



Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

July 3, 2025

Off-Range Corral: Delta Off-Range Corral

State: Utah

Facility Manager and COR: Trent Staheli, Acting Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, Jake Benson, and Preston Rushing

Assessment Dates: July 1, 2025

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 78

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 75/78 = 96%

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: Assessments of Off-Range Corrals includes the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Off-Range Corrals and Transportation as applicable.

Coordination with the Delta Off-Range Corrals was excellent. The CAWP team was well received and was provided access to the entire facility. The team was able to observe wild horses being sorted from multiple pens through the alley and chute. Notable enhancements were observed in the main pens, sick and compromised pens, and overall facility upkeep to help create a safe and supportive environment for the wild horses and burros held at the Delta Off-Range Corral. The entire team at the corrals was observed working collaboratively and communicating effectively to handle the wild horses in a manner that prioritized safety and well-being of the wild horses and employees.

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 Design

Standard

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: In some pens, the height of the fencing was less than six feet due to variations in topography and to the accumulation of manure or dirt along the interior fence lines.

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: The Delta Off-Range Corral no longer serves as a preparation facility and only focuses on adoptions and sales. However, not all EIA testing was completed within 30 days of initially receiving the animals at a facility.

Standard

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

Non-Compliance: Records indicated that all animals are current with their vaccinations; however, many animals had not received the previous 6-month booster vaccinations.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	13/14	93%	Good
Loading and Unloading Facilities	4/4	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	8/8	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	4/4	100%	Excellent
Feed and Water	7/7	100%	Excellent
Preparation Procedures	8/10	80%	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	4/4	100%	Excellent
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	75/78	96%	Excellent

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