



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

**Investigation ID:** 161026 Umatilla

**Date Investigated:** 10/26/2016

**General Area:** Headwaters of West Birch Creek –public land

**General situation and animal information:** On 10/26/2016, a livestock producer reported finding a cow with an injured udder during gathering on a U.S. Forest Service grazing allotment. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The cow was examined in a squeeze chute and exhibited a single 6-inch lateral tear on the anterior surface of the udder. The injury was estimated to have occurred 2 -3 weeks earlier.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. No bite scrapes or other injuries were found.

**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:** None.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** The singular injury without bite wounds to indicate predator attack makes it unlikely that the injury was caused by wolves.