



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

**Investigation ID:** 150808 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 08/08/2015

**General Area:** Howard Creek Drainage – Private Land

**General situation and animal information:** On 08/08/2015 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 08/08/2015. The carcass was mostly intact, with exception of right front and right rear legs missing. Remains of the carcass were skinned and examined. It was estimated that the cow had been dead 3 – 4 days.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. Coyote, black bear, and wolf tracks were observed in the vicinity of the carcass. Although there was evidence of bite marks on the carcass, all bites appeared to be the result of post mortem feeding. There was no evidence of attack by a predator.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** N/A

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Several wolf tracks were observed in vicinity of carcass. GPS collar location of wolf OR21 on 08/05/15 was approximately 1/2 mile SW of the carcass site, and on 08/03/15 was 3/4 mile SE of the carcass site.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** On 06/20/15, ODFW confirmed a wolf depredation on a domestic calf approximately 5.0 miles southeast of this site.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** Although coyote, black bear, and wolf tracks were observed at the site, ODFW examined the cow carcass and did not find any evidence of attack by predator. The cause of death could not be determined.