



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160829 Union

**Date Investigated:** 8-29-2016

**General Area:** Flagstaff Butte - public land

**General situation and animal information:** On 8-28-2016 a hunter found the remains of an estimated 400 pound calf in a forested area. The owner suspected wolf depredation and contacted ODFW on 8-29-2016 and an investigation was conducted that same day. The site had been visited by numerous people and at least one cow dog prior to the investigation. All that remained of the extensively scavenged calf were scattered bones that had been chewed on, desiccated rumen contents and an ear tag. No tissue or hide remained and only a few maggots were present on several bone fragments.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. There was no sign of a chase, struggle or attack at the scene.

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

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Wolf tracks and scat that appeared to be less than a week old were present at and adjacent to the carcass remains. GPS collar location data showed wolf OR27 had used the general area intermittently over the last several months but no locations were recorded at the carcass remains.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** Very little of the dead calf was available to examine. All of the muscle tissue, skin and most of the bones were not present at the scene leaving little evidence to make a determination on the cause of death.