



## ODFW LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

Investigation ID: 171009 Union

**Date Investigated:** 10/9/17

**General Area:** Little Catherine Creek - private land

**General situation and animal information:** A dead calf, estimated 600-pound steer, was found on 10/9/17 by a livestock producer while flying to locate cattle for roundup from a large forested pasture. Wolves were seen at the site of the mostly consumed carcass and ODFW investigated the same day. The calf was estimated to have died early on 10/8/17.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** Running cow tracks to the place the calf died, premortem hemorrhaging, tissue trauma, bite scrapes and punctures to the lower right hind leg, left front elbow, chest, and neck were present. These are clear signs of attack by a predator.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** Trauma to the back of one hind and one front leg with bite marks consistent with wolf size and extensive trauma to the neck with corresponding punctures, scrapes and marks and consistent with wolves.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Numerous wolf tracks and scat at the location of the carcass. GPS collar location data of OR24 (Catherine Pack) at the location of the dead calf near the time of death.

**Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area:** None

**Cause of death/injury:**

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

**Summary:** There is sufficient evidence to confirm that the calf was attacked by wolves based on the premortem wounds in wolf-attack locations, and the size, number, and severity of bite scrapes. The death is confirmed as caused by one or more wolves of the Catherine Pack.