

ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

Date: 7/26/12

County: Wallowa

General Area: Grouse Creek/Morgan Butte – Public Land (USFS)

Situation: On the evening of 7/26/12, ODFW received a report of an injured calf in a forested area of the Imnaha Pack. The calf was observed in good health early in the afternoon while being herded to a new pasture, but by evening was found severely injured. Wolves were suspected and ODFW investigated the same evening.

ODFW findings: Confirmed wolf

Evidence of wolf presence in the area? There was no GPS data indicating that OR4 was in the area at the time of depredation. However, this Upper Grouse Creek area has been used by the Imnaha Pack during the summer months.

Summary of evidence: The approximately 325 pound calf was still alive at the time of the investigation. Multiple bite marks were observed in the area of right and left rear legs, belly, flank, udder, an anus. Most bites were focused on the soft tissue areas of the inside of the hind legs and flanks and all appeared to be the result of canine teeth. The most significant wound was two relatively deep holes with torn muscle tissue on the right flank. The high number, size, and location of bite wounds are typical of wolf attack. It is unknown if the calf will survive.