



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160502-B Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 5/2/16

**General Area:** Big Sheep Creek drainage – private land.

**General situation and animal information:** On 5/2/16 a local stockowner was checking his cattle in the Big Sheep Creek area and found a dead calf with one hind leg missing and muscle tissue from the other hind leg consumed. Muscle tissue on the posterior portion of the spine and rib cage was consumed. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf carcass the same day on 5/2/16. Cattle were last checked on 4/30/16. It was estimated that the calf had died the day before on 5/1/16.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None observed. No premortem hemorrhaging was observed and no evidence of struggle or kill scene.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** None

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Stockowner reported a single black wolf on the morning of 05/02/16 approximately ½ mile south of carcass site.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** None

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** ODFW examined the calf carcass and did not find any evidence of a predator attack. All evidence observed indicated the carcass had been scavenged by coyotes. No wolf sign was found in the vicinity of the carcass. No premortem injuries or trauma were found on the carcass and the cause of death could not be determined.