California Department of Fish and Wildlife



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 010323-SIS

Date Investigated: 1/3/23

Cause of Death:

- ☐ Confirmed Wolf
- ☑ Probable Wolf
- ☐ Possible Wolf
- $\hfill\square$ Non-Wolf Depredation
- ☐ Non-Depredation
- ☐ Unknown

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

General situation and animal information: Ranch personnel discovered a 90 lb. injured calf on January 3. The calf could not be captured for close examination. The injury appeared to have been caused two or three nights earlier.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The appearance of the wound is similar to a previously confirmed wolf injured calf on the same ranch.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Presence at the time of injury cannot be ascertained because the injury occurred days earlier in a large pasture. Wolf presence is routine in this pasture during the winter.

Summary: Photo evidence and in context of a similar previously confirmed wolf injured calf, indicate that the calf was probably injured by wolves. In most cases, it is difficult to make a determination of confirmed with only photographic evidence. Though the wounds were significant, the calf is expected to live

