

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

November 17, 2022

**Off-Range Corral:** Ewing Off-Range Corral

**State:** Eastern States (Illinois)

**Facility Manager or COR:** Marty Neugebauer, Facility Manager

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**Assessment Date:** November 2, 2022

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 98

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 73/98 = 74%

**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 Ewing 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 and burros being sorted and loaded for transport to an adoption event.

### **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**

**1.1.A** Facility management establishes and implements standards of care, treatment, and handling of WH&Bs, and communicates expectations to all personnel to ensure the humane care and treatment of all WH&Bs at the facility.

**Non-Compliance:** Annual CAWP training had not been completed by all BLM employees or by the contractor staff; therefore, some do not know the standards or expectation for humane care and treatment as outlined in the CAWP.

**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 corral is not staffed with adequate personnel to maintain the working chute systems and facility infrastructure.

**Standard**

**1.I.D** The facility should be staffed by appropriate office staff for record maintenance and recording.

**Non-Compliance:** The facility is not staffed appropriately to complete the data entry timely so that records are maintained and current.

**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:** There were not enough pens to sort according to sex, age, and species; therefore, pens had mixed sexes, ages, and species (horses and burros).

**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:** There were many places where the panels were tied together with twine and neck ropes and not maintained in proper working condition.

**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:** Several internal pen fences were not 6 feet high due to the accumulation of manure and dirt, and there were several places where the bottom rail was more than 12 inches from ground level.

**Standard**

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

**Non-Compliance:** Due to crowded conditions, all animals were not able to access dry space to rest.

**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:** The pens did not promote drainage or run-off and have not allowed for routine manure removal.

**Standard**

**1.II.K** Feeding areas must be accessible to all WH&Bs in the enclosure and maintained as a dry area without excessive manure accumulation.

**Non-Compliance:** The feeding areas were wet with excessive manure accumulation.

**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:** The compromised animals were not located in the pens that had shade and shelter.

**Standard**

**1.II.N** Shelter structures should be designed or constructed to reduce the risk for injury of the WH&Bs and maintained to avoid excessive manure and mud.

**Non-Compliance:** The shelter structure had protruding wire fence along one wall that could cause injury and the pens were not designed or maintained to avoid excessive manure and mud.

**Receiving Procedures**

**Standard**

**1.III.B.4** An authorized, properly trained, and experienced person, as well as euthanasia equipment and supplies, must be available immediately following unloading in the event that the emergency euthanasia of an animal is required. Euthanasia must be done in compliance with BLM Euthanasia policy.

**Non-Compliance:** There were no equipment or supplies available in the event of a need to conduct an emergency euthanasia. The staff is also not authorized to perform emergency

euthanasia, and a veterinarian would not always be available in a timely manner to perform euthanasia following unloading.

**Standard**

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

**Non-Compliance:** There were pens of animals with mixed sexes, ages, and species.

**Veterinarian**

**Standard**

**1.IV.A.C** Routine presence by an on-site or on-call veterinarian must be provided at each facility with records of those visits maintained at the facility.

**Non-Compliance:** Veterinary records are not maintained at the facility.

**Biosecurity**

**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:** Pens designed for compromised animals are being used for resting loads and building loads to be sent to adoptions or off-range pastures; therefore, there were no pens set aside exclusively for sick, infectious, injured, or weak animals.

**Standard**

**1.IV.B.5** Working chute and tub systems should be routinely cleaned and disinfected to reduce the risk of disease transmission, especially after moving contagious WH&Bs through the system.

**Non-Compliance:** The working chute and tub system are not routinely cleaned; they are cleaned only after animals known to be contagious have been moved through them.

**Feed and Water**

**Standard**

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

**Non-Compliance:** Due to overcrowding, not all animals could access hay simultaneously.

**Standard**

**1.IV.C.6** Salt and/or mineral blocks should be provided in holding pens at all times.

**Non-Compliance:** Salt and mineral blocks were not provided in holding pens.

## **Preparation Procedures**

### **Standard**

**1.IV.D.6** Facilities must adhere to the current BLM vaccination policy.

**Non-Compliance:** According to randomly selected animal health records, not all animals in the facility received booster flu/EHV vaccinations on schedule.

## **Euthanasia Procedures**

### **Standard**

**1.IV.E.2** Euthanasia must be done in compliance with BLM Euthanasia policy.

**Non-Compliance:** An animal that had been identified as having an incurable serious physical condition or defect was being maintained on site in preparation for transfer to off-range pasture.

### **Standard**

**1.IV.E.3** An authorized, properly trained, and experienced person, as well as euthanasia equipment and supplies, must be available at off-range corral facilities in the event that the emergency euthanasia of an animal is required.

**Non-Compliance:** There were no equipment or supplies available in the event of a need to conduct an emergency euthanasia. The staff is not authorized to perform emergency euthanasia, and a veterinarian would not always be available in a timely manner to perform euthanasia.

## **Care of Wild Horses and Burros During Transport Preparation Procedures**

### **Standard**

**2.II.A** WH&Bs being transferred to another off-range corral facility, off-range pasture, eco-sanctuary or adoption event must have a current negative EIA test, be in a state of health appropriate for a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) and be accompanied by appropriate paperwork as required by the laws of the receiving state.

**Non-Compliance:** Not all animals transported from the facility to an adoption event were current with a negative EIA test.

### **Standard**

**2.II.C** WH&Bs being transferred to another off-range corral facility, off-range pasture, eco-sanctuary, or adoption event must be sorted prior to shipping to ensure compatibility and minimize aggressive behavior that may cause injury during transport.

**Non-Compliance:** Not all animals were sorted prior to transport, a compartment was loaded with wild horses and burros.

## **Vehicles**

### **Standard**

**2.III.H** All partitions and panels inside of trailers must be free of sharp edges or holes that could cause injury to WH&Bs.

**Non-Compliance:** Inside one of the straight-deck trailers there was a bolt that could cause injury to animals.

### **Standard**

**2.III.J** Surfaces and floors of trailers must be cleaned of dirt, manure and other organic matter prior to the beginning of a shipping event, and must have non-skid material on the trailer floor, such as, wood shavings, rubber non-skid mats etc.

**Non-Compliance:** The surfaces and floors of the trailers were not cleaned and had dirt and manure at the beginning of a shipping event.

**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.                      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. 74% of applicable CAWP standards were met.