



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180426 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 4/26/2018

General Area: Big Sheep Creek – private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 4/26/18, a hired hand was gathering cattle to move to a new pasture and found a partially consumed dead calf. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf carcass the same morning. Muscle tissue from the upper right hind leg was consumed by post mortem scavenging. It was estimated the calf died the previous evening on 4/25/18.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The carcass was examined and skinned; no premortem bite scrapes were found on the hide. No hemorrhage was found in the muscle tissue or under the skin in relation to six postmortem bite scrapes.

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 examined the calf carcass and investigated the surrounding area and found no evidence of predation. The evidence gathered during this investigation is adequate to determine that the death of the calf was not wolf-related.