



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130909 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 09/09/2013

**General Area:** Upper Little Sheep Creek – private land

**General situation and animal information:** During late August a livestock owner was moving cattle to a new pasture and observed an adult cow with injuries on her udder. Later the animal was hauled to a pasture near the owner's home for veterinary examination. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was asked to examine the animal. The injuries on the cow appeared to be 2-3 weeks old, and the animal was otherwise healthy.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Two puncture wounds on the right side of the udder, and 2 tears on the lower and rear portions of the udder could possibly be the result of predator attack.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** None determined.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** No known wolf presence in the vicinity of injured cow. On 8/18/13 radio collared OR-4 was located approximately 3 miles southeast of the pasture where the cow was observed with injuries.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** One calf was confirmed killed by Imnaha wolves on 08/21/13 approximately 3 miles southeast of pasture where cow was observed with injuries. Another adult cow was confirmed attacked by Imnaha wolves on 8/22/13 approximately 3.8 miles southeast of the pasture where cow was observed with injuries.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** ODFW was not able to confirm the injuries on this cow were the result of wolf attack due to the lack of additional evidence of bites anywhere else on the animal. Though the punctures on the right side of the udder and injuries on the rear and lower portions of the udder could possibly have been the result of bites, the cause of injury to this cow is unclear and warrants a finding of possible/unknown.