



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130822 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 8/22/2013

General Area: Upper Griffith Creek - Private land

General situation and animal information: On 8/17/13 a livestock owner was moving cattle to a new pasture and observed an adult cow with injuries to the upper right hind leg and udder. Five days later the animal was relocated and hauled to a veterinary clinic for examination. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was asked to examine the animal. The injuries on the cow appeared to be 7-10 days old, and the animal was otherwise healthy.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: A large bite wound on the upper portion of the udder, and bite wounds on the upper right hind leg indicate the animal was attacked by a predator.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: There were multiple scrapes ranging from 1 – 5 inches long and 1/8 – 1/4 inch wide visible on the skin of the upper right hind leg, along with two 3/8 inch diameter punctures at the base of the tail providing evidence of bites from a large predator. The severe damage of the 6 x 7 inch wound on the udder indicates a predator bite with large teeth. The location of the bite wounds are at similar locations (udder and upper hind legs) where bites have been observed on other confirmed wolf depredations.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS data from 2 Imnaha wolves indicate that for more than a month members of the Imnaha pack frequented an area near the pasture the cow was in when injured.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: One calf was confirmed attacked by Imnaha wolves on 5/10/13 approximately 5.5 miles northeast of this site. Another calf was confirmed as a loss on 8/21/13, about 1.5 miles north of this location.

Cause of death/injury:

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Summary: ODFW examined the cow and found a large bite wound on the upper portion of the udder along with multiple bite wounds on the upper right hind leg and lower portions of the udder. The location of these bite wounds are similar to those observed on other confirmed wolf depredations. The confirmed wolf presence and common use of the area by Imnaha pack members led ODFW to confirm this cow as being attacked by members of the Imnaha pack.