LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 110921-SIS

Date Investigated: 11/09/21

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: An approximately 80-90 lb. calf with open wounds on its left and right hindquarters was found by a livestock producer on November 9. CDFW was notified and investigated that day. The wounds were several days old when discovered.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The calf had a large open bite wound on its rear left leg above the hock. Significant muscle had been removed from the leg in that location. The calf had another bite wound on its right thigh. Both wounds were in areas typically attacked by wolves.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: OR103's tracking collar indicated he was present in the area the calf was found from November 3 until November 6.

Summary: The nature and location of the wounds, the presence of OR103 in the area during the estimated time of injury, and the fact that he injured several other calves (and was strongly suspected of injuring a cow) in close spatial and temporal proximity by biting all on the rear legs (incidents 102521-SIS, 110521-SIS, 110721-SIS-2, 111021-SIS) are sufficient to confirm this injury as a wolf depredation.