



Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

August 2, 2024

Off-Range Corral: Wheatland Off-Range Corral

State: Wyoming/Nebraska

Facility Manager or COR: JJ Nolan, Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Dr. Al Kane, Tami Howell, and Ben Noyes

Assessment Date: July 31, 2024

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 87

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 84/87 = 97%

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: The Wheatland Off-Range Corral requested a CAWP Team Assessment as they were preparing wild horses for adoption from the North Lander Complex Gather. Coordination and access to the Wheatland Off-Range Corral was excellent.

During the assessment, the team observed the preparation of wild horses including the administration of the first booster vaccinations. The Wheatland Off-Range Corral preparation team administered the primary vaccinations the day the wild horses arrived, and they were beginning to administer the first booster according to BLM policy. The assessment team also observed the application of freeze marks and microchipping. As required by BLM policy, new needles were used for each vaccination and microchip.

The preparation team consisted of four people who worked well together to keep an efficient, effective, and safe working environment for all staff and wild horses. Each team member used their strengths and knowledge, which kept the preparation process flowing well. The team also used a microchip wand that automatically stored all the microchip numbers and could easily be uploaded into the Wild Horse and Burro Program System for timely data entry.

All Wheatland Off-Range Corral personnel were willing to answer questions when asked and provided the necessary records for review during the assessment. The facility uses GlobalVetLink, and they collect individual Coggins for all wild horses, making paperwork easier as wild horses are offered for adoption or transported to satellite adoption events in Eastern States.

During the assessment, the team also observed animals present at the facility prior to the North Lander gather, newly arrived mare/foal pairs, stallions, and animals being held for release. The team also observed animals in the pens for animals with compromised health, and the saddle horses.

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.

All personnel were current with CAWP training.

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

Feed and Water

Standard

- 1.IV.C.7** Supplemental feeds should be provided to address the nutritional needs of the WH&Bs, if needed.

Non-Compliance: Animals that needed supplemental feed were not separated out of the general population of resident animals. There were several animals that should have been provided supplemental feed. Resident animals are those animals that were at the off-range corral prior to the beginning of the North Lander gather on July 1.

Preparation Procedures

Standard

- 1.IV.D.10** Stallions and jack burros should be castrated as soon as approved by the on-site veterinarian for the procedure in accordance with BLM policy.

Non-Compliance: There was a pen that had intact 2-3-year-old resident stallions. Resident animals are those animals that were at the off-range corral prior to the beginning of receiving newly gathered animals in early July and had been at the off-range corral for several months.

Euthanasia Procedures

Standard

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

Non-Compliance: There were animals that met the euthanasia criteria that were not euthanized.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	14/14	100%	Excellent
Loading and Unloading Facilities	6/6	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	9/9	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	5/5	100%	Excellent
Feed and Water	6/7	86%	Good
Preparation Procedures	9/10	90%	Good
Euthanasia Procedures	4/5	80%	Complies
Carcass Disposal	2/2	100%	Excellent
Willful Acts of Abuse	4/4	100%	Excellent
General Handling	6/6	100%	Excellent
Handling Aids	9/9	100%	Excellent
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures	Not Assessed*		
Vehicles	Not Assessed*		
Transport Procedures	Not Assessed*		
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	84/87	97%	Excellent

* These standards were not assessed during the July 31, 2024, assessment, however, these standards were assessed in May and June as part of the South Columbia, and Annville Adoption/Sale Events.

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