



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171024-A Jackson

**Date Investigated:** 10/24/2017

**General Area:** Rancheria Creek area – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On 10/23/17, while looking for wolf sign in an area of recent wolf activity, an ODFW biologist located three cow carcasses on a forested grazing lease. The cows had died at different times but in the same area. See investigation 171024-B&C Jackson for information about the other two cows. Carcass A was an estimated 600 lb. steer that was largely consumed with only the skeleton, head, legs, and 50% of the hide remaining. The steer is estimated to have died around 10/20/17.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** No evidence of attack by a predator was found at the scene. The hide attached at the lower legs was skinned and examined, no sign of pre-mortem trauma was observed. There was not enough of the carcass remaining in areas attacked by predators to determine whether the steer was attacked or died of other causes.

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

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** GPS data showed Rogue Pack wolf OR54 was within 60 yards of the carcass four times between 10/19 and 10/22.

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

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** Wolves were present in the area during the estimated time of death and appear to have fed on the carcass after death. However, there was not enough of the carcass remaining in areas where wolves attack to determine if it was killed by wolves. It is unknown if the cause of death was wolf-related.