



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 161226 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 12/26/2016

General Area: Lost Prairie area – private land

General situation and animal information: About 11:30 pm on 12/25/2016 a livestock producer let three of her dogs out of her residence. A short time later she heard a fight involving her dogs outside. When the dogs were called back into the house, two of them had injuries. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the following day. The 2 injured cow dogs (each weighing approximately 65 pounds) were examined and both had several bite wounds. The livestock producer reported seeing wolves in the area on 11/30/2016

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: One dog sustained a 1/4" diameter tooth puncture wound above the right eye, and 3/16" x 1" or smaller tooth scrapes to the muzzle, throat, left fore leg, and right hind leg. The second dog had bite wounds on the neck behind the left ear (1/4" diameter), on the upper left fore leg (1/4x3/8"), and on the right hind leg (1/4" diameter). One set of coyote tracks was observed approaching the east side of the house and then departing to the north. The struggle scene was on the west side of the house and the coyote tracks were at least 120 yards away from it.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: No recent wolf depredation in this area.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: The struggle site and the area surrounding the residence were investigated and no wolf tracks were found in the snow. The lack of wolf presence indicates that the injuries were not wolf-caused.