



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 151107 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 11/07/2015

General Area: North Fork Owens Creek - private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of Saturday, November 7th a landowner's employee was patrolling for trespassers when he noticed bird activity and located the carcass of a 2 year old cow. He secured a tarp over the carcass and contacted the owner of the livestock who requested ODFW investigate for wolf depredation. ODFW investigated the same day. The livestock producer stated they gathered cows 7 to 10 days ago from the pasture, and this replacement heifer was missed. The carcass was intact with hide and tissue removed by scavengers on the neck, shoulders and hindquarters.

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: N/A

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 and skinned the entire cow carcass. Coyote and bird sign was detected on and near the carcass and had been feeding on it for approximately two days. The lack of bite marks, hemorrhage or any tissue trauma on the remaining carcass warranted a designation of possible/unknown.