



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 140423 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 04/23/2014

General Area: Upper Prairie Creek Area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 4/23/2014 a livestock producer observed injuries on a young calf and took it to a veterinarian. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the live animal on the same day. The injuries on the calf were estimated to be 4-5 days old.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: A large number of bite marks were found surrounding a wound on the right rear leg.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None. Bite marks were significantly smaller than wolf bites. Most bite marks that might have been paired canines were 1 ¼" – 1 3/8" apart.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No wolf tracks or sign were found in the pasture. GPS collar locations show that a radio-collared wolf from the Imnaha pack traveled past this area on 4/20 and 4/21 though none of the GPS locations were in this pasture.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: In January a wolf depredation was confirmed five miles away.

Cause of death/injury: Coyote depredation.

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the live calf and found bite wounds on the upper portion of the right rear legs. The appearance, location, and small size of the bite wounds are very similar to those biologists have observed of coyote predation on wildlife and livestock. This information indicates that this calf was attacked by coyotes.