



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180111 Jackson

Date Investigated: 1/11/2018

General Area: Boundary Butte area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 1/11/18, USFWS and USDA Wildlife Services staff discovered a dead, 300lb calf in a fenced pasture within 450 yards of the livestock owner’s residence. The majority of the calf was consumed with only the rib cage, spinal column, both front legs, head and part of the hide present. It is estimated the calf died during the night of 1/10/18.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Blood spray, hair tufts and wolf tracks were observed throughout a 10 yard chase/struggle scene leading to where the calf died. There was premortem bite wounds and bruising on the remaining hide and muscle tissue. These are both evidence of an attack.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: Numerous wolf tracks were observed along the 10 yard attack/chase scene that included multiple locations of blood spray, body and tail hair, and rumen material. There were tooth scrapes, bite punctures and premortem trauma on the back of the left rear leg below the anus, the back of the left front leg above the elbow and on the throat behind the jaw.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Fresh wolf tracks were observed at the attack scene, around the carcass, and throughout the pasture. GPS collar data on 1/11/18 at 2:00am places OR54 about 50 yards from where the carcass was discovered.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: Two wolf depredations were confirmed within 500 yards of this carcass on 1/4/18 and 1/10/18 by wolves of the Rogue Pack.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf Probable Wolf Possible/Unknown Other

Summary: The evidence found in the attack/chase scene, the premortem trauma found on the carcass, and the GPS collar data placing a wolf at the carcass around the time the calf died were enough to confirm this depredation by wolves of the Rogue Pack.