LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 010623-SIS-1

Date Investigated: 1/6/23

Cause of Death:

☑ Confirmed Wolf - 1 killed calf, 1 injured calf
☐ Probable Wolf
☐ Possible Wolf
☐ Non-Wolf Depredation
☐ Non-Depredation
☐ Unknown

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land, eleven miles outside of the Whaleback pack area

General situation and animal information: Ranch personnel discovered a 550 lb. calf carcass, and a 550 lb. injured calf on the morning of January 6. CDFW investigated both that same day. Both events occurred the previous night. The carcass was mostly consumed, but enough muscle and hide remained to allow for a thorough investigation. The injured calf had a portion of its tail ripped off.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There were teeth marks the size and location on the carcass that are consistent with wolf depredation. A docked tail is consistent with wolf depredation and the edge had wolf DNA.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks were present and wolf DNA consistent with the Whaleback pack.

Summary: Evidence indicated that a calf was killed, and a calf was injured by wolves sometime the previous night.