



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160315 Lake

**Date Investigated:** 3/15/2016

**General Area:** Silver Lake area - Private Land

**General situation and animal information:** On 3/14/16, ODFW called a livestock producer to report that OR28 had three GPS locations on their property in proximity to their cows. That evening the producer reported observing a dead new calf that morning at ~9AM near one of the locations. On 3/15/16, ODFW investigated. The carcass was heavily scavenged upon by birds.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. No evidence of a chase or struggle was found. No bites or bite scrapes were observed on the hide. The remaining carcass was skinned, no evidence of premortem hemorrhage was found on the skin or muscle tissue.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** N/A

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** OR28 radio-collar data showed 3 GPS locations within ½ mile of the carcass on 3/14/16 between midnight and 6 AM. No wolf tracks or scat were found at or near the carcass, however coyote and cattle tracks were present.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** The calf had a severed spine of unknown cause. An examination of the carcass and the scene revealed no sign of predation, therefore a determination of other is warranted.