



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160924 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 9/24/2016

General Area: Griffith Creek area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 9/23/2016 a livestock producer found a calf dead on a private land pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW was called on 9/24/16 and investigated the same day. The 6-month-old calf was estimated to have died on the night of 9/20/2016. The carcass was mostly scavenged, but some muscle tissue of the right lower back remained.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. Most of the hide remained with no premortem bite scrapes or hemorrhage being present.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: One wolf track was found 35 yards from the carcass, but had been made 2-3 days after the calf died.

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

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: Lack of pre-mortem bite wounds suggest that this calf was not predated, but was scavenged primarily by coyotes.