

## ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

**Date:** 12/18/2012

**County:** Wallowa

**General Area:** North of Lostine – Private land

**Situation:** A livestock producer found the partially consumed carcass of a calf on the morning of 12/18/12. It was in a grassy area adjacent to an alder riparian zone and about ½ mile from his house. The producer had been working with the cattle the evening before. Wolves were suspected and ODFW investigated the same morning.

**ODFW finding:** Other

**Evidence of wolf presence in the area:** No tracks or physical evidence on carcass to indicate that wolves were present at the site. The nearest known wolf presence (Sled Springs pair) is about 9 miles north of this site.

**Summary of evidence:** The carcass was still warm and estimated to have died during the night. The hide was intact except for the right flank and hindquarter area. The intestines and the muscle from the hindquarter had been scavenged. Once the carcass was skinned, premortem trauma was found on the upper front portion of both shoulders, left side of the neck, both elbows, the ribs behind the right elbow and one knee. There was also extensive deep premortem hemorrhaging in the throat just behind the jaw. There were fresh tracks of cougar and coyote in the snow. The scene and the nature and location of the injuries indicate the calf died of a cougar attack.