

# LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 092023-SIS

Date Investigated: 9/20/23

### Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf – 1 dead adult cow
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
- Non-Depredation – 1 dead adult cow/calf
- Unknown

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

**General situation and animal information:** On the morning of September 20 there was a cluster of locations from OR85's satellite collar indicating that there may be a carcass at that location. The producers investigated the area and found a 1400 lb. cow. Another cow was found a half mile away, that had died while calving. Both were investigated by Siskiyou County personnel that day.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** The 1400 lb. cow had external bite marks with associated subcutaneous and musculature hemorrhage of the size and location indicative of 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 the 1<sup>st</sup> cow was killed by wolves. There was no evidence that the second cow that died while calving was killed by wolves.

