



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160618 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 6/18/2016

**General Area:** Beeler Ridge area – public land

**General situation and animal information:** On the evening of 6/16/2016 a livestock producer left 3 cows that were tired behind while on a cattle drive. On a second cattle drive up the same trail on 6/18/2016 he found one of the cows dead in a steep, rocky, brushy draw near the trail. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The cow was estimated to have died on 6/17/2016. The carcass was mostly intact, but most muscle of left hind leg and some from right hind leg had been consumed, as had some of the internal organs.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Pre-mortem bite marks and subcutaneous hemorrhaging were found on the upper right portion of the nose.

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

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Three wolf tracks in mud/duff were observed about 20-30 feet from the carcass, which had not been rained on and so were made after the cow had died.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** The pre-mortem wounds found on the nose were made by a large carnivore, but were not likely to have killed this cow and were apparently made after the cow was already down. The cause of the cows death is unclear.