



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

**Investigation ID:** 170225 Jackson

**Date Investigated:** 2/25/2017

**General Area:** Red Blanket Creek – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On 2/25/2017 a ranch employee found the remains of a 3-day-old calf with apparent wolf tracks around the carcass. Depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the carcass that same day. The carcass was mostly intact, with no entrails or organs present. Some muscle tissue remained on neck, rear legs and left shoulder area. The calf had been observed alive the evening before.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Pre-mortem trauma evidenced by muscle tissue hemorrhage, bite scrapes and bite punctures on inside of left front leg and throat area.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** The bite scrapes on the neck were up to ¼ inch wide and up to 3 inches long, they are wider and deeper than coyote bites. The ¼ inch bite punctures and deep tissue damage at the armpit of the calf were indicative of wolf attack. No other predator tracks were found in the snow.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Single set of wolf tracks found near carcass on morning of 2/25/2017. GPS radio-collar location data at 1:00am and 5:00am on 2/25/17 indicated OR25 was at the kill site.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf       Probable Wolf       Possible/Unknown       Other

**Summary:** ODFW skinned and examined the calf carcass and found bite scrapes and deep pre-mortem muscle tissue damage in areas consistent with wolf predation. GPS location of OR25 also confirms wolf presence at the kill site. Based on the evidence gathered during the investigation, this incident is a confirmed wolf depredation.