



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 151012 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 10/12/2015

General Area: Government Mountain – private land

General situation and animal information: A person was walking his dogs along a public road late in the afternoon on Friday, 10/9/2015. His dogs found the carcass of a black calf and he took photos of the calf. The person called ODFW on Monday, 10/12/2015 in the morning to report the finding. ODFW personnel contacted the livestock manager and made arrangements to examine the remains later that day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No physical evidence was found 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: Wolf tracks were found near the carcass on 10/12/2015.

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

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary:

Photos taken on 10/9/2015 by the original discoverer of the carcass lacked any definitive evidence of cause of death. The photographs show that the carcass was largely intact, with minimal scavenging, and had been dead for at least 2 days. By 10/12/2015 the carcass was heavily impacted by scavenging. ODFW examined and skinned the intact portions of the calf carcass. The lack of hemorrhage or any tissue trauma on the few remaining portions of carcass warranted a designation of possible/unknown. Wolves had been at the carcass and feeding on it for one or more nights previous to the investigation. However, it is unlikely wolves had been around the carcass for the entire time it had been dead.