



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130723 Union

Date Investigated: 7/23/2013

General Area: Grande Ronde Valley below Mt Emily – Private Land

General situation and animal information: A livestock producer found a dead lamb on the morning of 7/23/2013. He reported that he saw 3 wolves in or near the pasture, so ODFW was called to investigate.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: There was a blood trail on the grass and blood on tufts of wool scattered around the intact carcass. Hemorrhage and tissue damage was visible in a small area from the lower jaw to the front of the neck at the throat. The loose blood clots in the nasal cavity and throat also indicated premortem damage. Four small puncture holes through the hide matched up to bone damage on the posterior of the lower left jaw bone. The entire carcass was skinned. No other marks were found under the hide or in the tissue. Coyote tracks and scat were found nearby.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: There was no evidence that the depredation was by a wolf.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No wolf sign (tracks or scat) was found on the scene or adjacent property. No evidence was found on the carcass. No wolves are known to use this area.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: The lamb was killed by a predator. The location of the single wound area was under the throat which is indicative of a small predator biting upwards. The bite marks were too small to be wolf canines. The owner reported seeing a wolf which warrants a finding of possible/unknown.