California Department of Fish and Wildlife



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 121422-SIS

Date Investigated: 12/14/22

Cause of Death:

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

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

General situation and animal information: On the morning of December 14, a cattle producer found a dead 120 lb. calf that was killed overnight and thought it could have been killed by wolves. Siskiyou County wildlife specialists and CDFW investigated the carcass that day. The carcass was significantly consumed, but enough hide remained for a thorough investigation.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There was no evidence of wolf predation, however, the calf had injuries that were consistent with coyote attack.

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

Summary: The size and location of bite marks were consistent with coyote attack.