



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

**Investigation ID:** 160329 Union

**Date Investigated:** 3/29/16

**General Area:** Cricket Flat Area - Private Land

**General situation and animal information:** A livestock owner found a dead one-month old calf at 5:30 am on 3/29/16. The cow/calf herd was in a 20-acre fenced pasture approximately ½ mile from the house. The herd was checked just before dark on the evening of 3/28/16. The owner called our office to ask for help in determining what killed the calf. The calf was mostly scavenged with ribs, spine and three leg bones still articulated. The tissue still remained on the neck, head and lower legs. Evidence of scavenging by birds and coyotes was apparent.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. There was no sign of struggle, chasing or any tracks indicating an attack. There was no premortem hemorrhage caused by injury prior to death on the remaining tissue on the carcass.

**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:** There was no evidence of predator attack on the scene or the carcass. There was significant sign (tracks, scat, small sharp teethmarks) that one or more coyotes scavenged the carcass. The cause of death is unknown but not wolf related.