



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

**Investigation ID:** 011923-SIS

**Date Investigated:** 1/19/23

### Cause of Death:

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

**General Area:** Eastern Siskiyou County, private land, 27 miles outside the normal Whaleback pack area

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of January 19, a rancher watching from his house saw six wolves chasing his cattle in the distance. Later he discovered a dead adult cow with a large amount of blood on the ground at the same location. CDFW investigated the carcass that same day. The carcass had not been fed on, and therefore was in sufficient condition to allow a thorough investigation.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** The size and location of the bite marks were consistent with wolf attack.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Wolf tracks at the carcass and general vicinity were abundant.

**Summary:** Evidence indicated that the calf was killed by wolves on the morning of January 19. DNA was consistent with the Whaleback pack.

