



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171101 Malheur

Date Investigated: 11/01/2017

General Area: Beulah Reservoir area - private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 11/1/17, a dead, five-year-old, 1200 lb. cow was found in a riparian area within an irrigated open land pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected and the investigation was conducted the same day. The carcass was intact with scavenging at the anus and on the left cheek and nose. It was estimated to have died approximately 72 hours prior to examination.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: The entire carcass was examined and skinned. No bite-caused premortem hemorrhage was found in the hide or underlying tissues. There was postmortem lividity and decomposition, but no muscle tissue tearing or trauma from predator bites. There was no evidence of predator attack found at the scene or on the intact carcass.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

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 entire intact carcass was skinned and examined. There were no bite scrapes on the hide, and no bite-caused premortem hemorrhage or muscle tissue trauma to indicate predator attack. The cause of death is unknown, but there was no evidence it was wolf-related.