



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130922 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 9/22/2013

**General Area:** Upper Griffith Creek – Private land

**General situation and animal information:** A livestock owner found the carcass of a 14-15 year old cow in a forested pasture on 9/19/2013. The carcass was within 50 feet of a small roadway and this cow was reported last observed by the owner around June 1st. The owner suspected wolves and ODFW investigated on the same day of notification. The carcass had been scavenged by a number of bears, and only hide and bones remained. The livestock owner reported that he and neighbors had been seeing or hearing 4-5 wolves in an area approximately 2 miles east of this location off and on all summer, most recently "a couple" of weeks ago.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None.

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

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** This cow is estimated to have died 3-6 weeks prior to the investigation. No wolf sign was found in the area of the carcass and there are no wolf radio-collar locations within a mile of this location. Radio-collar data indicates that the Imnaha pack wolves have been primarily upslope during the time period except for 2 locations within 2 miles.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** A cow was confirmed injured by Imnaha pack wolves on 8/22/2013. In addition, a calf was confirmed to have been killed by Imnaha pack wolves several miles north of this site in upper Three Buck Creek on 8/21/2013.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** ODFW was not able to determine the cause of death of this cow. The long time since death and amount of scavenging on this carcass precluded a determination of what caused the death of this animal. This warrants a finding of possible/unknown.