



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Investigation ID:** 121520-SIS

**Date Investigated:** 12/15/20

### **Cause of Death:**

- Confirmed Wolf
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
- Non-Depredation: 1 calf
- Unknown: 1 calf

**General Area:** Siskiyou County, private land

**General situation and animal information:** On 12/15/20 a livestock producer discovered two newly dead young calves that were mostly consumed. Because OR-85, a dispersing wolf from northeastern Oregon had been in the vicinity, the producer thought that it was possible that OR-85 killed the calves. CDFW was notified and inspected the carcasses that day. Each calf weighed approximately 60 pounds, and the carcasses were located approximately 200 yards apart.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** Only one carcass had enough remaining material to allow a thorough investigation. It showed no evidence of predation. The other carcass was too consumed to allow a thorough assessment of potential predation.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** On the night of 12/14 (the estimated time of death for the calves), OR-85 had one GPS location about 2.5 miles away from where the carcasses were found.

**Summary:** The organs and most of the muscle were consumed on both carcasses. While enough of the hide remained on one carcass to permit a thorough investigation, there was not enough hide or muscle for a thorough investigation of the second carcass. One calf died from causes other than predation, and the cause of death of the other calf was unknown.