



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170220 Crook

**Date Investigated:** 2/20/2017

**General Area:** Wolf Creek Area – Private Land

**General situation and animal information:** A livestock producer observed an adult cow by itself and not feeding for two days (2/16 and 2/17). On 2/18, the landowner examined the cow and noticed several scrapes and scratches. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated once the producer was able to corral the cow on 2/20.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** There was no evidence of attack by a predator. There were minor scrapes and scratches located on the upper portion of the right shoulder, top of the neck, and on and in front of the left elbow. The areas around the scrapes or scratches were shaved for closer examination. There was one puncture wound on the left elbow and 2 jagged 6 inch horizontal scrapes on the right side that were mostly healed over. None of the scratches or scrapes were consistent with predator bites due to width, depth, jagged nature, orientation, or location on the animal.

**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:** This live cow was examined and shaved at several locations where the animal had sustained minor scrapes and scratches. These marks on the hide were not consistent with predator bites, therefore the injuries are not related to wolf depredation.

On 2/25/17 the livestock producer informed ODFW that the cow had died and that further investigation was unnecessary.