



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171017 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 10/17/2017

General Area: Marr Flat area – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 10/17/17, a hired hand was checking and moving cattle and found a partially consumed dead calf. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf carcass the same day. Approximately 80% of the carcass muscle tissue and about 40% of the hide was consumed by postmortem scavenging. It was estimated the calf died two days earlier on 10/15/17.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The carcass was examined, skinned, and hair shaved; no premortem bite scrapes were found on the hide, including the neck, right hindquarter, or entire left side of calf. No premortem hemorrhage was found in the remaining muscle tissue.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. No wolf sign in the vicinity of the carcass near the estimated time of death.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: There have been eleven calf depredations attributed to the Harl Butte Pack between 7/15/2016 and 10/11/2017. All depredations occurred within nine miles of this site.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the calf carcass and investigated the surrounding area, but found no evidence of predation. The evidence gathered during this investigation is adequate to determine that the death of the calf was not wolf-related.