



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 131209 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 12/09/13

General Area: Mid Prairie Creek area – private land.

General situation and animal information: On December 8, 2013 a livestock owner observed injuries on an adult cow and her calf while gathering and moving cattle to a new pasture. The cow and calf both had injuries on their lower right hind legs. The cow and calf were brought to a corral near the ranch house. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the live animals on December 9. The injury on the live cow was estimated to be approximately 2 days old, while the calf injury was estimated to be 2 weeks old. Both animals appeared otherwise healthy.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of attack by a predator. Leg injuries on the adult cow appear to be a result of contact with sharp object, not teeth. The tear injury on the calf is unknown, but does not appear to be bite related.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N.A.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No known wolf activity near the area where the cow and calf received their injuries.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: Most recent confirmed wolf depredation occurred on August 21 approximately 10 miles southeast of where cow and calf received injuries.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the cow and calf and found injuries on lower right hind legs of both animals. The cause of the injuries is unknown, but not the result of predator bites. No known recent wolf activity has been documented in the area where the cow and calf received their injuries. It is unknown how the cow and calf received their injuries, but the injuries were not the result of wolf attack.