

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 071024-SIS

Date Investigated: 7/10/24

Cause of Death:

- Confirmed Wolf (one calf)
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
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- Unknown (one calf)

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

General situation and animal information: Two dead calves were reported on July 10 and investigated the same day by Siskiyou County personnel.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Although most of the first calf carcass had been consumed, those parts that remained showed no physical evidence of predation. Most of the second calf carcass had also been consumed, but several premortem tooth scrapes with associated hemorrhage consistent with wolf predation were found on the neck.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Bite wounds consistent with wolf predation were found on one of the carcasses.

Summary: There remains of the first calf were insufficient to allow determination of its cause of death, which is therefore unknown. Evidence indicated the second calf was killed by wolves.

