



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 140726 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 07/26/2014

General Area: Reservation Mountain - private land

General situation and animal information: On 07/26/2014, a group of recreational ATV users came across a dead cow. They notified the landowner who notified the livestock owner who called ODFW. ODFW examined the dead cow the same day. The cow showed signs of having been dead for 2-3 days previous to the date of investigation.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Upon examination, the carcass showed no marks on either the outside or inside of the skin of biting by any predator. Once skinned, the carcass showed no evidence of hemorrhage or muscle trauma.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No wolf sign was found. The closest evidence of wolf presence was on 07/26/2014 when OR-14 was approximately 2 miles to the east at 6:00 am on the day of the investigation. No collared wolf activity was recorded in the immediate area on the days before the investigation when the cow was believed to have died.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: On 06/13/2014 wolves attacked and either killed or wounded 13 sheep at a nearby location (less than 2 miles away). On 06/14/2014 wolves attacked and wounded a cow also less than 2 miles away from the location where this cow was found dead.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: A cow was found dead on a property in close proximity to other locations where wolf caused livestock loss had occurred within the last two months. ODFW examined the carcass and determined no evidence of predation existed on either the cow or at the scene of the cow's death.