California Department of Fish and Wildlife



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 012222-SIS Date Investigated: 1/22/22	
Cause of Death:	
☐ Confirmed Wolf	
☐ Probable Wolf	
☐ Possible Wolf	
☐ Non-Wolf Depredation	
☑ Non-Depredation – 2 calves	
☑ Unknown – 1 calf	

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land.

General situation and animal information: A cattle producer found the carcasses of three approximately 75 lb. calves in various pastures on the morning of January 22. CDFW was able to investigate the carcasses that afternoon. All three animals appeared to have died within the prior two days.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: No evidence of predation was found.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: There was no evidence of wolf presence around the estimated time of death of the calves.

Summary: The organs and muscles of the first calf were nearly fully consumed. There was insufficient carcass to make a predation determination and the cause of death is considered Unknown. The organs and muscles of the second calf were nearly fully consumed and but sufficient hide remained to allow a determination that the animal was not attacked by a predator. The third carcass was nearly intact. There was no evidence it had been attacked by a predator, and it appeared to have been stillborn.