



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180301 Crook

Date Investigated: 3/1/2018

General Area: Mill Creek area – private land

General situation and animal information: The ranch manager checked cows at 4:00am on 2/27/18 and did not notice anything out of the ordinary. When he returned to feed at 3:00pm on 2/27/18, he noticed distraught/vocalizing cows in a ten-acre grassland pasture. He found a dead three-day-old calf with large canine tracks nearby. The landowner contacted ODFW on 3/1/18 and the investigation was completed the same day. The carcass was partially consumed with the rumen/entrails removed and a large portion of muscle tissue consumed from the inner left rear leg.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. There was no evidence of predator attack on the scene, though the area was heavily disturbed by cows in the two days since the calf was found. The entire carcass was skinned. Minor hemorrhaging was found on the hock joint of right rear leg and left side of head, below the eye. There were no puncture wounds or tooth scrapes on the hide in these areas. The hemorrhaging was not caused by predator bites.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Large canine tracks (4 x 4.5 in.) found within approximately 20 yards of the carcass location were confirmed to be consistent with wolf. OR44, a wolf dispersing southward through Crook County, had GPS locations three miles northwest of the pasture at 5:00pm on 2/26/18 and 5.5 miles southeast at 5:00am and 21 miles south at 5:00pm on 2/27/18.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: This young calf was not attacked by a predator. It did, however, suffer from minor physical trauma to its right hind leg and left side of head. The cause of death of the calf is unknown, but is something other than wolf.