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Wild Horse and Burro Program

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program (CAWP) – Jerrie Bertola, CAWP Coordinator



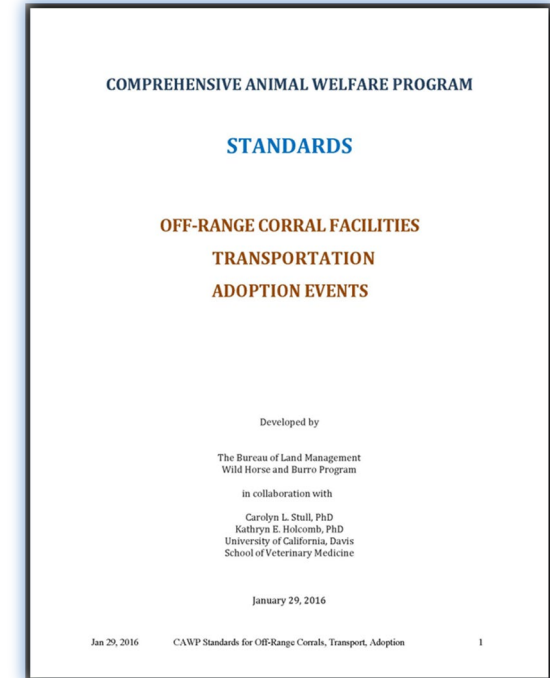
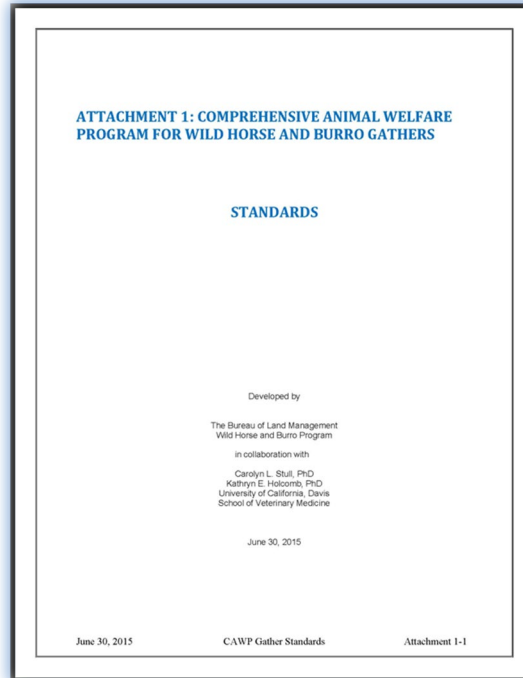


2022 Omnibus Bill

The Bureau shall continue to abide by the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program.



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Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program

What is the C-A-W-P?

- **Comprehensive** – Applies to all management activities of the WHB Program.
- **Animal Welfare** – Safeguarding the well-being of the wild horses and burros by ensuring humane treatment, adequate care, and animal handling with **care** and **compassion**.
- **Program** – A formal program not just a philosophy or general code of conduct.

Purpose

- Re-affirms and demonstrates the agency's commitment to humane treatment of wild horses and burros
- Standardizes BLM's longstanding practices
- Direction, guidance, training, and requirements for BLM employees, contractors, and partners





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Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program

Included in CAWP Policy

Standards and Training Requirements

for:

Gathers,
Off-Range Corrals,
Transportation, and
Adoption/Sale Events

To be Included in CAWP Policy

Standards and Training Requirements

for:

On the Range,
Off-Range Pastures, and
After Private Care Placement (Compliance)





Training

Training of BLM Staff, Contractors, and Partners

| DOI Talent Training | Virtual CAWP Training |
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| Gather CAWP Training | Off-Range Corrals, Transportation, and Adoption/Sale Events Training |
| 272 Courses Completed (July 2021 to Present) | Training was attended 257 times (October 2021 to Present) |
| Available Daily | 15 Trainings Provided |

**Coming Soon Updated
DOI Talent Training
for all Modules**





Rating System

Internal Assessments

Goal: All assessments rate 86-100%
(Good-Excellent)

✓ **96-100%** **Excellent**

✓ **86-95%** **Good**

- 70-85% **Complies**

- 0-69% **Failure to Comply**





Gathers Assessments



| Gather Name | State | Rating | Percentage |
|-----------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Black Mountain | AZ | Excellent | 96 |
| Centennial | CA | Excellent | 99 |
| Twin Peaks | CA | Complies | 82 |
| Piceance-East Douglas | CO | Good | 93 |
| Antelope Complex | NV | Good | 91 |
| Blue Wing Complex | NV | Excellent | 98 |
| Jackson Mountains | NV | Excellent | 100 |
| Triple B Complex | NV | Excellent | 96 |
| Barren Valley Complex | OR | Excellent | 99 |
| Bible Spring Complex | UT | Excellent | 96 |
| Onaqui Mountain | UT | Good | 93 |

Average Rating Good 95%





ORC Assessments



| Off-Range Corral Name | State | Rating | Percentage |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-----------|------------|
| Litchfield | CA | Excellent | 96 |
| Ridgecrest | CA | Good | 88 |
| Rio Consumnes Correctional Center | CA | Complies | 80 |
| Canon City | CO | Complies | 83 |
| Boise | ID | Complies | 79 |
| Bruneau | ID | Good | 93 |
| Indian Lakes | NV | Good | 90 |
| Northern Nevada Correctional Center | NV | Good | 86 |
| Palomino Valley | NV | Excellent | 97 |
| Burns | OR | Good | 92 |
| Axtell | UT | Good | 88 |
| Delta | UT | Complies | 82 |
| Sutherland | UT | Good | 87 |
| Mantle Adoption and Training Facility | WY | Good | 89 |
| Rock Springs | WY | Good | 92 |
| Wheatland | WY | Complies | 83 |
| Wyoming Honor Farm | WY | Good | 91 |

Average Rating Good 88%



Adoption/Sale Events Assessments

| Adoption Name | State | Rating | Percentage |
|----------------|-------|--------|------------|
| Okeechobee, FL | ES | Good | 89 |

Average Rating Good 89%





Off-Range Pastures

Instruction Memorandum to be Published for Off-Range Pasture Standards

Train BLM Staff, Contractors, and Partners

Off-Range Pasture Assessments

Document, Share, and Learn from Results

Note: Creating a continuous feedback loop improves and strengthens procedures and standards





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On the Range



Discussing On the Range Standards – balancing animal welfare and land health





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After Private Care Placement

Compliance



Goal is to link CAWP Standards with the Compliance Handbook



Fiscal Year 2023 Goals

| Assessments | Target Number | Quarter |
|--|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Off-Range Corrals Initial Assessments | 5 | 1 st Quarter FY2023 |
| Off-Range Corrals Repeat Assessments | 4 | 3 rd Quarter FY2023 |
| Adoption/Sale Event Assessments | 3-5 | Throughout FY2023 |
| *Gather Assessments (pending schedule) | 5 | Throughout FY2023 |
| Off-Range Pasture Initial Assessments | 10+ | 3 rd Quarter FY2023 |

Training

Develop Off-Range Pasture Training

Develop Animal Handling Training

Policy Development

Foster Care

After Private Care Placement





Next Steps...

How to keep moving forward...

- **Gathers**
 - Update Assessment Tool
 - Conduct Internal CAWP Assessments
- **Off-Range Corrals**
 - Finish Initial Internal Assessments
 - Review and Address Additional Needs
 - Update Assessment Tool
 - Begin Repeat Internal Assessments
- **Adoption/Sale Events**
 - Conduct Mock Assessments
 - Update Assessment Tool
 - Conduct Internal CAWP Assessments
- **Transportation**
 - Develop Assessment Tool
 - Test Assessment Tool
- **Off-Range Pasture**
 - Finish Assessment Tool
 - Conduct Mock Assessments
 - Training on Standards
 - Begin Initial Internal Assessments
- **After Private Care Placement and Foster Care**
 - Begin Drafting Standards





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