



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150422 Wallowa

Date Investigated: April 22, 2015

General Area: Swamp Creek – private land

General situation and animal information: On April 22, 2015 a livestock producer found an injured calf as he and others were gathering livestock for branding. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the injured calf on the same day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: A section of skin and muscle tissue was absent from the posterior portion of the right thigh. One paired bite mark measuring 1 1/8" was observed around the margins of the injury to the thigh.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None. All bite marks observed were small and likely from a coyote or domestic dog.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. This depredation location is within the Imnaha Pack area with the closest GPS collared wolves for the past two weeks being 16 miles to the SE and 22 miles to the north.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: In May of 2014, the Chesnimnus Pack was responsible for a sheep depredation 5 miles to the north of this location.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the injured calf and found evidence of small canid depredation, commonly attributed to coyote or domestic dog.