



## QUALIFICATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 131104 Wallowa

Investigation ID# 131104 Wallowa was confirmed by ODFW as a wolf-caused depredation incident. This depredation occurred within an Area of Known Wolf Activity (AKWA), Snake River pack, posted on 7/8/2013. The depredation incident is believed to have occurred during the time period of 10/19-23/2013 and the depredated animal was lawfully present on a public lands (USFS) grazing allotment during that period. This is the second confirmed depredation incident within this AKWA, the first was confirmed on 10/15/2013. Following the first (10/15/2013) incident, ODFW developed and posted an Area of Depredating Wolves (ADW) and an Area-Specific Conflict Deterrence Plan (Deterrence Plan) on the ODFW wolf web page on 10/31/2013.

**Unnatural Attractants:** On 11/14/2013 the livestock producer provided a written statement that that he did not know of any carcasses or bone piles of any kind in this area. This is consistent with an earlier statement on 10/18/2013 by the same producer that he knew of no bone piles or disposal sites in the same area. Likewise, ODFW is not aware of any unnatural attractants in this area.

**Non-lethal Measures:** Following the 10/15/2013 depredation incident, and during the period the second depredation incident occurred, ODFW was in the process of designating an ADW and creating a Deterrence Plan. In this situation, Oregon Administrative Rule 635-110-0010(8)(b)(B) states that only one additional confirmed depredation may count as a qualifying depredation within an AKWA. The depredated animal was not in a reasonably protectable situation. Rather, it was in an open range situation on a large forest allotment pasture. Therefore the landowner or lawful occupant is not required to have been using at least one measure ODFW deems most appropriate from non-lethal deterrence measures identified pursuant to OAR 635-110-0010(8)(b)(B) to protect calving operations, nursing cattle, sheep operations, or other reasonably protectable situations.

**Qualification Status:** This confirmed incident of depredation qualifies under OAR 635-110-0010(8).