

ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

Date: 8/20/12

County: Baker

General Area: Kirby Reservoir Area – Public Land (BLM)

Situation: On August 18, 2012 a carcass of a calf was found. Wolf predation was suspected. ODFW was asked to investigate the carcass after dark on August 19, 2012. The investigation was done the next morning.

ODFW findings: Other

Evidence of wolf presence in the area? No wolf sign was found at or near the carcass. There have not been any recent reports of wolves in the area.

Summary of evidence:

The whole untouched carcass was found on its stomach by the livestock producer; intact except for the entrails hanging out of the abdomen. Before the ODFW examination, a bear and coyotes scavenged a small area around the back and upper left hind leg. There were premortem scrapes on the rear of the hindquarters and lower hind legs. The hair was gone and there was shallow bruising in the muscle tissue under the scrapes. There were no tears or deep damage in the muscle tissue. There was no evidence of a struggle or kill scene. There was no evidence on the carcass that the calf was attacked or killed by a predator. The carcass was scavenged and tracks of bear, coyote and bobcat were found near the carcass.