

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

January 24, 2024

**Gather Name:** East Pershing Complex Wild Horse Gather

**State:** Nevada

**District/Field Office:** Winnemucca District Office/Humboldt River Field Office

**Incident Commander:** Garrett Swisher

**Lead COR:** Morgan Weigand

**Gather Method:** Helicopter Dive Trapping

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Jake Benson, Rob Sharp, and Travis Tolbert

**Assessment Dates:** January 8, 2024 – January 9, 2024

**Total Number of CAWP Gather Standards:** 206

**Number of Applicable CAWP Gather Standards:** 172

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 170

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 170/172 = 99%

**General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team:** Coordination and access to this gather was excellent. The observed coordination and communication between the BLM and the contractor was excellent. The temperature was closely watched to ensure that wild horses were not gathered in temperatures below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. The ground was freezing at night and thawing throughout the day, created the opportunity for the temporary holding corral to sink. However, it was observed multiple times the temporary holding corral being lifted to correct the sinking. Water was chipped multiple times a day to ensure that the wild horses had access to water. The care, handling, and treatment of the wild horses were a priority for all involved in this gather.

**Conditions found to be in non-compliance with the CAWP Standards for Wild Horse and Burro Gatherers:**

### **Facility Design Temporary Holding Loading**

#### **Standard**

**I.B.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:** A sharp edge was found along the sheet metal near the loading ramp that could cause possible injury.

#### **Standard**

**I.B.6** Trailers must be properly aligned with loading and unloading chutes and panels such that no gaps exist between the chute/panel and floor or sides of the trailer creating a situation where a WH&B could injure itself.

**Non-Compliance:** The semi-trailer had a gap on the passenger side between the trailer door opening and the loading ramp that was large enough that a wild horse could injure itself.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

	<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>Percent Compliant</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<b>Trap Site</b>	63/63	100%	Excellent
<b>Temporary Holding</b>	65/65	100%	Excellent
<b>Transportation</b>	42/44	95%	Good
<b>Gather Compliance</b>	170/172	99%	Excellent

**Final CAWP Assessment Rating:** Excellent. 99% of applicable CAWP standards were met overall.

Possible ratings for CAWP Assessments are 96-100% Excellent, 86-95% Good, 70-85% Complies, and 0-69% Failure to Comply.