



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160403 Klamath

Date Investigated: 4/03/2016

General Area: East Langell Valley - private land

General situation and animal information: On 4/1/2016 a livestock owner euthanized an adult cow that could no longer stand and was struggling to breathe. When the livestock owner salvaged the meat from the hindquarters of the dead cow, he reported finding tissue trauma and hemorrhage on the top of the hips. He described two circular hemorrhage patterns approximately 6 inches diameter, each associated with the upper hip. He also reported that there were no punctures through the hide associated with the muscle trauma. ODFW was contacted on 4/3/2016 to investigate for wolf depredation.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. Examination of the intact front half of the carcass revealed no indication of bite marks, trauma or hemorrhage caused by predation.

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: Examination of the front half of the carcass and the owner's description of the hindquarters of the carcass did not include trauma or hemorrhage in locations associated with wolf attacks. The reported injuries on the hips are inconsistent with wolf caused trauma and warrant a cause of death determination by something other than wolf.