



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150903 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 09/03/2015

General Area: Government Mountain – private land

General situation and animal information: During the evening of 09/02/2015, a livestock producer found a partially consumed dead cow on the edge of a meadow in a timbered area. Wolf depredation was suspected by the livestock producer. ODFW was contacted by the livestock producer that evening and an investigation was completed the following morning on 09/03/15.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No physical evidence was found on the carcass or the scene that would indicate an attack by a predator.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: NA

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Multiple wolf tracks were found at and near the carcass.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the cow carcass. The lack of feeding on the carcass as well as carcass decomposition and maggot load indicated that this cow died many days prior to the date of investigation and the death could not be established as being from predation. The carcass was scavenged on by bear, bobcat, and wolf at different times over the several days the cow had been dead. The decomposition and lack of clear evidence of predation warranted a designation of possible/unknown.