



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170831 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 8/31/2017

General Area: Upper Grouse Creek – public land

General situation and animal information: On the afternoon of 8/31/17 an employee of a livestock owner was moving cattle to a new pasture and observed an injury on a 200 pound calf. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the live calf the same afternoon. The calf was generally in good health with an injury behind the right front shoulder. The injury was estimated to be 8-10 days old.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. ODFW shaved the injury site and found a hole (3/8 inch diameter) and a scrape (2 1/2 inches long by 1/16 inch wide and 1/16 inch deep). The cause of the injuries is unknown, but not predator-related.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS collar locations from OR50 were located in the allotment pasture on 8/19/17 and 8/20/17.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: There have been eight calf depredations attributed to the Harl Butte Pack between 7/15/2016 and 8/16/2017. All occurred within eight miles of the area the calf had been pastured.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the live calf, but found no evidence the injury on the calf was predator related. The evidence is adequate to determine that the injury on the calf was something other than wolf-related.