



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150528 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 05/28/2015

General Area: Reed and Hawley Mountain – Private land

General situation and animal information: On 05/28/2015 an adult cow was found dead by the livestock owner. Wolf depredation was suspected by the livestock owner and ODFW was contacted the same day to investigate the incident. ODFW examined the cow carcass the same day on 05/28/2015.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of attack by a predator was detected. The carcass was bloated and was nearly intact. Typical predator attack locations were skinned and no premortem hemorrhaging was observed. Light scavenging observed of muscle tissue at the base of the neck and posterior side of right leg.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No evidence of wolf presence.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: No recent wolf depredation in the 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 or how the cow died. A partial track was located about 25 feet from the cow carcass with characteristics similar to that of a mountain lion. In addition, the scavenging observed is consistent with that of a mountain lion.