



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 140918 Baker

Date Investigated: 9/18/2014

General Area: Summit Point area – public land.

General situation and animal information: On 9/17/2014 a livestock manager found a dead calf near a meadow on a public land allotment in the northern portion of the Keating Unit. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the dead animal on the following morning. The 600 pound calf had been partially consumed but was approximately 90% complete upon examination, and the entrails were still present in the carcass. The calf was estimated to have died around 9/15/2014.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: The entire carcass was skinned and no premortem bite wounds were observed. The lower legs showed some non-bite trauma that appeared to have been caused by the legs/hooves hitting rocks at the spot where it died. Wolf tracks observed in the area of the calf but bite mark evidence showed clear indication of scavenging. Also, there was evidence of scavenging by coyotes and birds. 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: No known recent wolf activity near the area where the calf had died. However, fresh wolf tracks of 2-5 wolves in the area clearly shows that wolves are present.

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 cow remains and the area and found no clear evidence of predation. Scavenging was clearly documented. It is possible that this calf was depredated by wolves as they were clearly present, and consumption had occurred.