



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150907 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 9/7/2015

General Area: Zumwalt Prairie – Private Land

General situation and animal information: At about 7:30 AM on 9/7/2015 a cattle producer found a dead calf as he was gathering cattle on a 600 acre grassland pasture on private land. These cattle had last been checked on 9/5/2015. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the carcass on the same day. The stock owner reported that the calf was approximately 6 months old and weighed about 700 pounds. Most of the skin and bones from the calf were available for inspection, but the muscle and entrails had been consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: A large canine puncture was found on the throat of the carcass with blood on the adjacent hair.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None.

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 dead calf and found evidence of predation typical of cougar. Evidence also suggested that a bear and a number of coyotes had fed on the calf.