

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

March 30, 2022

Off-Range Corral: Indian Lakes Off-Range Corral

State: Nevada

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Assessment Dates: March 23-24, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 73

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 66/73 = 90%

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 Indian Lakes Off-Range Corral was excellent. The ability to see and access the facility was excellent, as was the opportunity to ask and answer questions. During the assessment period, the CAWP team observed hoof trimming and wild horses worked through the chute system.

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 PIM 2021-002: Some of the contract personnel had not completed CAWP training.

Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Off-Range Corrals:

Facility Personnel

Standard

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

Non-Compliance: Record maintenance and recording was not all up to date in the Wild Horse and Burro Program System (WHBPS). Currently a volunteer is assisting with data entry, but long-term this may be tenuous.

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. (major)

Non-Compliance: The height of the fencing in some of the pens was less than 6 feet due largely to blowing sand and dirt accumulation along the fence lines.

Feed and Water

Standard

1.IV.C.4 Feeding sites must allow all WH&Bs within a pen simultaneous access to hay. (major)

Non-Compliance: Not all animals could simultaneously access hay in some of the pens. In some pens there were more wild horses in a pen than could realistically access bunk space at the same time.

Preparation Procedures

Standard

1.IV.D.2 Facilities must conduct Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing and apply freeze-marks within 30 days of receiving WH&Bs, unless directed by the facility veterinarian when age or physical condition requires a delay. (major)

Non-Compliance: Wild horses received from a recent gather (concluded February 14, 2022) had not been worked within 30 days, including collecting blood samples for EIA testing and to apply freeze marks to wild horses.

Standard

1.IV.D.6 Facilities must adhere to the current BLM vaccination policy. (major)

Non-Compliance: Administration of vaccinations was not in compliance with BLM vaccination policy. Several of the records randomly checked were overdue for months or more than a year.

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. (major)

Non-Compliance: There were numerous wild horses with hooves that were not maintained in proper condition with excessively long feet that were turned up off the ground at the toe.

Euthanasia Procedures

Standard

1.IV.E.2 Euthanasia must be done in compliance with BLM Euthanasia policy. (major)

Non-Compliance: Animals with a Henneke body condition score of less than three with a poor prognosis for improvement were observed. It should be noted that the energy density and protein of the ration being offered in these pens, while it may be adequate for maintenance, was unlikely to improve the body condition of these wild horses.

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				✓

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.

Final CAWP Assessment Rating: Good. 90% of applicable CAWP standards were met.