



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 161208 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 12/8/2016

General Area: Kanine Ridge - Tribal Land

General situation and animal information: A livestock producer noticed two of his calves limping while taking them off of his grazing allotment in October. He suspected that wolves caused the injuries while they were on the grazing allotment and notified the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) on 12/7/2016. The following morning ODFW examined the 800 pound and 300 pound calves in a squeeze chute. The 800 pound calf was limping on its back right leg and the 300 pound calf was limping on its back left leg. Besides the limping, the calves appeared healthy with no visible injuries. The livestock producer reported to the CTUIR on 12/7/2016 that he saw two wolves on his grazing allotment in August.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The calves were shaved on the hindquarters, flanks, and elbows. The 800 pound calf had a single puncture wound on the posterior portion of its left hind leg measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ " in diameter. In the same location it had a scrape measuring 2" X $\frac{3}{4}$ " and on the front right shoulder of the calf there was a scrape measuring $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ ". The 300 pound calf had two horizontal scrapes on the posterior portion of its left hind leg and on the front right elbow were two circular marks with 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " spacing. None of these punctures, scratches, or scrapes are consistent with wolf depredation. The muscle under these scratches and scrapes did not feel damaged or scarred. The injuries were estimated to be one to three weeks old.

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: There was no evidence of muscle tissue damage, bites, or scrapes consistent with a predator attack. Based on these findings ODFW determines this investigation to be possible/unknown.