space to rest.

Non-Compliance: Some of the small pens did not provide adequate dry space to allow the wild horses to rest out of the mud.

Standard

1.II.I Ground surfaces in pens must be maintained to promote drainage, reduce wet ground conditions, and allow for routine manure removal.

Non-Compliance: Ground conditions did not promote drainage, creating excessive mud.

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.

Non-Compliance: Shelter for compromised animals was inadequate and there were no wind breaks for compromised animals.

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.

Non-Compliance: Gates were bent and sticking out into the alleyway and not in proper working condition.

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.

Non-Compliance: The materials used were not of stout design and therefore could cause injury or allow an animal to escape.

Receiving Procedures

Standard

- 1.III.B.10** WH&Bs should be penned with WH&Bs of like age, sex, and temperament.

Non-Compliance: One of the larger pens had mixed sexes in the pen.

Bio-Security

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.

Non-Compliance: The sick pens are located centrally within the working area and would allow for contact or close proximity with healthy animals.

Table 1: Overall Summary 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 of the section were compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Partially compliant – one or more activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. Non-Compliant – all activities of the section were non-compliant with the standards or policy requirements. 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: Complies. 80% of applicable CAWP standards were met.