

Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

November 7, 2024

Off-Range Corral: Sutherland City Off-Range Corral

State: Utah

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Assessment Date: November 4, 2024

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 82

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 75/82 = 91%

Understanding Assessments: The Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program aims to promote the welfare of wild horses and burros during management activities while minimizing stress and ensuring humane care, handling and treatment. CAWP assessments evaluate compliance with standards during the activities taking place at the time of the assessment. This framework helps ensure a clear and unbiased evaluation of events or actions as they occur. Here are some key points:

- **Holistic Approach:** Assessments reflect the entirety of the activity, not targeting individuals or specific groups.
- **Time-Specific:** The evaluation focuses solely on the observed circumstances during the assessment period.
- **Limitations:** Previous or subsequent events are not accounted for, meaning the assessment is a standalone observation.

General Notes and Comments from the CAWP Team: During the assessment, the team observed the off-range corral staff handle wild horses through the tub and alley and into the squeeze chute where they drew blood for updated EIA testing. Staff worked well together to keep an efficient, effective, and safe working environment for staff and wild horses.

The Sutherland Off-Range Corral team works with an animal nutritionist to develop the ration that is fed to the wild horses at the facility. During the assessment, the team observed a pen of wild horses that were not doing well in the larger pens and had been sorted off to receive more specialized feeding. Aside from the horses in that pen, all other observed wild horses had a body condition score of 4 or greater.

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:

Facility Design

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: There were gates with a bottom rail that was more than 12 inches from ground level.

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: Ground surfaces did not promote drainage and allowed for water to pond in pens.

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: There was excessive manure buildup in the compromised animal pens.

Feed and Water

Standard

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

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

Preparation Procedures

Standard

- 1.IV.D.2** Facilities must conduct Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA) testing and apply freeze-marks within 30 days of receiving WH&Bs, unless directed by the facility veterinarian when age or physical condition requires a delay.

Non-Compliance: Of the randomly selected paperwork, not all the newly arrived wild horses had received freeze marks and EIA testing within 30 days of arrival as required.

Standard

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

Non-Compliance: The BLM vaccination policy requires vaccinations to be given every six months. Some of the booster vaccinations were not administered according to the randomly selected animal paperwork.

Standard

1.IV.D.8 Hoof trimming must be performed twice per year at minimum or as necessary to maintain hooves in a proper condition.

Non-Compliance: Numerous wild horses were observed with hooves that were not in proper condition and too long.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	11/14	79%	Complies
Loading and Unloading Facilities	4/4	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	10/10	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	5/5	100%	Excellent
Feed and Water	6/7	86%	Good
Preparation Procedures	7/10	70%	Complies
Euthanasia Procedures	5/5	100%	Excellent
Carcass Disposal	2/2	100%	Excellent
Willful Acts of Abuse	4/4	100%	Excellent
General Handling	6/6	100%	Excellent
Handling Aids	5/5	100%	Excellent
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	75/82	91%	Good

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