



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180525 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 5/25/2018

General Area: Big Sheep Creek – Private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 5/25/18 a hired hand was checking cattle and found a dead adult cow. Wolf depredation was suspected, so the livestock owner loaded the cow carcass in a pickup truck and hauled it to Joseph for examination by ODFW the same day. It was estimated that the cow died two days earlier on 5/23/18. There was no scavenging on the intact carcass. There were two vertical scrapes on the right flank of the cow.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. The carcass was examined and partly shaved; no premortem bite scrapes were found on the hide. The right flank was skinned, no hemorrhage was found in the muscle tissue or under the skin in relation to two scrapes on the flank.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No wolf sign was reported by the stockowner in the vicinity of where the carcass was found.

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 cow carcass and found no evidence of predation. The lack of any bite-related physical evidence on the intact cow is adequate to determine that the death of the cow was not wolf related.