



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 140728 Union

Date Investigated: 7/28/2014

General Area: Ruckle Junction area– public land

General situation and animal information: On July 28, 2014 an ODFW Wildlife Research crew found a dead ewe while examining wolf GPS location points. ODFW informed the sheep producer and examined the dead animal on the same day, since wolf depredation was suspected. The carcass had been largely consumed; the front legs and head had been removed from the carcass. Very little muscle tissue remained and only a small amount of hide was present. The ewe was estimated to have died at least 4 days earlier.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of attack by a predator could be found due to the lack of tissue, prevalence of maggots and desiccation of the hide. No disturbance or kill scene could be detected.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: A collared Mt Emily wolf (OR28) had GPS locations in the area of the carcass on July 25 from 130am to 400am.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: There was no clear evidence of predation on the carcass or scene. This producer reported having recent sheep depredation losses to bear and mountain lions. It is unclear what caused the death of the ewe.