



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.