



ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDAATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 160330 Wallowa

Date Investigated: 3/30/2016

General Area: Upper Swamp Creek area – private land.

General situation and animal information: Late on the morning of 3/30/2016 a stockowner observed a group of domestic sheep running in a rangeland pasture and a single sheep moving slower than the group. Closer observation found the single sheep to have multiple injuries. Wolf depredation was suspected and ODFW investigated shortly thereafter. The alive adult ram was examined and found to have fresh wounds.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Multiple fresh bite wounds were found inside both hind legs, on the back, left flank area, and over the right rib cage.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: The bite wounds were from large canine teeth with ¼ inch puncture holes, and paired tooth spacing greater than 1 5/8 inches apart. The size of the punctures and tooth spacing is similar to other wolf depredations. The location of the bite wounds are commonly observed attack points for wolves.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: The Imnaha pack has been using this area during the past several weeks, although collared pack members OR4 and OR39 were located approximately 16 miles southeast of the site at the time the incident occurred.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: ODFW confirmed 3 events of depredation by wolves approximately 2 miles south of this site on 3/9/2016 and 3/28/2016. A sheep was confirmed depredated in an adjacent pasture on 3/25/2016. All depredations were attributed to Imnaha Pack wolves.

Cause of death/injury:

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Summary: The size, location, and number of bite wounds are similar to those observed on other confirmed sheep depredations by wolves. This combined with reported sheep behavior, recent wolf activity, and confirmed depredations in the immediate area are adequate to confirm this incident as a wolf depredation.