



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160415-A Wallowa

Date Investigated: 4/15/2016

General Area: Little Sheep Creek area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 4/15/2016 the range rider reported that two dead calves had been found in a draw near a feedlot. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. This report is for the calf that was estimated to have died on 4/13/2016. The 2-week-old calf was estimated to weigh 100 lbs and was mostly consumed. The other calf is covered under Investigation 160415-B Wallowa.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. There was no evidence of premortem bite marks or trauma on the carcass. There was no evidence of attack by a predator on the scene.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS location data and VHF telemetry indicated that OR38 was within 150 yards of this carcass at 6AM on both 4/14 and 4/15/2016.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: Several confirmed calf and domestic sheep depredations occurred from 3/9/2016 to 3/28/2016 about 8-9 miles west of this location that were attributed to different wolves.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: The size (1/8 inch wide and 1 to 1 1/8 inch spacing) of the small, sharp teeth marks from feeding activity are similar to those observed by coyotes. There was not enough carcass remaining to determine the cause of death of the calf.