



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170915-B&C Baker

**Date Investigated:** 9/15/2017

**General Area:** Fish Lake area – public land

**General situation and animal information:** On 9/14/17 a hunter found a 500 lb. dead calf in a mountainous rangeland pasture (170915-B). ODFW was notified on 9/15/17, wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. A second 500 lb. dead calf (170915-C) was found about 300 yards away while locating the reported carcass. Both calf carcasses were intact except for muscle tissue missing from the left rear leg on each carcass. The internal organs were present in each carcass.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. There were no signs of struggle at either scene. The entire carcass of each calf was skinned and examined, and no premortem bite marks or injuries were found on either of the calves. There was no evidence that either calf was attacked by a predator.

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

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** The calves were estimated to have died around 9/8/17. Tracks of one wolf were left approximately 9/13/17 within 50 yards of the carcass.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** None.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** There were no premortem injuries on either of the skinned carcasses and no evidence of a predator attack. The cause of death for either calf was not determined, but it was not wolf-related.