



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

**Investigation ID:** 102621-SIS

**Date Investigated:** 10/26/21

### Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
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- Unknown

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

**General situation and animal information:** While investigating recent clustered locations from OR85's (part of the Whaleback pack) satellite collar, two livestock producers and CDFW and Siskiyou County personnel found the remains of an approximately 700-pound yearling heifer.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** Though the vital organs and nearly all muscle had been consumed before the carcass was found, most of the hide remained available for investigation. No evidence of predation was observed. The hide showed no external bites or scrapes or evidence of subcutaneous hemorrhaging.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** The extent of consumption indicated that the animal had likely died prior to OR85's visits to the carcass on October 23-24.

**Summary:** The Whaleback pack had visited the carcass, but no sign of predation was observed, and the animal appeared to have died from other causes.