LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 031623-LAS

Date Investigated: 3/16/23

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Northern Lassen County, private land, Whaleback wolf pack area

General situation and animal information: A rancher discovered a 125 lb. injured calf on March 16. Siskiyou County personnel investigated it the next day.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The tooth marks 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. Older 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 before March 16.