



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150621 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 6/21/2015

General Area: Downards Meadow – Private Land

General situation and animal information: On 6/21/2015 two Oregon State Police Troopers found a dead calf as they were patrolling in a 600 acre forested pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the carcass on the same day. The livestock owner reported that the calf was approximately 4 months old and weighed about 350 pounds.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None found.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: Numerous wolf tracks were found on a road near the carcass. Two sizes of wolf tracks were found, indicating there were at least 2 wolves present. All identifiable tooth marks on the carcass were consistent with wolves. However, no evidence of premortem hemorrhaging was found, suggesting that the carcass had been scavenged rather than killed by wolves.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS radio collar data shows that the Sled Springs Pair wolf OR21 was about 1 mile away from the calf carcass for 4 days previous to when the calf was found and 2 sets of fresh wolf tracks were present near the dead calf.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: A calf belonging to another producer was confirmed to have been depredated by the Sled Springs Pair of wolves about 6 miles southeast of this area on or about 6/19/2015.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the calf carcass and found no evidence of predation, but rather found evidence of scavenging by wolves and birds.