

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 090823-SIS

Date Investigated: 9/8/23

Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf – 1 dead yearling cattle
- Probable Wolf – 1 dead yearling cattle
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
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- Unknown

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

General situation and animal information: On the night of September 7, a producer was awakened to barking dogs and cattle running in a pasture near the house. The next morning it was discovered that cattle were run through a fence and there were two dead 650 lb. yearlings. One of the animals was a yearling that had been in a weakened state and was being treated. The scene was investigated on September 8 by Siskiyou County personnel.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: One carcass had bite marks and associated hemorrhage that is indicative of a wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks were present in the area.

Summary: Evidence indicated that one of the calves was attacked by wolves. The yearling that had been in a weakened state was found dead about 50 yards away. That yearling did not have classic evidence of wolf attack wounds, but due to its weakened health and in context of the confirmed predation event, the death of this yearling is assessed as a probable.

