Investigation ID# 130603 Umatilla was confirmed by ODFW as a wolf caused depredation incident.

Area of incident: This depredation occurred within the home range of the Umatilla River Pack. The producer had been notified in 2012 and 2013 that his livestock were within an area of known wolf activity (AKWA) and non-lethal measures were recommended by ODFW to minimize wolf-livestock conflict. The livestock was lawfully present on private property leased by the livestock producer.

Unnatural Attractants: The landowner or lawful occupant of the land where the depredation occurred, had removed, treated or disposed of all intentionally placed or known and reasonably accessible unnatural attractants of potential wolf-livestock conflict at least seven days prior to the incident of depredation. The livestock producer had 4 sheep killed by wolves on 5/21/2013. ODFW removed the carcasses from the property on 5/21/2013 as part of the investigation. No other carcasses were known, observed or documented by ODFW. In the course of this investigation on 6/3/2013, ODFW personnel looked for any evidence of other carcasses or attractants on the property and none were observed or documented.

Non-lethal Measures: The animal was in a reasonably protectable situation. Prior to and on the day of the incident of depredation, the landowner or lawful occupant had been using at least one measure ODFW deems most appropriate from non-lethal deterrence measures identified pursuant to OAR 635-110-0010(T)(7)(b)(D) to protect calving operations, nursing cattle, sheep operations, or other reasonably protectable situations. The livestock producer had installed some electrified fladry prior to his 5/21/2013 depredation on 6 sheep. ODFW had completed the fladry installation on 5/22/2013. ODFW observed and documented that the fladry was still functioning on 6/3/2013.

This is the first confirmed depredation in this area after temporary rule OAR 635-110-0010(T) was adopted. This confirmed incident of depredation qualifies under OAR 635-110-0010(T)(8). This depredation qualifies until 12/2/2013.