



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 102322-SIS

Date Investigated: 10/23/22

Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
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- Unknown

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land, Whaleback pack area

General situation and animal information: After two previous attacks on October 18 and 21, two producers had been on night watch to guard cattle from additional wolf attacks beginning at 03:00 on the morning of October 23. Around 04:20 they chased off nine wolves circling a cow and calf. The calf was bedded and appeared to be okay but was found dead later during the day. Siskiyou County wildlife specialists investigated the carcass that morning. 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 the flanks, back and all four legs. The wound locations and sizes were consistent with wolf predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks were present near the carcass.

Summary: Evidence indicated the calf was killed by wolves early in the morning of October 23.

