

ODFW Wolf Depredation Investigation Summary

Date: 4/26/2013

County: Wallowa

General Area: Three Lakes Country -- Private Land

Situation: A livestock producer found the carcass of a cow in a stock pond in a rangeland pasture on the morning of 4/26/2013. The cow was last checked on 4/16/2013 and the producer suspected wolf depredation. ODFW was asked to investigate and responded the same morning.

ODFW finding: Other

Evidence of wolf presence in the area: No wolf tracks were found in the mud around the pond. Data showed that the two Imnaha pack wolves with GPS radio-collars were not at the scene.

Summary of evidence: The carcass was mostly consumed by scavengers (bird and coyote sign present). The skeleton was intact. The portions of the head, neck, front legs, shoulder and hind legs that were underwater had not been consumed. When skinned a small hemorrhage was found in the muscle of the right shoulder, there were no matching bites, cuts or scrapes in the hide. There were no bites, scratches, injury or hemorrhage on the remaining muscle tissue. There was no evidence on the scene or the carcass to indicate a predator attack.