LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 010822-SIS
Date Investigated: 1/8/22
Cause of Death:

☐ Confirmed Wolf
☐ Probable Wolf
☐ Possible Wolf
☐ Non-Wolf Depredation
☒ Non-Depredation – 3 calves
☐ Unknown

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County

General situation and animal information: On the morning of January 8, a rancher discovered two 100 lb. calf carcasses. One calf likely died the previous night and the other the likely died the night before that. Both were largely consumed, but most of the hides remained which allowed a thorough assessment. Later that day the rancher found an additional carcass of a small calf. It likely died the previous night and was largely consumed but most of its hide also remained. All three carcasses were investigated that day.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: None.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None.

Summary: The first two calf carcasses had no external bite scrapes or punctures and no subcutaneous hemorrhage, and therefore had not been depredated. The third calf also had no external marks or subcutaneous hemorrhage. It also had portions of its hoof capsules remaining indicating that it had not walked, and therefore had been stillborn or died very soon after birth.