



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180211 Jackson

Date Investigated: 2/11/2018

General Area: Red Blanket Creek– private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 2/11/18, a livestock owner found a dead first-calf heifer lying in a small creek in an open pasture. The landowner suspected wolf depredation and ODFW investigated the same day. The heifer had a partial birth with a calf's legs emerging and no visible head. The heifer carcass was completely intact except for some minor feeding on the left side of the head and neck and immediately around the aborted calf. The cow was estimated to have died overnight.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: ODFW skinned the entire carcass and found no bites, scrapes, hemorrhaging, or any sign of premortem trauma consistent with attack by a predator. The feeding on the head and neck and around the aborted calf was post-mortem scavenging.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

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: ODFW skinned the carcass and examined the scene and found no sign of predation. Based on the evidence gathered during the investigation, this cow was not killed by a predator, but likely had complications while giving birth.