



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170207 Crook

**Date Investigated:** 2/7/2017

**General Area:** Wolf Creek area – private land

**General situation and animal information:** An adult pregnant cow was found deceased by a livestock producer on Sunday 2/5/17, he thought that it appeared to have died from natural causes and did not see a struggle or predator sign. The intact carcass was moved Monday 2/6/17 and skinned. When the producer skinned the carcass they found hemorrhage under the left front shoulder and the neck. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the next day. The producer reported seeing a wolf on 2/8/17.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** There was no evidence of attack by a predator. The carcass and skinned hide was examined. The hide was shaved in areas where there was hemorrhage in the corresponding muscle tissue. No bite punctures or bite scrapes were found on the hide. The hemorrhage in the muscle tissue was even, without the torn tissue caused by bites.

**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 hide and carcass was thoroughly examined. No bite marks, scrapes or tooth channels were identified. The cause of the hemorrhage is unknown, but the death is not wolf-related.