



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 130926 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 9/26-27/2013

General Area: Meacham Area - Private Land

General situation and animal information: On 9/26/2013 a producer discovered an injured adult bull while riding a forested pasture in the Upper Meacham Creek area. The bull was subsequently moved to a corral system near Meacham so its wounds could be examined and treated. Though no resident wolf activity is known in the area of the wounded bull, wolf attack was suspected and ODFW was asked to examine the bull's wounds. The first examination was made on the same day (9/26), and then a second examination was made on 9/27 when the bull could be restrained.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The specific area that the bull received wounds was unknown, and thus there was no scene to investigate. The bull's wounds were limited to relatively long tears in the crotch, leg, and scrotal area which appeared to be the result of contact with one or more sharp objects. The shoulders, flanks, and hind quarters were also examined and no bite marks or edemas were observed.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. The general area of this bull has had irregular wolf use reported, but no knowledge of recent or regular use is known. An area of known wolf activity occurs about 7 miles from the location of this bull.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: The injuries to the groin and scrotal area of this bull appear to be the result of contact with one or more sharp objects. No bite caused wounds were observed and none of the injuries appeared to be bite or predator related. Thus, a finding of "other" is warranted.