

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

August 25, 2022

Gather Name: Bible Springs Complex Wild Horse Gather

State: Utah

District/Field Office: Color Country District, Cedar City Field Office

Incident Commander: Gus Warr

Lead COR: Chad Hunter

Contractor: Rocking A Livestock, Inc

Gather Method: Helicopter Dive Trapping

Gather Reason: Excess animals, outside HMA, and private land issues

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Jake Benson, and John Hall

Assessment Dates: August 12, 2022

Total Number of CAWP Gather Standards: 189

Number of Applicable CAWP Gather Standards: 132

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 109

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 105/109 = 96%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: The Bible Springs Complex gather personnel worked well together to implement the CAWP gather standards. The CAWP team was provided access to all aspects of the gather and coordination was easy and worked smoothly.

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 Wild Horse and Burro Gathers.
- All personnel, including contractor and partners involved in the care, handling, and transportation of wild horses and burros at wild horse and burro gathers 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:

Required Documentation

Standard

- III.C.1** Health records for all saddle and pilot horses used on WH&B gathers must be provided to the Lead COR/COR/PI prior to joining a gather, including: (major)
- a. Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (Health Certificate, within 30 days).
 - b. Proof of:
 - 1) A negative test for equine infectious anemia (Coggins or EIA ELISA test) within 12 months.
 - 2) Vaccination for tetanus, eastern and western equine encephalomyelitis, West Nile virus, equine herpes virus, influenza, Streptococcus equi, and rabies within 12 months.

Non-compliance: The COR did not ask for health records to be provided by the contractor.

Trap Site

Standard

- I.A.4** Fence panels in pens and alleys 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: The trap had sunk into the ground in various places making the height less than 6 feet high.

Temporary Holding Corral

Standard

- I.A.4** Fence panels in pens and alleys 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: The temporary holding corral had sunk into the ground in various places making the height less than 6 feet high.

Transport

Standard

- V.A.2** WH&Bs identified for removal should be shipped from the temporary holding facility to a BLM facility within 48 hours.

Non-Compliance: Not all wild horses identified for removal were shipped from temporary holding to a BLM facility within 48 hours.

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	✓			
Required Documentation		✓		
Trap Site Facility		✓		
Trap Site Animals	✓			
Temporary Holding Facility		✓		
Temporary Holding Animals	✓			
Transport Design and Facilities	✓			
Transport Animals		✓		
<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>				

Rating scale for CAWP Assessments: 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.