

## ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

**Date:** 10/25/11

**County:** Wallowa

**General Area:** Deadhorse Ridge

**Situation:** On the afternoon of 10/25/11 a severely injured adult cow was found on private land east of Joseph, OR. The injuries were determined to have occurred early on the same day. Wolves were suspected and the live cow was brought to town for examination. ODFW examined the cow on the same afternoon.

**ODFW findings:** Confirmed Wolf

**Evidence of wolf presence in the area?** Radio-collar data shows that the male wolf (OR4) of the Imnaha pack was present in the pasture at the time of the attack.

**Summary of evidence:** The cow was examined while still alive. However, it was euthanized following the examination due to its injuries. The cow had a very high number of bite wounds in the following locations; behind front right leg, on left and right flanks, and back hind leg and rump. These bite marks are clearly from large canine teeth. Furthermore, the high number of bites and the bite mark locations are typical of wolf predation. This area has experienced repeated confirmed wolf depredation in 2011, and a wolf (or wolves) were determined to be present at the time of attack.