



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160316 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 3/16/2016

General Area: Lower Imnaha area – public land

General situation and animal information: On the afternoon of 3/16/2016 a livestock producer reported that an injured calf had been found in a grassland pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The calf was examined and it was estimated to have been injured during the early morning of 3/15/2016. The calf was estimated to weigh approximately 75 lbs.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Several bite wounds were found on the skin of the head and neck of the calf. A struggle scene which extended at least 40 feet was observed with cow tracks and evidence of the mother cow defending her calf.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

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: The location and size (1 to 1 1/8 inch spacing) of the bite wounds are similar to those observed on depredations by coyotes. This combined with the presence of coyote tracks and a disturbance/struggle scene were adequate to classify this incident as a coyote depredation.