



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150214 Wasco

Date Investigated: February 14, 2015

General Area: Juniper Flat – private land

General situation and animal information: On 02/14/2015 a livestock producer found a dead newborn calf in a fenced pasture. Wolf predation was suspected and ODFW examined the dead animal on the same day. The calf was reported by the livestock producer to have been born early in the morning the same day ODFW investigated. The carcass was mostly intact except for feeding in the pelvis area.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. Muscle tissue surrounding both the pelvis and distal ends of both femurs were consumed. At the time of the investigation, amniotic fluid was still present on the carcass and no pre or post mortem hemorrhaging were observed, indicating the calf was likely stillborn.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None. Carcass examination showed minimal post-mortem feeding and no bite marks on the hide or exposed skeletal structure.

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 (Desolation Pair) locations were 112 miles to the east 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 surrounding area and found no evidence of predation.