

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 030125-MOD

Date Investigated: 3/1/25

Cause of Death:

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

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

General situation and animal information: A dead calf was reported on March 1 and investigated the same day by USDA Wildlife Services.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The size and location of teeth marks and severity of associated tissue trauma were indicative of wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None.

Summary: Evidence indicated the cow was killed by a wolf or wolves. This depredation occurred on the same ranch as two separate confirmed depredation events in February. DNA collected at these depredations identified three young Whaleback pack male wolves. The collared breeding Whaleback wolves have remained in the historic pack area throughout this time period.

