



QUALIFICATION REPORT

Investigation ID: **140614 Umatilla**

Investigation **ID# 140614 Umatilla** was confirmed by ODFW as a wolf-caused depredation incident. This depredation occurred within an Area of Depredating Wolves (ADW), Umatilla River Pack, posted on 2/20/2014. The depredation incident is believed to have occurred during the time period of 6/8-11/2014 and the depredated animal (adult cow) was lawfully present on private land. ODFW initially 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 7/2/2013. The Deterrence Plan was revised on 9/20/2013.

Unnatural Attractants: ODFW did not observe any attractants during the investigation of this cow, though the pasture (est. 200 acres) was not observed in its entirety. On June 19, 2014 the owner of the depredated cow stated that he had not seen or been aware of any type of attractants in the pasture at any time prior to the depredation incident.

Non-lethal Measures: The pasture has a heavy fir dominated forest cover. Perimeter fence is 3 and 4 strand barbed wire. One short side of the pasture is bordered by a major public road. The owner of the cow was aware that the pasture was within an ADW and that wolves were in the area. To help minimize risk, he selected 22 bred fall-calving cows that had already had their calves weaned off to be placed specifically in this pasture. Doing so would keep from having calves in the pasture which the producer felt was an unreasonable risk. Adjusting/changing herd structure to help avoid wolf-livestock conflict is identified in the Deterrence Plan as an acceptable livestock management measure and is encouraged. It is notable that the Umatilla River wolves have frequented this area regularly in the past without cattle depredation, and the depredated cow in this incident was clearly observed to be the smallest of the group.

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