



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160613-A Jackson

Date Investigated: 6/13/2016

General Area: Grizzly Peak area – Private land

General situation and animal information: On 6/13/16 a goat producer contacted ODFW regarding a goat that was missing from their property. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW searched the property and found the carcass remains the same day. The producers indicated that the adult goat was alive on 6/10/16 and early the next morning, around 3:00am, they heard commotion and their livestock guard dog barking; and one goat was missing the morning of 6/11/16. When located on 6/13/16 only parts of the skeleton remained, all tissue from the carcass was consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: There was no sign of a chase or struggle on the scene indicating an attack. There was very little carcass to examine for evidence of bite marks, trauma, or hemorrhaging associated with predation.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: The carcass was located approximately 40 feet from previous confirmed wolf kill on a goat from the same herd on 6/10/16.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS radio-collar location data at 6pm on 6/11/16 indicated OR33 was about .4 miles from the kill site.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: Wolf depredation was confirmed on two adult goats on 6/10/16 on the same property and one adult ewe sheep for an incident that happened the night of 6/11-6/12/16 less than ½ mile away.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the minimal remains of goat carcass. GPS radio-collar location of OR33 confirms wolf presence in the vicinity the evening after the goat disappeared. Recent confirmed depredation at the same location the night before and a nearby location the next night allow for reasonable inference to classify this incident as probable wolf depredation.