



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 161013 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 10/13/2016

**General Area:** Grouse Creek drainage – public land

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of 10/12/2016 a stock owner was gathering cattle and noticed injuries on the back leg of a 500 lb calf. The calf was trailed with other cattle to a private land pasture and kept overnight. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf the following morning. After examination ODFW estimated the injuries to be approximately one month old.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Bite wounds were found on the right and left hind legs above the hocks. Wounds were mostly healed with scars evident on skin, though some exposed flesh and scabs still present. These injuries are clear indicators of predator attack.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** Bite wounds were found on right and left hind legs above the hocks, and are commonly observed attack points for wolves. The mostly healed bite scrapes in the hide were up to 3 inches long and 1/8 to 3/16 inches wide. Paired canine bite scrapes had a 1.5 - 1.75 inch spacing.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** No physical evidence of wolf presence since the exact location of calf at the time of injury is unknown.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** ODFW confirmed wolf depredation in an adjacent pasture on 7/15/16, and 2 wolf depredations were confirmed on 9/28/16 and 10/6/16 approximately 8 miles north of this area.

**Cause of death/injury:**

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**Summary:** The locations, size, and number of bite wounds found on this injured calf are similar to those observed on other confirmed livestock depredations by wolves. This evidence is adequate to confirm the calf was attacked by wolf(s).