



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 151223 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 12/23/2015

General Area: Threebuck Creek Drainage

General situation and animal information: On 12/22/2015 a local stock owner found a dead adult domestic cow while checking cattle. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was contacted. ODFW examined the carcass on 12/23/2015. The bone structure was mostly intact, with exception of left front leg detached, and most of the muscle tissue was consumed. Remains of the carcass were examined. It was estimated that the cow had been dead 3 days.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. Numerous coyote tracks were observed in the vicinity of the carcass. All bite marks on the carcass were small (1/16 inch wide and 1.25 inches apart) and appeared to be the result of post mortal feeding by coyotes. There was no evidence of attack by a predator on the scene.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No reports, tracks, sightings, or radio collar locations to indicate wolf presence near the time of death.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: On 11/11/15, ODFW confirmed a wolf depredation on a domestic calf approximately 8.5 miles south of this site.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: Although coyote tracks were observed at the site, ODFW examined the cow carcass and did not find any evidence of attack by predator. The cause of death could not be determined.