California Department of Fish and Wildlife



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 052922-SIS

Date Investigated: 5/29/22

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: On May 29, a cattle producer found a 175 lb. calf carcass after investigating an agitated cow. The carcass was investigated by Siskiyou County Wildlife Specialists that afternoon. The calf had died the night before, and enough of the carcass remained in sufficient condition to allow for a thorough investigation.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There were tooth scrapes and punctures with associated hemorrhage on all four legs, on top of the hips, and neck. Bites to those areas and the size of the scrapes and punctures are consistent with wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: OR85's GPS collar was located near the site at 2:00 a.m. on May 29. Wolf tracks were observed around the carcass.

Summary: Evidence indicated the calf was killed by wolves sometime in the early morning hours of 5/29.

