



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170109 Wallowa

**Date Investigated:** 1/9/2017

**General Area:** Imnaha River breaks - public land

**General situation and animal information:** On 1/8/2017 a Wildlife Services employee found a dead adult bull on a steep hill side. The stock owner was notified, wolf depredation was suspected, and ODFW was contacted to examine the carcass. There was evidence that the bull had slid about 70 yards downhill and over a rock outcrop. The carcass was intact and estimated to have died 1/7/2017.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. Scrapes and muscle tissue bruising was found on the carcass, but no physical evidence of attack by predator on the carcass or the scene.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** N/A

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** No evidence at the scene. Chesnimnus Pack wolves OR42 and OR44 were located 2.5 miles northeast of the site on 1/7/17, and one mile west of the site on 1/8/17.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** ODFW examined the bull carcass and did not find any evidence of a predator attack. No wolf sign was found in the vicinity of the carcass, and the cause of death was determined to be the result of a fall.