



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170801 Union

Date Investigated: 8/1/2017

General Area: McCoy Creek area - private land

General situation and animal information: A dead calf, approximately 2 ½ months old, was found on 8/1/2017 by a livestock producer's employee in a large forested pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The carcass was mostly consumed except for the head, neck and lower portions of the legs. The calf is estimated to have died between 7/26/17 and 7/28/17. There was track and feces sign that the carcass had been visited by coyotes and scavenging birds.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: The head, neck, and lower legs were skinned. Extensive premortem hemorrhaging in the throat area (throat, lower jaw, and up to ears) indicated an attack by a predator. The location of the trauma was similar to other depredations by coyotes.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None

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: There was sufficient evidence to confirm that the calf was attacked by a predator. Based on the location of trauma on the neck and throat, the wounds were likely caused by a coyote. The death of the calf was not wolf-related.