



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 113022-SIS

Date Investigated: 11/30/22

Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation – domestic dog
- Non-Depredation
- Unknown

General Area: Southern Siskiyou County, private property, non-known wolf area

General situation and animal information: On November 30, ranch employees reported to have hazed three large canids that may have been wolves from a feedlot and found an injured 650 lb. steer. A Siskiyou County wildlife specialist investigated the carcass the same day.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There was no evidence of wolf predation, however the pattern of attack was consistent with domestic dog which was verified by DNA

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: There was no verified sign of wolf presence.

Summary: The steer had extensive bites to both ears and under jaw. The wounds were swabbed for genetic tests that yielded domestic dog DNA. The location, nature of attack, and DNA indicate a minimum of two dogs, at least one of which was a male, had attacked the steer.

