

ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

Date: 8/16/11

County: Wallowa

General Area: Kuhn Ridge (USFS)

Situation: A livestock producer noticed injuries to a live cow while checking his cattle on a USFS grazing allotment. The cow was hauled to Enterprise for examination.

ODFW findings: Possible/Unknown

Evidence of wolf presence in the area? No wolf sightings or tracks have been confirmed in this area this summer. This area is outside the range of the Imnaha pack. There is no evidence of resident wolf presence, though wolves could be moving through the area at any time.

Summary of evidence: The injured cow was examined in a squeeze chute. The ventral and rear surfaces of the udder had very deep cuts or tears. The injury appeared to be 2-3 weeks old. Due to the scabs and healing of tissue, the cause of the udder injury was impossible to determine. There were surface scratches of unknown cause on the cow's right front shoulder and below right hip bone that were mostly healed. There was one other mostly healed mark on the cow's hide, a single cut (less than 3/8 in deep and 3/4 in long) on the rear of the right hind leg of unknown cause. The cause of the cow's injuries is unknown.