



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180212 Umatilla

Date Investigated: 2/12/2018

General Area: Saddle Mountain Area – private land

General situation and animal information: On 2/12/2018 while gathering a cow from a forested grazing pasture, a livestock producer noticed some markings on the cow and suspected wolf depredation. ODFW was notified and investigated the live cow the same day in a squeeze chute. The 1,250 lb., eight-year-old cow had numerous areas of missing hair, scabbed over skin, scratches, and scrapes on the neck, brisket, chest, lower legs, and belly. It is estimated that the injuries were two to four weeks old.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. All injuries found were shaved and examined. The scabbed over injuries did not appear to have sustained any muscle tissue damage and no bite marks were found at any of the injuries. The size, location, and direction of the scrapes indicate these injuries were not made by a predator.

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: There was a confirmed wolf depredation within three miles on 8/14/17.

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: ODFW examined the live cow in a squeeze chute and found no physical evidence of an attack by a predator. The scrapes were not consistent in size or location with typical wolf bites or attack points. It is unclear what caused the numerous scabbed over injuries on the cow, but they were from something other than wolf.