



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160801 Union

Date Investigated: 8/1/2016

General Area: Catherine Creek – public land

General situation and animal information: A dead adult cow was found by a hunter on July 31, 2016 with suspected wolf tracks nearby. The livestock owner inspected the dead cow and the site on August 1, 2016; he suspected wolves and ODFW investigated the same day. The cow was estimated to have died between July 25th and 27th. The hide was intact except for an area behind the right shoulder that was cut away by a knife. All tissue on the rear half of the cow had been consumed by maggots and a small portion of the exposed shoulder had been scavenged.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. There was no sign of a chase, struggle or attack at the scene. Examination of the intact carcass revealed no bite marks, trauma or hemorrhaging associated with predation.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No wolf sign was found from the estimated time of death. Fresh tracks of two different wolves were confirmed near the carcass and GPS collar location data showed OR27 was at the site at 6:00am on July 31, 2016.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: There was no evidence of a predator attack at the scene or on the carcass. There was sign (tracks, scat, small, sharp teeth marks, feathers, bird feces) that coyotes and birds (ravens and vultures) scavenged the carcass. All marks were post-mortem indicating scavenging rather than predation.