



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 140505 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 05/05/2014

General Area: Camp Creek Drainage – Private Land

General situation and animal information: On 05/04/2014, a rider found a mostly consumed calf carcass while moving cattle. He contacted the livestock owner who came out to examine the carcass and assist moving cattle. Later that same day the livestock owner found a dead but intact adult cow approximately 450 yards from the calf carcass in an adjacent canyon. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was contacted the following morning and examined the carcasses on 05/05/14. The calf and the cow were estimated to have been dead approximately four days and three days, respectively.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of attack by a predator. The calf carcass was mostly consumed, and the broken hind leg of the adult cow was likely the result of falling.

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

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: On the day of the investigation the livestock owner reported observing a single wolf on the evening of 05/04/2014 in the vicinity of the carcasses.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: Most recent probable wolf depredation occurred on 02/28/2014 approximately 7.5 miles northeast of this site (Snake River Pack area). A confirmed depredation occurred approximately 22 miles from this site on 01/30/2014 (Imnaha Pack).

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the calf and cow carcasses and did not find any evidence of predation. Most of the calf carcass had been consumed, and the injuries found on the adult cow carcass were believed to be the result of falls while running down a steep canyon slope. The stock owner did report a single wolf sighting in the vicinity the same evening the carcasses were found but no evidence indicated the deaths were the result of any type of predation. Thus, the cause of death is unknown.