



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 112722-SIS

Date Investigated: 11/27/22

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Siskiyou County, private property, Whaleback pack area

General situation and animal information: On the morning of November 27, a cattle producer found a 70 lb. mortally injured calf and thought it was caused by wolves. Much of the calf's rear was consumed, and the calf was reported to still be moving when first found. CDFW and Siskiyou County wildlife specialists investigated the carcass later that day.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There was no evidence of wolf predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None.

Summary: Most of the hind end of the calf had been consumed. The amount of blood indicated bleeding of a live animal and therefore the calf was attacked. However, all evidence of attack wounds were consumed. No predator tracks or scat were found at the scene, but one fresh coyote track was found about 100 yards away. The carcass was swabbed for DNA, and hair left on the ground during feeding were collected. All samples resulted in DNA of a single male coyote.