



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170808 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 8/8/2017

General Area: Marr Flat – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 8/8/17 the county range rider was working in the Marr Creek area and found a partially consumed dead calf. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf carcass the same morning. The right hind leg was missing and some of the muscle tissue on the left hind leg was consumed by post mortem scavenging. It was estimated the calf died two days earlier on 8/6/17.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The carcass was examined and skinned; no premortem bite scrapes were found on the hide. No hemorrhage was found in the muscle tissue in relation to four postmortem bite scrapes. There was one bruise in the muscle tissue underneath the right front shoulder blade and into the brisket area; there were no marks on the hide or tissue damage from bites in that area.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks were observed at the carcass site at the time of the investigation. ODFW saw wolves within one mile of the carcass site on 8/6/17.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: There have been seven calf depredations attributed to the Harl Butte Pack between 7/15/2016 and 7/26/2017. All occurred within seven miles of this site.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the calf 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 calf was not wolf-related.