

## ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

**Date:** 9/15/11

**County:** Wallowa

**General Area:** Upper Three Buck Creek (private land)

**Situation:** On 9/15/11 a dead cow was found by the range rider. ODFW was notified and examined the cow the same day.

**ODFW findings:** Other

**Evidence of wolf presence in the area?** No. There was no evidence (collar data, sightings, tracks or scat) of wolves at the scene. The radio collar data showed one radio collared wolf OR4 moved into an area as close as 2 miles away on 9/12/11.

**Summary of evidence:** Carcass was mostly intact; there was no sign of injury (broken bones) or marks on the outside of the cow. Maggots were present in large numbers, with the cow's estimated date of death approximately 9/10/2011. There was scavenging (coyote tracks were present) on the right side of the head and around anus. There was no evidence of a predator attack. The cause of death of the cow is unknown, but unrelated to predation.