



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171023 Malheur

**Date Investigated:** 10/23/2017

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

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of 10/23/17, a hired hand found a dead, eleven-year-old cow alone in a different pasture than where it was supposed to be. The carcass was found in an irrigated pasture approximately 250 yards from an occupied residence. The landowner later saw the carcass from his aircraft. No scavenging of the carcass had occurred, other than minor bird activity. The cow was estimated to have died during the previous night.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** None. There was no predator attack scene evident on the site. The entire carcass was examined and skinned. The marks on the animal included small scrapes and scabs located on legs, back, side and face. All marks were less than 1.5 inch, did not go through the hide, and were not caused by predator bites.

**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:** There was no evidence of predator attack on the intact carcass. The cause of death is unknown, but was not wolf-related.