



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 123122-SIS

Date Investigated: 12/31/2022

Cause of Death:

- ☒ Confirmed Wolf
- ☐ Probable Wolf
- ☐ Possible Wolf
- ☐ Non-Wolf Depredation
- ☐ Non-Depredation
- ☐ Unknown

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

General situation and animal information: CDFW was notified on December 31 that a rancher had discovered an injured 200 lb. calf several days prior. CDFW and Siskiyou County staff investigated the calf on the 31st. The calf had two large, deep wounds on the back of the left leg, and a tail with the end missing. The calf could not be captured that day for a close examination but could be examined relatively well with zoomed optics. The calf was captured the next day and wounds were documented during veterinarian treatment. Both instances allowed for a sufficient investigation.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The size and location of the wounds and the surrounding teeth marks were consistent with wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No evidence of presence was observed; however, the attack occurred several days earlier in a pasture since well trampled by cattle. This pasture is within the regular winter range use of the Whaleback pack.

Summary: Evidence indicated that the calf was injured by wolves around December 26.

