



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160715 Harney

**Date Investigated:** 7/15/2016

**General Area:** Poison Creek - public land

**General situation and animal information:** A dead calf was found by the livestock owner on his BLM grazing allotment near a stock pond on 7-15-16 about 800 am. The calf was last seen alive on 7-9-16 and seemed healthy. The animal was mostly consumed and being actively scavenged by vultures. The calf was about 6 months old and weighed an estimated 300 lbs. The livestock owner was concerned about wolves and ODFW investigated the same day. The site was trampled with cattle and vulture tracks.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** No evidence of a chase or struggle, but site was heavily used by cattle and scavengers (vultures). No blood trail noted. The hocks and lower legs were skinned, no evidence of premortem trauma was found.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** N/A

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** None. Cameras placed on the carcass and nearby waterhole between 7-15-16 and 7-18-16 captured pictures of ravens, vultures, coyotes and a bobcat.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** Unable to determine cause of death because the carcass had been nearly entirely consumed by scavengers. Also the site was heavily disturbed by scavengers and other cattle. ODFW examined what was left of the calf carcass and did not find any evidence of a predator attack. No wolf sign was found in the vicinity of the carcass. The cause of death could not be determined.