



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160715 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 7/15/16

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

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of 7/15/16 a local stockowner was gathering cattle and found a live calf with severe injuries on its back legs. The calf was brought to a holding facility. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf the same day. Wolf tracks have been reported, during the past month, approximately 1 mile northeast of the pasture location where the calf was found. It was estimated that the calf had received the injuries 5 – 7 days earlier.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Numerous bite wounds were found on the inside and outside of the upper portions of both hind legs, the right shoulder and left flank. Underlying tissue damage was evident with considerable swelling and infection. These injuries are clear indicators of predator attack.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** Bite wounds and severe underlying tissue damage were observed on hind legs above hock, shoulder, and flank; commonly observed attack points for wolves. The bite scrapes in the hide were up to ¼ inch wide and up to 4 inches long, paired scrapes had a 1 ¾ to 2 inch spacing.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** The calf's exact location at the time of injury is unknown.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf       Probable Wolf       Possible/Unknown       Other

**Summary:** The locations, size, spacing and number of bite wounds found on this calf, coupled with associated underlying tissue damage are similar to those observed on other confirmed livestock depredations by wolves. This evidence is adequate to confirm the injury as wolf depredation.