



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170725 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 7/25/2017

General Area: Blalock Mountain – private land

General situation and animal information: On the evening of 7/24/2017 a livestock producer's ranch hand reported seeing two wolves feeding on a dead heifer on a leased, forest pasture. ODFW was notified on 7/25/2017 and investigated the same day. All muscle tissue and organs of the 650 lb. heifer were consumed, leaving only the four legs connected to the hide. The pelvis with six vertebrae attached, both lower jaw bones, both scapulas, and five ribs were found scattered within 30 yards of the carcass. The skull and most vertebrae were not located. It is estimated that the heifer died on 7/23/2017. There was evidence of multiple wolves and bears feeding on the carcass.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. Multiple postmortem marks were found on the right elbow, udder, and throat. There was no evidence of premortem hemorrhaging. There was no chase, struggle, or kill scene observed.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Multiple fresh wolf tracks and week old scat were documented at the site and 25 yards away on a dirt road.

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 scene and carcass remains and found no evidence of a predator attack. No premortem injuries were found on the hide and the cause of death could not be determined.