



QUALIFICATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 140918 Wallowa

Investigation ID# **140918 Wallowa** was confirmed by ODFW as a wolf-caused depredation incident. The depredation occurred within an Area of Depredating Wolves (ADW) posted on 2/4/2014 for the Imnaha Pack. The livestock (dead calf) was lawfully present on public land and was in an open range (i.e., dispersed grazing) situation. The depredation incident was estimated to have occurred between 9/16 and 9/17/2014.

Unnatural Attractants: In a written statement given to ODFW on 9/18/2014 the producer stated that the area had been checked daily by a hired rider over the 7 days up to the incident and that no carcasses or bone piles were in the area.

Non-lethal Measures: In addition, for a depredation to qualify within an ADW, prior to and on the day of the incident of depredation the landowner or lawful occupant is required to be implementing at least one non-lethal measure identified in the Imnaha Pack Conflict Deterrence Plan (dated 11/14/2013) developed under OAR 635-110-0010(7)(d)(B) that is specific to the location, type of livestock operation, time of the year, and/or period of livestock production associated with the depredation. The conflict deterrence plan measure implemented by a landowner or lawful occupant must address wolf-livestock conflict in open range situations when that situation exists.

The depredated calf was in a large National Forest allotment pasture. In a written statement given to ODFW on 9/18/2014 the producer stated that his hired rider had been camped in the general area (about 1.5 miles away), and in response to text notifications of wolf presence in the area, had been riding the Skookum Creek area daily checking cattle and looking for wolf sign.

In this situation human presence was the non-lethal measure used, and it occurred at a proximate time prior to and in an area proximate (i.e., daily riding the cattle specifically in the Skookum Creek area) to where the depredation happened as required by OAR 635-110-0010(8)(c). In addition the producer indicated that the increase in riding this specific area was in response to wolf location information (i.e., text notifications given by ODFW). Based on the information available, ODFW determines that the human presence indicated could reasonably be expected to deter wolf-livestock conflict under the circumstances.

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

for the last 7 days we
have rode skvcom sheep
daily. looking for wolf
sign of ~~stuffed~~ cattle.
Using human presents for
unleathered measures, there has
been no carcasses of Bow
Bills about. got my cowboy
camped about 1.5 ^{miles} away
the way crow flies from site.
Had been getting text that
the wolves were in area.
So I had ^{looking}
more often for wolf sign -

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