



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130812 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 8/12/2013

General Area: Zumwalt Prairie – Private Land

General situation and animal information: On 08/12/2013 a cattle manager was checking cattle and found one bull missing. Later the same day he found the adult bull dead and partly consumed. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf on 08/12/2013. The bull appeared to have been dead for 2-3 days, and the entrails had been removed from the abdominal cavity.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. No sign of a struggle was observed in the area of the dead bull. In addition, no pre-mortem injuries were observed on the carcass.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No evidence of wolf presence was found in the area of this bull. The area is within the home range of the Imnaha pack, but radio collar data shows no use of this portion of the prairie to date this summer.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary:

ODFW was not able to determine the cause of death of this large bull. The lack of evidence of a struggle by such a large animal suggests this animal may have died quickly. Furthermore, the lack of pre-mortem injury indicates that death was not a result of predation. This warrants a finding of possible/unknown.