



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 141008 Umatilla

Date Investigated: October 8, 2014

General Area: Umapine area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 10/08/2014 a livestock producer found a dead newborn calf in a grassland pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the dead animal on the same day. The calf was estimated to have died on 10/6/2014 based on fly larva development. The carcass was mostly intact (with entrails missing), and had been removed from the scene by the owner.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Some small bite marks on front leg were observed which showed premortem hemorrhage, indicating the calf was alive when bitten.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None. All bite marks observed were small and likely from a coyote or small domestic dog. Multiple paired bite marks on the scapula measured 1 3/16" across.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. This location is not in any known wolf territory, and the nearest known wolf (Umatilla river Pack) locations were 20 miles from this area. The open farm landscape of this area is unlikely to be occupied by resident wolves.

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 calf remains and the area and found evidence of small canid predation; coyote or domestic dog.