



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 090322-SIS

Date Investigated: 9/3/22

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 the morning of September 3, a member of the public informed CDFW of a wolf feeding on a cattle carcass. CDFW notified the producer, who checked the carcass and suspected it might have been killed by wolves. CDFW investigated the carcass that day. The yearling was estimated to have died the previous night, and the carcass was in sufficient condition to allow a thorough investigation.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The carcass had large external tooth rakes matched with muscle hemorrhage on all 4 legs and both flanks. The wound locations and sizes were consistent with injuries to cattle attacked by wolves.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: OR85's VHF signals were in the general area (e.g., within about 2 miles) of the carcass that morning. Wolf tracks were present near the carcass.

Summary: Evidence indicated the yearling was killed by wolves sometime the previous night.

