

## ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

**Date:** 9/3/12

**County:** Wallowa

**General Area:** Jaynes Ridge – Public Land (USFS)

**Situation:** On 9/3/12, ODFW received a report of an injured cow and calf on a USFS allotment in a forested area of the Imnaha Pack. Wolves were suspected and ODFW investigated the same morning.

**ODFW findings:** Calf – Confirmed  
Cow - Probable

**Evidence of wolf presence in the area?** The injured calf was found weeks after the injuries were inflicted, so there was no scene to search for wolf sign. This area has been commonly used by the Imnaha Pack year-round. There is no GPS data indicating that OR4 was in the area at the time of depredation.

**Summary of evidence:** Calf - The approximately 350 pound calf was alive at the time of the investigation. It had major injuries in the soft tissue between the hind legs (groin area) that were healing, but some were still open and draining. There were bite scrapes (some with scabs) on the lower hindquarters, groin and front legs near elbow. There are significant similarities between this calf's injuries (estimated to be 2-3 weeks old) and the calf found freshly injured on 7/26/2012 three miles away. The size, location and depth of the bite wounds are typical of wolf attack.

Cow – The cow had 3 small scrapes on the hindquarters that could have been bite scrapes the same age as the calf's injuries. The livestock producer reported a dramatic change in this cow's behavior; becoming very wild, more protective of her calf, and aggressive towards his dogs. The cow's injuries are classified as probable wolf.