



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150908 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 09/08/2015

General Area: Government Mountain – private land

General situation and animal information: In the morning of 09/08/15, a livestock producer found a partially consumed dead cow in the middle of a meadow in a timbered area. The meadow was checked near dark on the previous evening with no dead cattle observed. Wolf depredation was suspected by the livestock producer. ODFW was contacted by the livestock producer and an investigation was initiated the same day on 09/08/15.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Wolf tracks were near, at, and on the carcass with some abdominal feeding taking place. However, 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, on, 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 and skinned nearly the entire cow carcass. The carcass was fresh with no fly blow or obvious decomposition odor. Wolves had been at the carcass and feeding on it for a portion of the previous night. However, the lack of hemorrhage or any tissue trauma on the carcass warranted a designation of possible/unknown.