



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180507 Crook

**Date Investigated:** 5/7/2018

**General Area:** Johnson Creek area – private land

**General situation and animal information:** A livestock producer found a dead seven-week-old calf on the morning of 5/7/18. Calf was found in shallow ditch approximately 10' from a pole barn. The producer reported that cattle were last checked and accounted for at 11am on 5/6/18. The owner suspected wolves. The left rear leg and entrails were removed and some of the right rear leg was consumed.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** The carcass was skinned and two premortem bite marks were identified on the bottom of the neck. The muscle tissue beneath these bite marks was also hemorrhaged, consistent with a premortem bite wound. The bite marks were approximately 1 inch apart and 1/8 inch diameter. This spacing and size is consistent with coyote.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** None.

**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:** This animal was killed by a predator, but not by a wolf. Evidence suggests coyote predation.