

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 052124-SIS

Date Investigated: 5/21/24

Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf
- 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: A dead calf was located on May 21, and was investigated by Siskiyou County personnel the same day. The carcass had significant decomposition and was about half consumed.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The size and location of teeth marks were indicative of wolf attack, but because the carcass had been significantly consumed and decomposed, the marks could not be matched with associated hemorrhage.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf scat was present at the scene.

Summary: The carcass was in an advanced stage of decay and was about half consumed, which complicated the investigation and limited available evidence. However, the evidence that did remain indicated the calf's death was probably caused by wolves.

