



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 170921 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 9/21/2017

General Area: Broady Creek area – public land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 9/21/2017, a hunter reported seeing four gray wolves feeding on a 500 pound, six-month-old calf carcass in a forested pasture and a black wolf was nearby. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The carcass was about half consumed with entrails removed and most tissue missing from the ribs, abdomen, and hind-quarters. The calf was estimated to have died on about 9/19/2017.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: The remaining carcass was skinned and the hide examined. Blood pooling was found on the left side of the neck, and lower portions of the left front and left back legs. All bite marks and scrapes found were postmortem.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: GPS collar data indicated that both collared wolves of the Chesnimnus Pack have been about 11 miles east of this location since 9/17/2017. Numerous fresh wolf tracks were found around the carcass since the rain storm on the night of 9/20/2017. Older wolf tracks were found around the carcass, but because of the rain it was difficult to determine the age.

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

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: The hide and carcass were examined in common predator attack areas and there was no evidence of predation. All bite marks and scrapes were postmortem. This was sufficient to classify this incident as not wolf-related.