## **California Department of Fish and Wildlife**



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 063023-SIS

Date Investigated: 6/30/23

Cause of Death:

- $\square$  Confirmed Wolf
- □ Probable Wolf
- ☐ Possible Wolf
- ☐ Non-Wolf Depredation
- ☐ Non-Depredation
- ☐ Unknown

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

**General situation and animal information**: Siskiyou County personnel investigated the carcass of an adult cow on June 30. The carcass had some significant decay that challenged a thorough investigation.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** There were areas of the carcass that appeared to possible evidence of hemorrhage and consistent with wolf attack, but decomposition of the portion of carcass that remained made it difficult fully ascertain.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury**: Whaleback breeding male (OR85) satellite collar locations and wolf tracks in vicinity of the carcass.

**Summary**: Evidence suggested that the cow may have been killed by wolves, but the advanced decay prevented a clearer determination.

