



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 141013 Wallowa

Date Investigated: October 13, 2014

General Area: Clear Lake Ridge area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 10/13/2014 a livestock producer found a dead adult cow in a grassland pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the dead animal on the same day. The carcass skeleton was mostly intact but the two front legs had been separated and were nearby (intact). Nearly all soft tissues were gone. The cow was estimated to have died shortly after being moved to this pasture on 10/11/2014.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of attack by a predator. The portions of the carcass with remaining hide (lower legs) were skinned and examined. No evidence of premortem bite wounds or injuries was observed, and no struggle scene could be detected. Evidence of scavenging by coyotes was present, and coyote and bird sign was abundant.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N.A.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. This location is within the Imnaha pack territory, and the nearest wolf location data showed that OR25 was approximately 4 miles from this location on 10/11/2014.

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 evidence of predation, though most of the carcass had been consumed. The cause of death is unknown.