



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160903 Klamath

Date Investigated: 9/3/2016

General Area: Sprague River Valley – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 9/2/2016 a ranch manager found a dead 65 lb. calf in a fenced pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the following day. The calf was reported to have been seen alive on the evening of 9/1/2016. The ranch manager reported finding a set of large canid tracks approximately ½ mile from the calf carcass the day he found the dead calf. The calf was mostly consumed with only the heart, skeletal system, muscle tissue on the neck and front legs, and a portion of the hide remaining. Fresh coyote scat was found at the scene.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. Other than 4, 8x8 inch areas of pasture grass containing dried blood where the carcass was found, there was no evidence of disturbance, a chase, or drag marks at the scene. No pre-mortem hemorrhaging was found on the remaining muscle tissue of the neck or front legs. No bite marks were found on the remaining hide, bones, or muscle tissue.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: No recent wolf depredations in the area.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the calf carcass and did not find conclusive evidence of a predator attack. The cause of death could not be definitively determined, but evidence at the scene suggests that the calf was scavenged by coyotes.