



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130823 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 8/23/2013

General Area: Upper Pine Creek – Private Land

General situation and animal information: A mature milking goat was found dead and partially consumed in the early morning near the owner's house on 8/23/2013. Wolf attack was suspected and the carcass was examined by ODFW the same day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Premortem hemorrhage and muscle tissue damage was observed on the posterior portion of both hind legs in the thigh area. Premortem hemorrhage was also observed across the back indicating the animal was attacked, and killed by a predator.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: The depth and amount of tissue damage (shredding) is similar to damage caused by wolf bites. The number of bites and locations of the damage (thigh area and along the back) is characteristic of wolf depredation and has been observed in other wolf depredations in this area.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: A GPS radio-collar location for OR-14 (Umatilla River pack) was recorded at 3:00 am inside the pen approximately 40 yards from where the goat was found. The time of the GPS location was consistent with the approximate time of attack.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: Depredations attributed to wolves from the Umatilla River pack occurred approximately 2.5 miles to the west on 5/21/2013 and 6/03/2013.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf Probable Wolf Possible/Unknown Other

Summary: Once the carcass was skinned, premortem hemorrhage and deep muscle tissue damage were observed in locations which are consistent with wolf attack. In addition OR-14 was present in the pen where the goat was killed near the time of death. These factors warrant a confirmation of wolf depredation.