



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160229 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 2/29/2016

**General Area:** Zumwalt Prairie – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On 2/28/2016 a livestock producer reported that 2 cows had escaped a pasture and wolf tracks were present in the pasture. On 2/29/2016 he notified ODFW that a cow had an injury. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The cow was examined in the field on 2/29/2016 and in a chute on 3/2/2016. It was estimated to have been injured on about 2/28/2016.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None.

**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 reported by the producer in the pasture on 2/28/2016.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** The cow that had not left the pasture had a single vertical scrape (3/4 inch wide by 3 inch long) on the inside of the right hind leg above the hock. Another cow, one that had left the pasture, had a small scrape (1/2 inch long) on the upper eyebrow of her left eye. The injuries were not consistent with wolf bite trauma. It is unknown if a wolf or wolves caused the cows to become injured. The possible/unknown determination reflects the possibility.