



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170323-A Wallowa

Date Investigated: 3/23/2017

General Area: Flora area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 3/23/2017, livestock owners heard wolf howls at about 4 am and later found feathers and chicken parts scattered near their chicken hutch. One of the livestock owners reported checking 16 chickens and 8 geese on the evening of 3/22/2017 and missing 16 chickens and 7 geese the next morning. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Multiple piles of feathers and fresh internal bird parts from at least 8 chickens and 1 goose.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: Numerous wolf tracks were found in and around the open chicken hutch entrance and at the feeding sites that were marked by scattered feathers.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Hundreds of fresh wolf tracks were observed in the mud at the hutch and feeding sites. GPS collar data indicated that OR41 (Shamrock Pack) was about 300 yards away at 6am on 3/23/2017.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: The most recent confirmed wolf depredation by the Shamrock Pack was an injured calf, 24 miles southeast of the site on 11/21/2016.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf Probable Wolf Possible/Unknown Other

Summary: The presence of wolf tracks both inside the chicken hutch and at the feeding sites, as well as nearby GPS radio collar data were adequate to confirm this incident as wolf depredation.