

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 030725-SIS

Date Investigated: 3/7/25

Cause of Death/Injury:

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

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

General situation and animal information: A dead calf was reported on March 7 and investigated the same day by Siskiyou County staff.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Most of the calf had been consumed at the time of investigation; however, there were teeth marks and evidence of associated bruising on the underside of the hide.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Multiple radio collared Whaleback wolves were in the area around the estimated time of death.

Summary: Evidence indicated the calf was killed by a canid predator. While the remaining evidence on the carcass could not conclusively distinguish between wolves and coyotes, radio collared wolves were present around the estimated time of death and were implicated in a confirmed depredation of another calf on the same property on March 5. The determination is a probable wolf depredation.

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