



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160530 Klamath

Date Investigated: 5/30/2016

General Area: Williamson River Valley - private land

General situation and animal information: On 5/30/2016 ODFW was notified of an injured calf on private land. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The live calf was injured on top of the back near the base of the tail. The age of the wound was approximated at 6-7 days old.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Two open wounds on either side of the spine near the base of the tail along with scrape marks consistent with canine type teeth were present.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS location data confirms that OR25 was between 0 and 2.5 miles from the pasture where the calf was located at the estimated time of injury (5/23-24/2016).

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 live calf revealed evidence of predation. Scrape marks associated with canine teeth were present. Spacing of 1" - 1 ¼" between bite scrape marks are consistent with coyote canine spacing. The location of the bite marks (at the base of the tail along spine) on the animal is also consistent with coyote predation. The lack of apparent muscle trauma at the wound site also indicate a smaller animal than wolf was involved with this injury. ODFW determined that coyote predation was most likely to have been the cause of the examined injury.