



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150807 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 08/07/2015

General Area: Howard Creek Drainage – Private Land

General situation and animal information: On 08/07/2015 a local stock owner found a consumed domestic calf while checking cattle. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was contacted. ODFW examined the carcass the same day on 08/07/2015. Only the rib cage, jaws, femur bone, and rumen material were present. It was estimated that the calf had been dead 3 – 5 weeks.

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: GPS collared wolf OR-21 was located at carcass site on 07/12/15.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: On 06/20/15, ODFW confirmed a wolf depredation on a domestic calf approximately 3.0 miles southeast of this site.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined parts of the calf carcass and did not find any evidence of attack by predator. As a result of the time lapse between death and examination of the carcass, and scattering of carcass by scavengers, the cause of death could not be determined.