LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 050222-SIS
Date Investigated: 5/2/22

Cause of Death:

☐ Confirmed Wolf
☐ Probable Wolf
☐ Possible Wolf
☒ Non-Wolf Depredation (coyote)
☐ Non-Depredation
☐ Unknown

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land.

General situation and animal information: A cattle producer found a sheep carcass on the morning of May 2 and suspected possible wolf depredation. The sheep died the night before. The carcass was investigated by a Siskiyou County Wildlife Specialist that morning.

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

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Satellite collar data indicated wolf OR103 was nearby the area at 4:00 a.m. that morning.

Summary: Small teeth marks and associated subcutaneous hemorrhage were located on the sheep’s throat, indicating the animal had been predated. The location and size of the teeth marks were consistent with coyote predation.