



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150108 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 01/08/2015

General Area: Lightning Creek Drainage – public land

General situation and animal information: On 01/07/2015 two riders found a partially consumed adult cow while gathering cattle. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was contacted the same day. ODFW examined the carcass the following day on 01/08/2015.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of attack by predator. The right hind leg was mostly consumed by scavengers.

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

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Numerous wolf tracks in the snow at the carcass site. Tracks indicate that wolves had been feeding on carcass for the past 3-4 days.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: No recent confirmed or probable wolf depredations in the general area.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the cow carcass and did not find any evidence of predation. Drag marks at the scene indicated the cow had paralysis of both hind legs prior to death. Although numerous wolf tracks were observed at the site, no evidence indicated the death was the result of any type of predation. Thus the cause of death is unknown.