

ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

Date: 4/24/2013

County: Union

General Area: Pumpkin Ridge Area – Private land

Situation: A livestock producer found the carcass of a foal at the base of a rocky ridge near a hayfield. The mare was checked 3 days earlier and had not yet foaled. Wolves were suspected and ODFW was asked to investigate. ODFW responded the same day.

ODFW finding: Other

Evidence of wolf presence in the area: There was no sign at the scene or physical evidence on the carcass to indicate that wolves were present at the site. Two wolves were seen two weeks earlier in a nearby area.

Summary of evidence: Tracks showed that the mare and foal had run down a ridge. The mare had stopped but the foal went off several rocky drop offs. Coyote tracks were present in the horse tracks. The carcass had been scavenged by coyotes and birds; only the head, spine and one leg remained. None of the bones in the back, neck, ribs or leg were crushed or broken.