



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170804 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 8/4/2017

General Area: Camas Creek – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 8/4/17, a livestock producer found the carcass of a 400 lb. calf while gathering cows within a large timbered pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated that evening. The seven-month-old calf exhibited signs of feeding on the chest, pelvis, lower vertebrae, and both rear legs. It is estimated that the calf died on or about 8/2/17.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Premortem hemorrhaging found on the dorsal side of the thoracic vertebrae, along the inside of the left front leg, and muscle tissue trauma on the throat and left side of the neck are indicators of a predator attack.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None. No bite marks or scrapes were observed on the hide or muscle tissue in areas typically attacked by wolves. The premortem hemorrhaging found on the back and the inside of the left front leg are not in areas that wolves characteristically attack.

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: The evidence from the carcass indicated that the location of the injuries and the muscle trauma sustained to the neck and throat was likely caused by a large predator other than a wolf. This was sufficient to classify this incident as not wolf-related.