LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 050122-SIS

Date Investigated: 5/1/22

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: A cattle producer found a 375 lb. calf carcass on the morning of May 1 and suspected wolf depredation. The calf had died the night before. The carcass was investigated by a Siskiyou County Wildlife Specialist and the county Wolf Liaison that afternoon.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There were tooth scrapes and punctures with associated subcutaneous hemorrhage neck, front legs, and hips. Those locations and the size of the scrapes and punctures were consistent with wolf attack. Evidence of a chase, struggle and kill scene was observed.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Three wolves were seen at the carcass on the morning of May 1, and wolf tracks were found near the carcass. GPS collar locations showed wolf OR85 at the carcass at 10:00 p.m. April 30.

Summary: Evidence indicated the calf was killed by wolves late on April 30 or early on May 1.