



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

**Investigation ID:** 140520 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** May 20, 2014

**General Area:** North of Enterprise – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On May 20, 2014 a livestock producer found a 100-pound calf dead in a fallow field pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the dead animal on the same day. The calf was estimated to have died the night before the investigation.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** There was a 10' x 20' area of trampled grass with one side adjacent to a barbed wire fence and gate. There was a 5" diameter blood spot near the fence where it apparently died and then another smaller spot about 2' away near where the carcass was found. The carcass was intact with feeding on the hindquarters and entrails. The carcass was skinned and examined. No premortem bite wounds were observed on the calf's sides or front end. There were coyote tracks and scat present and teeth marks of feeding by coyotes on the hind end. No bones were chewed on.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** None

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** None. This location is not in an area of known wolf activity.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** None

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** ODFW examined the carcass and the scene and found evidence consistent with coyote predation.