



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171116 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 11/16/2017

General Area: Government Mountain area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 11/5/17 while rounding up cattle, a livestock producer noticed a cow missing the lower portion of its tail and suspected wolf depredation. ODFW was notified on 11/6/17 and the livestock producer set up a time on 11/16/17 to examine the five-year-old, 1,000lb. cow in a squeeze chute. The lower third of the tail was missing from the cow. It is estimated that the injuries are 11 to 14 days old. The livestock producer reported observing two black wolves within his leased grazing pasture on 11/4/17.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. On the remaining tail, the lower four inches had visible injuries that were healing and scabbed over. The injuries were in a circular direction running completely around the tail.

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: Wolf depredation attributed to the Walla Walla Pack was confirmed on 8/14/17, approximately three miles to the northeast.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the live cow in a squeeze chute and found no clear evidence of a predator attack. The cause of the injury is unknown, however due to the location and age of the injury it is possible this incident was wolf-related.