



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171001 Malheur

Date Investigated: 10/1/2017

General Area: Beulah Reservoir area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 10/1/17, a rancher found a dead seven-month-old, 600 pound calf in an open-land pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated the same day. The carcass was intact with the exception of scavenging on the left cheek, tongue, and a 12x15 inch patch of the hide chewed off at the abdomen. It is estimated that the calf died 9/29/17.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: The entire carcass was skinned and examined, several areas were also shaved with clippers. No external injuries were found on the hide, except for 3 small scrapes on the tail. There was no corresponding premortem hemorrhage with the scrapes on the tail. There was postmortem lividity (blood pooling from gravity) and some decomposition in the muscle tissue, but no muscle tissue tearing or trauma from predator bites. There was no evidence of predator attack on the scene or intact carcass.

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 intact carcass was skinned and examined. There are no bite scrapes on the hide, and no premortem hemorrhage or torn muscle tissue to indicate predator attack. The cause of the calf's death is unknown, but it was not wolf-related.