



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

**Investigation ID:** 031523-SIS-2

**Date Investigated:** 03/15/2023

### 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 pack area

**General situation and animal information:** A rancher found a dead adult cow with a bobbed tail and a missing calf late in the day on March 14. CDFW and Siskiyou County wildlife personnel investigated the following day. There was minimal feeding on the carcass allowing for a thorough investigation.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** There was no evidence of wolf predation anywhere on the carcass including the bobbed tail. The bobbed tail was concluded to be caused by post mortem scavenging. CDFW personnel found the tail eight days later.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Wolf presence was not observed.

**Summary:** There was no evidence of wolf predation on the adult cow carcass. Since there is no other evidence, it cannot be ascertained what happened to the calf.