

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 101824-SIS

Date Investigated: 10/18/24

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 cow was reported on October 18 and investigated the same day by Siskiyou County personnel.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Evidence of feeding by wolves, coyotes, and bears was found on the carcass but no evidence of premortem injuries. At the time of the investigation, approximately 60% of the carcass had already been scavenged.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: OR85's satellite collar was located at the carcass as were wolf tracks.

Summary: No evidence of predation was found, however because the majority of the carcass had already been consumed the cause of death is unknown.