



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150620 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 06/20/2015

General Area: Rock Creek Drainage – Private land

General situation and animal information: On 06/20/2015 a livestock owner found a partially consumed domestic calf while gathering cattle. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was contacted the same day. ODFW examined the carcass the same day on 06/20/2015.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Numerous large (3/16 inch to 1/4inch wide, ¼ inch to 4 inch long) premortem bite marks were found on the hide of both hind legs posterior to teats. Premortem hemorrhage was observed in subcutaneous and connective tissue surrounding the bone of the right rear leg at hock, and in subcutaneous tissue above the hock.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: Wolf tracks were found near the carcass. The location of the bite wounds, as well as tooth scrape size width (3/16 inch to ¼ inch), on both hind legs of the dead calf are commonly observed attack points for wolves.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks were observed near calf carcass. GPS locations of Sled Springs Pair wolf OR21 showed it to be 4.3 miles from the calf carcass on 6/19. In addition, a single wolf was observed in the pasture the evening before the estimated date of death.

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

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the calf carcass and found numerous bite marks indicating death was the result of predation. The location, appearance, and characteristics of the bite wounds observed are similar to those ODFW biologists have observed on other confirmed calf depredations by wolves.