



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170323-B Wallowa

Date Investigated: 3/23/2017

General Area: Upper Prairie Creek – private land.

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 3/23/17 a landowner began searching for a horse that was missing. The horse was reported to be alive the evening of 3/22/17. The horse was found dead in an adjacent pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the horse carcass the same day. A small amount of post-mortem scavenging was found around the anus and abdomen. It was estimated that the horse had died late the previous evening 3/22/17 or early morning on 3/23/17.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The intact carcass was examined and no external injuries were observed.

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: ODFW examined the horse carcass and investigated the surrounding area, but found no evidence of predation. The evidence gathered during this investigation is adequate to determine that the death of the horse was not wolf-related.