LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 102521-SIS
Date Investigated: 10/25/21

Cause of Death:

- ☒ Confirmed Wolf – five injured calves
- ☐ Probable Wolf
- ☐ Possible Wolf
- ☐ Non-Wolf Depredation
- ☐ Non-Depredation
- ☐ Unknown

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land.

General situation and animal information: Five injured calves were discovered early October 25 and reported to Siskiyou County and CDFW. CDFW and Siskiyou County personnel examined the calves the same day.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: All five calves had significant bite injures to their left rear leg that were consistent with wolf attack. Wounds were swabbed for DNA and wolf OR103's DNA was detected on each animal. No DNA from other wolves was detected.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks were observed onsite, and OR103's satellite collar located him in the immediate area at 3 a.m. and 8 a.m. on October 23 and at midnight and 5 a.m. on October 25.

Summary: Wolf OR103 attacked and injured five 80–90-pound calves. One calf was attacked on October 23 and four were attacked on October 25. Two of the injured calves were euthanized because of their injuries.

Figure 1: Injured calf due to wolf depredation