



Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program Team Assessment Report

July 10, 2025

Off-Range Corral: Pauls Valley Off-Range Corral

State: Oklahoma (New Mexico State Office)

Facility Manager or COR: Pat Hofmann, Facility Manager

CAWP Assessment Team Members: Jerrie Bertola, and John Hall

Assessment Date: July 8, 2025

Total Number of CAWP Off-Range Corral Standards: 117

Number of Applicable CAWP Standards: 103

Compliance with Applicable CAWP Standards: 99/103 = 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 include the Comprehensive Animal Welfare Program standards for Off-Range Corrals and Transportation, as applicable.

Observations

The coordination with the Pauls Valley Off-Range Corrals was excellent, which facilitated a supportive environment for the CAWP team to engage in meaningful conversations, observations and activities.

- The CAWP team was well received and granted access to the entire facility.
- Activities observed included:
 - Wild horses and burros being sorted, haltered, and loaded during an adoption event.
 - Viewing wild horses in the pastures.
 - Viewing of animals being offered for adoption within the corral setting.

Unique Features of Pauls Valley Off-Range Corral

- The environment differs from other off-range corrals used by the BLM.
- Wild horses and burros spend most of their time in 40 to 60-acre pastures, except during public adoption events or when they are being vaccinated/prepared for adoption.
- This design promotes excellent animal welfare.

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

- 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: Not all pen fences were 6 feet high, and there were several places where the bottom rail was more than 12 inches from ground level.

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: There were gaps in gates that could cause injury.

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 Pauls Valley Off-Range Corral serves as a maintenance facility focusing on providing wild horses and burros to adoption and sale events and serving as an adoption location. The paperwork of some animals at the Pauls Valley Off-Range Corral indicated not all EIA testing and freeze marking at the preparation facility was completed within 30 days.

Standard

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

Non-Compliance: The BLM vaccination policy requires vaccinations to be administered every six months. A review of the paperwork for randomly selected animals revealed that some vaccinations were overdue.

Table 1: Overall Summary Rating

CAWP Standards and Policy Requirements	Total Numbers	Percent Compliant	Rating
Facility Personnel	4/4	100%	Excellent
Facility Design	12/14	86%	Good
Loading and Unloading Facilities	6/6	100%	Excellent
Receiving Procedures	10/10	100%	Excellent
Veterinarian	6/6	100%	Excellent
Biosecurity	5/5	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	9/9	100%	Excellent
Care of WHBs During Transport Preparation Procedures	4/4	100%	Excellent
Vehicles	11/11	100%	Excellent
Overall Compliance and Final CAWP Assessment Rating	99/103	96%	Excellent

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