

## ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

**Date:** 5/31/12

**County:** Wallowa

**General Area:** Crow Creek area, north of Enterprise, OR

**Situation:** On the morning of May 31, 2012 the carcass of a calf was found by the Wallowa County Wildlife Services agent while driving the Crow creek road north of Enterprise. Wolves were suspected and ODFW examined the carcass on the same day.

**ODFW findings:** Other

**Evidence of wolf presence in the area?** No wolf sign was found at the scene. The area has been infrequently used over the past two years, primarily during the winter and spring months, by the Imnaha Pack. On May 24<sup>th</sup>, a local stockgrower observed a single wolf chasing horses approximately 4.5 miles from this area.

**Summary of evidence:** Most of the carcass had been consumed including the viscera. A small amount of muscle tissue was present on the upper part of both front legs. The muscle tissue on both hind legs and rib cage had been completely consumed. Neck muscle tissue was present. The right hind leg bone had been removed from pelvis and was laying 6 feet from carcass. The left leg bone was still attached to the pelvis. The rib cage was present with its lower portion of the ribs chewed. We skinned the upper left front leg, right front shoulder, and neck and no hemorrhaging was found. Two small (1/16 inch diameter) scrapes 1/2 inch long, 1 1/2 inches apart were found on the top of the left shoulder and had occurred prior to death. Both lower legs were skinned and no hemorrhage was found. The animal had been mostly consumed by coyotes and there was no evidence of wolf predation.