

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 123123-SIS

Date Investigated: 12/31/23

Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf – 1 dead calf, 1 injured calf
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
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- Unknown – 1 dead calf

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

General situation and animal information: Two calf carcasses and an injured calf were investigated on December 31 by Siskiyou County personnel. The calves were in different areas/pastures on the same ranch.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: One of the dead calves and the injured calf had external bite marks with associated subcutaneous and musculature hemorrhage of the size and location indicative of wolf attack. The second calf carcass had no evidence of wolf attack, but not enough carcass remained for a sufficient investigation.

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

Summary: Evidence indicated that the injured calf and one of the dead calves were attacked by wolves. Not enough carcass remained to make a determination of cause of death on the second carcass.

