



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160822 Jackson

Date Investigated: 8/22/2016

General Area: Middle Fork Rogue River area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 8/21/2016 a hunter scouting for elk found a domestic cow carcass on a forested allotment at the base of a waterfall. Depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the carcass on the morning of 8/22/2016. The entire skeleton was intact, but almost all tissue had been consumed by vultures and other scavengers. The cow was estimated to have died 5-7 days earlier.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Virtually no disturbance noticed in area, stream bed mostly bedrock, steep banks not disturbed. No evidence of a depredation event was found on the scene or carcass remains.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No wolf sign was found from the cow's estimated time of death. One wolf scat was located approximately 100 yards away on a trail above the creek bottom. Wolf tracks less than 24 hours old were located approximately ¼ mile to the south on a dusty road.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the scene and the carcass remains and did not find any evidence of a predator attack. The cause of death could not be determined because the carcass had been nearly entirely consumed by scavengers.