



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160602 Grant

Date Investigated: 6/2/2016

General Area: Bully Creek - Private Land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of June 6, 2016, a livestock producer discovered a dead bovine calf within a leased pasture while conducting a livestock welfare check and pasture move. The owner suspected wolf depredation and ODFW investigated the same day. The calf's carcass was found to be largely intact with only partial consumption of the carcass's hindquarters having occurred. Evidence of coyote and avian scavenging was apparent.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. There was no sign of a chase or struggle on the scene indicating an attack. Examination of the intact carcass revealed no indications of bite marks, trauma, or hemorrhaging associated with predation.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

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: ODFW conducted a necropsy of the carcass and found a large amount of pre-mortem subdermal hematoma surrounding the lower jaw and upper neck region that appeared to have a blunt force cause. No bite wounds, scratches, cuts, scrapes, or bruises consistent with predation were observed upon the carcass. Given these circumstances, it was determined that the death of the calf was not wolf-related.