



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160430 Union

Date Investigated: 04/30/2016

General Area: Catherine Creek - private land

General situation and animal information: A livestock owner found a dead one-month old calf at 7:00am on 4/30/16. The cow/calf herd was in a fenced pasture of approximately 20 acres. The cattle were last checked on 4/24/16. The owner called ODFW and Wildlife Services to ask for help in determining what killed the calf. The carcass was investigated by both agencies the same morning. The calf was mostly scavenged with ribs, spine and the leg bones still articulated. The hide and muscle tissue still remained on the upper neck, head and lower legs. Evidence of scavenging by birds and coyotes was observed.

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: There was no evidence of a predator attack at the scene or on the carcass. There was significant sign of tracks, scat, and small teeth marks indicating that one or more coyotes scavenged the carcass. The cause of death is unknown. All marks were postmortem indicating that coyotes were scavenging. Most of the muscle and skin tissue had been consumed, leaving little evidence to make a determination on the cause of death other than Possible/Unknown.