



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDACTION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 180530 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 5/30/2018

General Area: Deadhorse Ridge – Private land

General situation and animal information: On 05/29/18 a stockowner was checking cattle and found a dead calf owned by a neighboring producer. The partially consumed dead calf was located the following day by a hired hand. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW examined the calf carcass the same day. Muscle tissue from the right and left flanks and upper hind legs was scavenged. It was estimated the calf died early on 5/29/18.

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 remains of the scavenged carcass and investigated the surrounding area and found no evidence of predation. The cause of calf's death is unknown. Too much of the hide and muscle tissue was missing from the hindquarters of the calf to make an "other" determination.