



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130704 Union

Date Investigated: 7/4/2013

General Area: Indian Creek area-Private land

General situation and animal information: A small calf was found dead late in the evening of 7/3/2013 about 300 yards southwest of a house and near where another calf was investigated earlier on the day. This calf had died in a sternal position with its head and neck resting on a forked limb, and was last known alive 8 days earlier. The owner suspected wolves and ODFW investigated the following morning. The calf was estimated to have been dead for approximately 3 days and some scavenging had occurred by birds and possibly small mammals or coyotes along the back midline.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. A thorough exam of the carcass including scanning with a metal detector (there was some speculation the animal may have been shot) revealed no evidence of any type of trauma pre mortem injuries. No evidence of a struggle was observed.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None, this is not an area of known wolf use.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: It is unknown why the calf died, but there was no evidence of predation. Thus, a determination of "other" is warranted.