

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 020925-MOD

Date Investigated: 2/9/25

Cause of Death/Injury:

- Confirmed Wolf
- Probable Wolf
- Possible Wolf
- Non-Wolf Depredation
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- Unknown

General Area: Eastern Modoc County, private property, not within a known wolf pack territory.

General situation and animal information: A dead calf was found and reported on February 9 and investigated the same day by USDA Wildlife Services. An injured horse was found on February 8 on the same property. The horse's wounds were bandaged at the time of investigation, but photographs of the wounds were provided by the owner.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The size and location of teeth marks and severity of associated tissue trauma on the calf were indicative of wolf attack. The injuries to the lower hind legs of the horse were not consistent with a predator attack.

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

Summary: Evidence indicated the calf was killed by a wolf or wolves. The cause of injury to the horse is unknown. DNA from multiple Whaleback pack yearlings were found on the calf, though the collared wolves in this pack remained in Siskiyou County.

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Calf investigation (left) and horse injury (right).