



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180110 Jackson

**Date Investigated:** 1/10/2018

**General Area:** Boundary Butte area – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On 1/10/18 USFWS and USDA Wildlife Services staff discovered a dead, 300lb calf in a fenced pasture within 500 yards of the livestock owner's residence. The majority of the calf was consumed with only the rib cage, spinal column, right front leg, head and part of the hide present. It is estimated the calf died during the night of 1/9/18.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Blood spray was found on hay fed to the cows on 1/9/17 indicating attack by a predator.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** There were hair tufts, including body and tail hair, in a 30-yard chase scene leading from the blood spray to where the calf died.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Fresh wolf tracks and scat were observed around the carcass and throughout the pasture. GPS collar data places OR54 (Rogue Pack) within 10 yards of the carcass at 2:00am the morning of 1/10/18 and within two miles of the carcass on 1/9/18 at 11:00pm and 1/10/18 at 5:00am.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** Wolf depredation was confirmed 200 yards from this carcass on 1/4/18 by wolves of the Rogue Pack.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf       Probable Wolf       Possible/Unknown       Other

**Summary:** ODFW found blood sprayed from wounds and hair tufts in a chase scene near the carcass. The evidence found in the chase scene along with fresh wolf tracks and scat found in the field and at the carcass as well as GPS collar data placing OR54 at the carcass around the time the calf died were enough to confirm this as depredation by wolves of the Rogue Pack.