LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 110721-SIS

Date Investigated: 11/07/21

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land.

General situation and animal information: Six wolves were observed feeding on a calf carcass on the morning of November 7. CDFW was notified and investigated that afternoon. While most of the 90-100 lb. calf's vital organs had been consumed, much of the hide and muscle remained available for investigation. The carcass was fresh and the calf appeared to have died the previous night.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Bite marks and associated subcutaneous hemorrhage were found on the calf's right flank. These premortem wounds were clear evidence of predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Six wolves were observed at the calf carcass by ranch hands. Satellite tracking collar data indicated OR85 was in the vicinity of the depredation site on the night November 6 and the morning of November 7.

Summary: Premortem bite wounds, the presence of OR85 in the area the night the calf was killed, and the presence of the Whaleback Pack at the carcass soon after it was killed are sufficient to confirm this incident as a wolf depredation.