



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 161005-A Klamath

Date Investigated: 10/5/16

General Area: Wood River Valley - private land

General situation and animal information: On 10/5/16 a livestock producer called ODFW to report 2 dead calves. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The calves died on different days and are considered separate events. This report covers the 800 lb. calf that was estimated to have died on 10/2/16. A 600 lb. calf is covered in investigation 161005-B Klamath. A ranch employee reported observing 3 wolves feeding on the carcass of this 800 lb. calf on 10/3/16. At the time of the investigation, all internal organs, muscle tissue and hide surrounding the thoracic cavity and left leg were consumed. Feeding around the anus was also observed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Numerous bite wounds were found on the hide covering the left front leg and both hind legs. Underlying tissue damage was evident with associated pre-mortem hemorrhaging. These injuries are clear evidence of an attack by a predator.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: Bite wounds with associated underlying tissue damage and pre-mortem hemorrhaging were observed on the interior and posterior portion of both rear legs above the hock and interior portion of the left front leg above the elbow. All bite locations are commonly observed attack points for wolves. The bite scrapes in the hide were $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{3}{8}$ inch wide and 3-6 inches in length. Paired canine bite scrapes had a $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch spacing. These injuries are clear evidence that the predator was a wolf.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks measuring $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide x 4" long were found within 200 yards of the carcass.

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

Cause of death/injury:

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Summary: The reported sighting of wolves in the pasture where this incident occurred, combined with the number, size, and location of the bite marks and associated tissue damage to the calf are consistent with other confirmed livestock depredation by wolves. This evidence is adequate to confirm the death as wolf depredation. The Rogue Pack is known to frequent this general area at this time of year.