

ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

Date: 9/28/12

County: Wallowa

General Area: Crow Creek Area – Private Land

Situation: On 9/28/12 fence builders found 2 dead calves. Wolves were suspected and ODFW responded the same afternoon.

ODFW finding: Other

Evidence of wolf presence in the area: No sign of wolves at the scene. No locations or observations of wolves in the area in recent months.

Summary of evidence: One carcass, estimated to have died on 9/27/12, was mostly intact with some scavenging of the right flank, right hind leg and abdomen. The heart, lungs, liver and lower intestines were present. The calf was skinned and no premortem hemorrhaging was found. There was a light bloody discharge from the nose. The other calf was estimated to have died on 9/23/12, only the bones of the head, rib cage, right rear leg and vertebrae remained. Signs of coyote scavenging were present on both carcasses. Several live calves from this herd were observed with foam from the nose and mouth and one adult bull was observed to be thin and had considerable opaque discharge from its nose. The cause of death was not determined, but it was not the result of a wolf attack.