## **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 110922-SIS

Date Investigated: 11/09/22

**Cause of Death:** 

$\bowtie$	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**: Ranch personnel discovered a wolf leaving a 650 lb. calf carcass on the morning of November 9. The ranch also reported that, on the previous day, that a herd of weaned calves had run through a fence. CDFW and Siskiyou County wildlife specialists investigated the carcass that afternoon. 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 associated muscle hemorrhage on both front legs, the right back leg, the groin, chest, and the throat. The wound locations and sizes were consistent with wolf attack.

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

Summary: Evidence indicated the calf was killed by wolves early in the morning of November 9.

