



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

**Investigation ID:** 031523-SIS-1

**Date Investigated:** 3/15/23

### Cause of Death:

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

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

**General situation and animal information:** Ranch personnel discovered a 200 lb. injured calf late in the day on March 14. CDFW and Siskiyou County personnel investigated it the next day. The extent of the injuries appeared to be caused by a coyote. However, the calf died the next day and therefore made the opportunity of a full necropsy. The necropsy revealed the size of the teeth and the extent of the damage was more significant than could be observed superficially on the hide of this particular calf when it was alive.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** The tooth mark's size and location on the carcass were consistent with wolf attack.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Wolf DNA was recovered from the bite wounds of the calf. Wolf tracks were observed in the general area two days after the calf died. Since the calf was injured the exact time of the injury is not known.

**Summary:** Evidence indicated that the calf was injured by wolves sometime during the two nights previous to March 15.

