



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 131120 Jefferson

Date Investigated: 11/20/2013

General Area: Dry Canyon area – Private Land

General situation and animal information: An adult cow was found dead in an open land pasture on 11/18/2013. Wolf predation was suspected and ODFW investigated on 11/20/2013. The carcass was estimated to be approximately 10 days old. There was evidence of scavenging by coyotes and birds. The cow was largely intact except for the hindquarters and internal organs. The hide was intact on the downside of the carcass and anterior to the ribs on the upside. The skeleton, including the pelvis, was intact and no bones were broken.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The outside of the hide of the entire cow was examined; no premortem injuries or marks were found. The shoulders and elbow areas were skinned and examined; no marks or hemorrhage were found on the hide or in the muscle. No premortem marks were found on the inside of the hide of the left hindquarter. No sign of an attack was found on the scene.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: There was no evidence of predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: There was no evidence of wolf presence in the area. No wolves are known to use the area.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: A determination of other is appropriate since there was no evidence of predation.