



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160426 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 4/26/2016

General Area: Lower Diamond Prairie area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 4/24/2016 a livestock producer found a dead calf in an irrigated pasture. ODFW was notified of the dead calf on 4/26/2016. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated on 4/26/2016. The calf was examined and it was estimated to have died late in the day on 4/23/2016. The calf was estimated to weigh approximately 110 lbs. All internal organs and most muscle tissue and skin had been consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. There was no evidence of premortem bite marks or trauma in the remaining muscle tissue or skin. There was no evidence of attack by a predator at the scene.

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: The size (1 inch spacing) of the few tooth marks found were similar to those caused by feeding coyotes. All marks were post-mortem indicating that coyotes were scavenging rather than killing this calf. Most of the muscle and skin tissue had been consumed, leaving little evidence to make a determination on cause of death/injury other than Possible/Unknown.