



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150713 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 07/13/2015

General Area: Howard Creek Drainage - Private

General situation and animal information: On 07/13/2015 a local stock owner found a partially consumed domestic cow while checking cattle. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was contacted. ODFW examined the carcass the same day on 07/13/2015. The carcass was mostly intact, though very decomposed. The front legs and shoulders and part of the hind legs were skinned and examined. It was estimated that the cow had died 7/5/2015.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. There was no evidence of bite marks or trauma on the carcass. There was no evidence of attack by a predator on the scene.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Collared wolf OR-21 was located 100 yards east of carcass on 07/07/15.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: On 06/20/15, ODFW confirmed a wolf depredation on a domestic calf approximately 4.5 miles southeast of this site.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the cow carcass and did not find any evidence of attack by predator. Due to the advanced state of decomposition, the cause of death could not be determined.