



**LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION**

**Investigation ID:** 122922-SIS-3

**Date Investigated:** 12/29/22

**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:** A rancher discovered the carcass of a 150 lb. calf on the morning of December 27. He did not immediately suspect predation until a few days later after another calf was confirmed to have been killed by wolves on the 29<sup>th</sup>. CDFW and Siskiyou County staff investigated the carcass on the 29<sup>th</sup>. The carcass was largely consumed, but enough hide remained for a sufficient but not thorough investigation.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** The hemorrhaging and attack patterns indicated that the calf had died of a predator attack. The size and pattern were suggestive to have been caused by a wolf but there was not enough evidence to confirm.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Wolf tracks were found in the vicinity of the attack site.

**Summary:** Evidence indicated that the calf was probably killed by wolves in the early morning of December 27.

