



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170904 Malheur

**Date Investigated:** 9/4/2017

**General Area:** Beulah Reservoir area – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of 9/4/17, a ranch hand found a six month old, 500 pound, dead calf in an open-land pasture. Ranch staff suspected wolf depredation and contacted the Malheur County Sherriff Office (MCSO) to investigate. MCSO skinned the carcass and wolf depredation was suspected, then ODFW was notified and investigated late that evening. The carcass was intact except it had been previously skinned with scavenging at the udder and anus. It is estimated that the calf had died Sunday 9/3/17.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. An examination of the hide and skinned carcass found evidence of bite marks around the udder, on the back, face and neck. None of the bite marks showed premortem hemorrhaging indicating that all are from postmortem scavenging.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** N/A

**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 entire hide and carcass were examined and no premortem injuries were found. There was no evidence of attack by a predator on the intact carcass. The evidence collected is adequate to determine that the death of the calf was not wolf-related.