



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180430 Baker

**Date Investigated:** 4/30/2018

**General Area:** Officer Butte area – private land

**General situation and animal information:** On 4/30/18, range rider found one dead calf in a small rangeland pasture. ODFW was notified and investigated the same day. The cows and their two-month-old calves had been moved to the pasture on 4/26/18. The dead calf was estimated to have died after dark on 4/28/18, and was heavily scavenged.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** The remaining carcass was skinned, shaved and examined. Small premortem bite marks with minor bruising were found on the left rear leg below the hock. Fresh tracks of cattle running towards the carcass site were observed.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** Premortem marks were not consistent with wolf bite scrape size or attack locations. Amount of bruising was not consistent with wolf attack trauma.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** A fresh wolf track and possible wolf scat were found near the carcass. GPS-collar data from OR57 of the Pine Creek Pack showed a location within 2 miles of the carcass site at 6:00pm on 4/29/18.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** Six events of depredation were attributed to the Pine Creek Pack between 4/7 and 4/18/18 ranging between 2 and 7 miles away.

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** The wolf track nearby is adequate to confirm wolf presence at the scene near the time of death, but the lack of evidence of a wolf attack on the carcass or the scene led to a possible/unknown determination. The cause of death of the calf is unknown.