

# LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 111823-SIS-1

Date Investigated: 11/18/23

### Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf – 1 dead adult cow, 2 dead calves
- Probable Wolf
- 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:** The carcass of a young cow who had been in labor was discovered the morning of November 18 and investigated by Siskiyou County personnel the same day. A partial carcass of the calf was found in the area. During the investigation a live cow behaviorally gave indication that she was distraught and missing a calf. The behavior of the cow led investigators to a second calf carcass.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** The carcass of the cow and both calves 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 and OR85's satellite collar data showed presence at the site that morning.

**Summary:** Evidence indicated that the cow and both calves were killed by wolves.

