



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 150924 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 09/24/2015

General Area: Sheep Creek – private land

General situation and animal information: On 09/23/2015, a livestock producer found remnants of a sheep carcass on the edge of a meadow near a timbered area. Wolf depredation was suspected by the livestock producer. ODFW was contacted by the livestock producer on the day of discovery and an investigation was completed the following morning on 09/24/15. The sheep were present in the pasture where the carcass was found from 8/21 through 8/23/2015. The sheep were penned on the nights of 8/21 and 8/22 and were shipped out of the area on 8/23.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No physical evidence was found on the remaining carcass or at the scene that would indicate an 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: GPS collar data shows that 2 collared Meacham Pack wolves were within 30 yards of the carcass on 08/22/2015 at 3:00 am.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: Due to the passage of 33 days between the likely date of death and the date of discovery along with significant scavenging of the carcass remnants, no intact carcass was left to examine. Poor carcass quality negatively affected the ability to determine cause of death. The lack of clear evidence of predation warranted a designation of possible/unknown.