



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180522 Malheur

**Date Investigated:** 5/22/18

**General Area:** Ironside Area – Private Land

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of 5/21/18, an adult cow was found dead in a small creek below a steep bank in a large open land pasture. Wolf depredation was suspected. ODFW was notified on 5/22/18 and investigated the same day. The carcass was mostly intact except scavenging at the anus, pelvis and the area around the udder. The estimated date of death was around 5/18/18. Embryonic tissues were located in the creek adjacent to the cow. Investigation of the scene discovered part of a hoof from a calf that was assumed to be hers, since no other cows were in the pasture.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** The cow carcass was examined and skinned. No bite-caused scrapes or premortem hemorrhage was found in the hide or underlying tissues. There was no evidence of predator attack found at the scene or on the cow carcass. There was no calf carcass to examine.

**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:** The mostly intact carcass was skinned and examined. There were no bite scrapes on the hide, and no bite-caused premortem hemorrhage or muscle tissue trauma to indicate predator attack. The cause of death is unknown, but there was no evidence it was wolf-related. There is no evidence at the scene or on the cow to suggest the calf mortality was wolf related.

