

## Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

January 31, 2025

**Off-Range Corral:** Florence Off-Range Corral

**State:** Arizona

**Facility Manager or COR:** John Hall, Facility Manager

**CAWP Assessment Team Members:** Jerrie Bertola, Jake Benson, Tami Howell, and Lisa Reid

**Assessment Date:** January 30, 2025

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

**Number of Applicable CAWP Standards:** 85

**Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards:** 83/85= 98%

**Understanding Assessments:** The Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program promotes 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 preparation of weanling burros, and the handling of horses and burros in the training program.

The preparation team worked well together to keep an efficient, effective, and safe working environment for staff and burros by ensuring the process flowed well. The staff demonstrated skills in handling the wild horses and burros, ensuring that the animals' health and well-being remained their priority.

### **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 contractors 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.G** Fences must be of stout design and be maintained in proper condition with no holes, gaps, or sharp edges which could result in WH&Bs being injured.

**Non-Compliance:** The fencing was made of stout design; however, where 'hog wire' had been added as an extra protection for burro foals against coyotes, some of the wire was broken and had protrusions that could result in burros being injured.

**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:** A review of the randomly selected paperwork revealed that some newly arrived burros were freeze marked and tested for EIA more than 30 days after arrival from gather operations. It was explained that this was a result from large burro gathers and insufficient facility staffing to fulfill gather operations and freeze marking at the same time.

**Table 1: Overall Summary Rating**

<b>CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements</b>	<b>Total Numbers</b>	<b>Percent Compliant</b>	<b>Rating</b>
<b>Facility Personnel</b>	4/4	100%	Excellent
<b>Facility Design</b>	13/14	93%	Good
<b>Loading and Unloading Facilities</b>	6/6	100%	Excellent
<b>Receiving Procedures</b>	11/11	100%	Excellent
<b>Veterinarian</b>	6/6	100%	Excellent
<b>Biosecurity</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>Feed and Water</b>	7/7	100%	Excellent
<b>Preparation Procedures</b>	9/10	90%	Good
<b>Euthanasia Procedures</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>Carcass Disposal</b>	2/2	100%	Excellent
<b>Willful Acts of Abuse</b>	4/4	100%	Excellent
<b>General Handling</b>	6/6	100%	Excellent
<b>Handling Aids</b>	5/5	100%	Excellent
<b>Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating</b>	<b>83/85</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>Excellent</b>

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