



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170817 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 8/17/2017

General Area: Sheep Creek area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the afternoon of 8/17/2017 a livestock producer was rounding up cattle on a 4,000 acre timbered pasture and found an injured six-month-old, 450 lb. calf. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the injured calf in a squeeze chute the same day. The calf had numerous bite scrapes on the posterior and inside portions of both hind legs. A open wound was observed on the inside of the right hind leg. It is estimated that the calf sustained the injuries at least three days prior to the investigation. The producer reported finding numerous fresh wolf tracks in the area over the past week.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Bite puncture holes and at least 26 bite scrapes were observed on the posterior and inside portions of both hind legs. All of these markings are evidence an attack by a predator.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: The numerous bite scrapes observed on the posterior portions of both hind legs are common wolf attack injuries. A paired bite scrape on the posterior portion of the right hind leg had a bite spacing of two inches and scrape width of 3/16 inch. Many of the bite scrapes observed were 2-6 inches long. There was a puncture hole measuring ¼ x ¼ inch on the posterior portion of the left hind leg. A two inch long by one inch wide open wound was found on the inside of the right hind leg.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: ODFW staff observed wolf tracks at and around the location where the injured calf was found.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: There have been two confirmed wolf depredations by the Meacham Pack within two miles of this area in the same grazing pasture on 8/13/2017 and 8/16/2017.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf Probable Wolf Possible/Unknown Other

Summary: ODFW examined the live calf in a squeeze chute and found the location, size, and number of bite scrapes are adequate to confirm this incident as wolf depredation by a wolf or wolves of the Meacham Pack.