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2026 CDFW WOLF-LIVESTOCK DEPREDATION INVESTIGATIONS AND DETERMINATIONS

This document summarizes livestock depredation investigations (LDIs) and determinations completed in 2026. It is updated periodically to include recent LDIs.

Livestock Depredation Investigations:

If a livestock owner (or owner's agent) discovers deceased or injured livestock and suspects wolf depredation, they may request a Livestock Depredation Investigation (LDI). CDFW staff, USDA Wildlife Services, and/or county agricultural staff (in some counties) will work together to respond to each investigation request. Investigations are conducted as soon as practical, to gather the most accurate information and evidence. Ideally, an investigation occurs within hours of the request.

The goal of LDIs is to determine the cause of the animal's injury or death. LDIs involve assessment of physical and circumstantial evidence. Trained investigators examine the carcass or injured animal and search for signs of an attack (e.g., premortem bites and tissue hemorrhage, evidence of a chase and struggle, etc.), as well as conditions potentially unrelated to predation, such as disease or prior injury. Investigators normally collect genetic evidence for analysis at the CDFW Wildlife Forensic Laboratory. Genetic evidence can establish the presence of certain species, and even certain individuals, at a carcass—but critically, such evidence does not determine cause of death. Evidence like animal tracks or scats can also help establish the presence of certain species at or near a carcass. Investigators document their observations on a mandatory field investigation form and take photographs as supportive evidence.

Determination:

***Disclaimer**: Wolf-livestock depredation investigations involve coordination among multiple agencies and personnel across the state. The information provided here reflects the Department's knowledge as of the date of this document and may be updated as new information becomes available.*

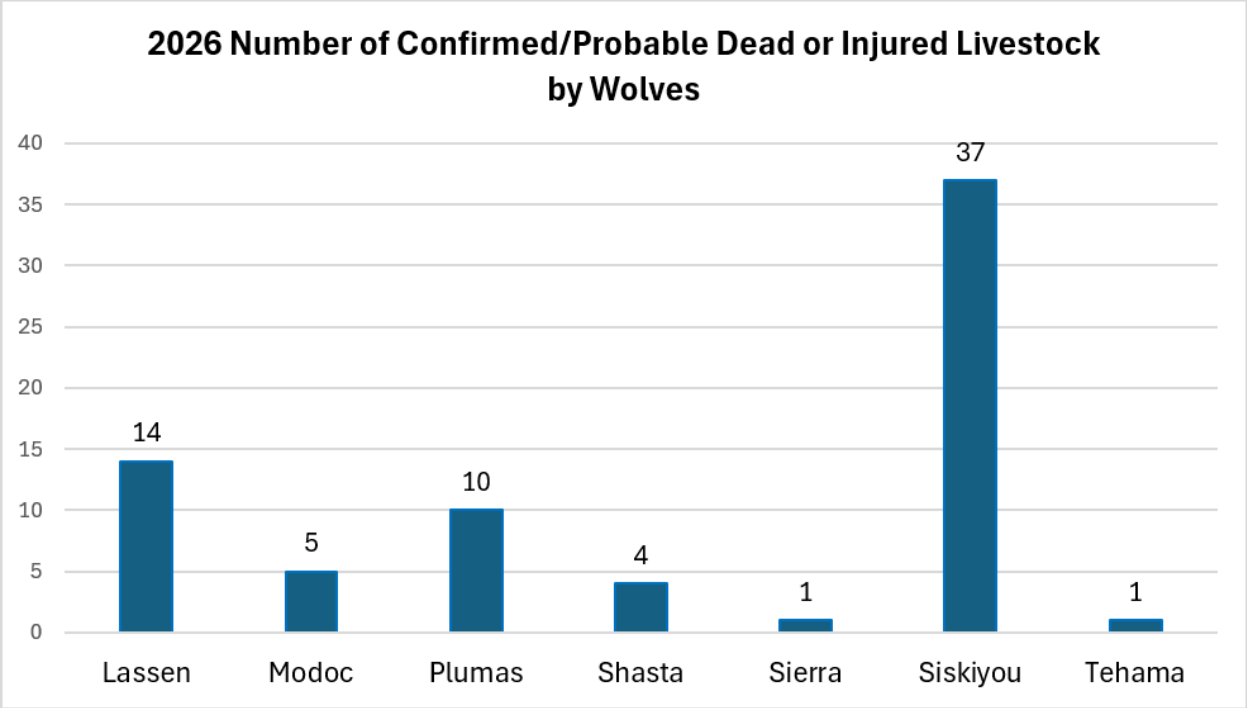
Based on the completed LDI, CDFW makes a final determination based on the evidence collected. The field investigation form and photographs are reviewed and CDFW staff communicate with the field investigators (if CDFW staff were not present at the investigation). Genetic evidence and GPS data from collared wolves are considered when available. Determinations are classified as either **Confirmed Wolf**, **Probable Wolf**, **Possible Wolf**, **Non-Wolf Depredation**, **Non-Depredation**, and **Unknown**. A description of each category can be found at: Considerations for Classification of Reported Wolf Depredation Incidents

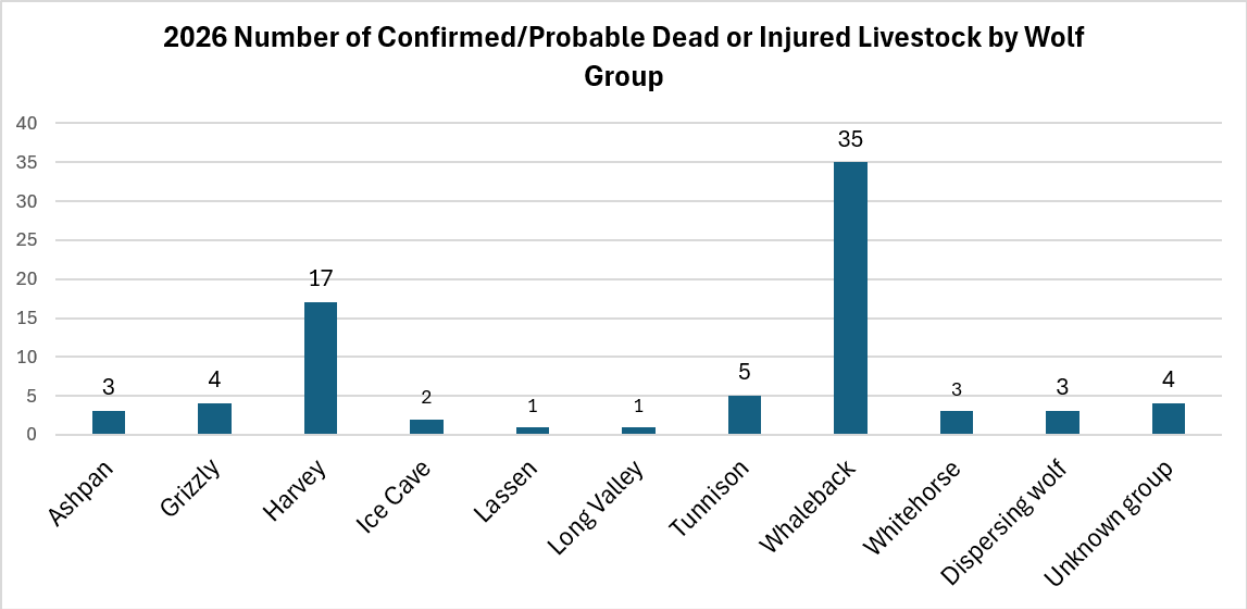
Educational Resources:

Information on livestock protection tools and how to minimize wolf presence: Tools for California Livestock Producers to Discourage Wolf Presence, Guidance for Suspected Wolf Depredation, and Wolf Legal Status *Livestock Protection Tools for California Ranchers (ucanr.edu)*

2026 Investigations

Total Investigations	Total Livestock Confirmed/Probable Killed or Injured by Wolves
137	72





2026 Investigations & Determinations

No.	Investigation ID	Determination	Location Information	Livestock Information
137	090926-LAS	- Probable - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Public	1 Dead Cow
136	090826-PLU	- Confirmed - Ice Cave pack	- Plumas - Northern Plumas - Public	1 Dead Cow
135	090626-LAS	- Non-Depredation	- Lassen - Southern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Cow
134	090526-LAS	- Non-Depredation	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Public	1 Dead Calf
133	090326-LAS	- Probable - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Southern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
132	090326-SIE	- *Pending* (1), Unknown (1)	- Sierra - Central Sierra - Private	1 Injured Calf, 1 Dead Calf
131	090226-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
130	090226-SIE	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Sierra - Central Sierra - Private	1 Injured Calf
129	083126-PLU	- Confirmed (2) - Grizzly pack	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Injured Calf, 1 Dead Calf
128	083026-SIE	- Unknown	- Sierra - Central Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
127	083026-LAS	- Non-Depredation	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Private	1 Dead Cow
126	082726-LAS	- Confirmed - Lassen pack	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
125	082726-TRI	- Non-Depredation	- Trinity - Western Trinity - Public	1 Dead Calf
124	082726-MOD	- Probable - Whitehorse pack	- Modoc - Western Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
123	082626-MOD	- Unknown	- Modoc - Central Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf

122	082126-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Heifer
121	082126-PLU	- Unknown	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
120	081826-PLU	- Possible	- Plumas - Plumas - Private	1 Injured Calf
119	081726-TEH	- Probable - Ice Cave pack	- Tehama - Tehama - Private	1 Dead Calf
118	081426-MOD	- Confirmed - Whitehorse pack	- Modoc - Western Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
117	081226-SIE	- Unknown	- Sierra - Central Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
116	081126-SIE	- Confirmed - Long Valley pack	- Sierra - Central Sierra - Private	1 Injured Calf
115	080826-PLU	- Unknown	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
114	080726-PLU	- Confirmed (2), Probable (1), Possible (1), Non-Wolf Depredation (1) - Unknown group	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	5 Injured Calves
113	080426-PLU	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
112	080226-SIE	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
111	080126-PLU	- Unknown	- Plumas - Southern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
110	073026-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Private - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
109	073026-MOD	- Probable - Whitehorse pack	- Modoc - Western Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
108	072926-SIS	- Unknown	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
107	072726-SIE	- Non-Depredation	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf

106	072026-SIS	- Possible	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Public	1 Dead Calf
105	072026-SHA	- Non-Depredation	- Shasta - Eastern Shasta - Private	1 Dead Cow
104	072026-SIE	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	2 Dead Calves
103	071626-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
102	070926-PLU	- Unknown	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
101	070626-MOD	- Unknown	- Modoc - Eastern Modoc - Public	1 Dead Steer
100	070326-SIE	- Unknown	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
99	070126-SIE	- Unknown	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
98	062826-SIS	- Unknown	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
97	062626-SIS	- Possible	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
96	062326-SIS-2	- Probable - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
95	062326-SIS-1	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
94	062326-SIE	- Non-Depredation	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
93	061726-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
92	061626-TUL	- Unknown	- Tulare - Eastern Tulare - Public	1 Dead Calf
91	061326-SIS	- Probable - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
90	060726-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou	1 Dead Calf

			- Private	
89	060426-LAS	- Unknown	- Lassen - Central Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
88	060326-LAS	- Confirmed - Tunnison pack	- Lassen - Central Lassen - Private	1 Injured Calf (Euthanized)
87	053126-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
86	053026-SIS	- Confirmed (2), Probable (1) - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	2 Dead Calves, 1 Injured Calf
85	052626-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Public	1 Dead Calf
84	052426-PLU	- Non-Depredation	- Plumas - Eastern Pumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
83	051826-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
82	051626-LAS	- Confirmed - Tunnison pack	- Lassen - Central Lassen - Private	1 Injured Calf (Euthanized)
81	051326-PLU	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
80	051226-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
79	050726-SIS	- Confirmed - Harvey pack, extraterritorial feeding	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Injured Heifer
78	050626-LAS	- Non-Depredation	- Lassen - Northern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
77	050526-SIS	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Lamb
76	050426-SHA	- Probable - Ashpan pack	- Shasta - Central Shasta - Private	1 Dead Cow
75	050326-SHA	- Probable - Unknown group	- Shasta - Eastern Shasta - Private	1 Dead Calf
74	050226-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf

73	050126-SIS-2	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
72	050126-SIS-1	- Confirmed - Harvey pack, extraterritorial feeding	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
71	043026-SIS	- Probable - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
70	042926-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
69	042726-SHA	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Shasta - Eastern Shasta - Private	1 Injured Calf
68	042526-SIS	- Non-Depredation (2)	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	2 Dead Calves
67	042426-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
66	042326-PLU	- Probable (1), Non-Depredation (1) - Grizzly pack	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	2 Dead Calves
65	042226-SIS	- Probable - Harvey Dispersing Wolves	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
64	042226-PLU	- Possible	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
63	042126-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
62	041826-SIS	- Confirmed (1), Possible (1) - Whaleback pack and Harvey pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	2 Dead Calves
61	041726-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Western Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Ewe
60	041626-LAS	- Confirmed - Harvey wolves - extraterritorial foraging	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
59	041526-SIS-2	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Siskiyou - Western Siskiyou - Private	4 Dead Ewes, 2 Dead Lambs
58	041526-SIS-1	- Probable (2), Unknown (1) - Whaleback pack and Harvey pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	2 Injured Calves, 1 Dead Calf

57	041426-SIS	- Confirmed (2), Probable (1) - Whaleback pack and Harvey pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Injured Calf, 2 Dead Calves
56	041326-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
55	041326-SHA	- Confirmed - Ashpan pack	- Shasta - Central Shasta - Private	1 Dead Calf
54	041026-PLU	- Unknown	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
53	040926-SIS	- Possible	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
52	040726-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
51	040626-SIS-2	- Probable (1) - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Injured Calf
50	040626-SIS-1	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
49	040126-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
48	033126-SIS-2	- Unknown	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou	1 Dead Calf
47	033126-SIS-1	- Confirmed (2) - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow, 1 Dead Calf
46	033026-SIS	- Confirmed (1), Probable (1) - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	2 Dead Calves
45	032426-SIS-2	- Non-Wolf Depredation (1), Non-Depredation (1)	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	2 Dead Calves
44	032426-SIS-1	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
43	032326-TEH	- Non-Depredation	- Tehama - Western Tehama - Private	1 Dead Steer
42	032226-SHA	- Possible	- Shasta - Central Shasta - Private	1 Dead Calf
41	032026-SIS	- Probable	- Siskiyou	1 Dead Calf

		- Whaleback pack	- Central Siskiyou - Private	
40	032026-BUT	- Unknown	- Butte - Western Butte - Private	1 Dead Cow
39	031926-LAS	- Probable (1), Unknown (1) - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Eastern Lassen - Private	2 Dead Calves
38	031726-LAS	- Probable - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Eastern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
37	031626-MOD	- Unknown	- Modoc - Eastern Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
36	031426-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
35	031226-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Cow
34	031226-LAS	- Confirmed - Tunnison pack	- Lassen - Southern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
33	031026-MOD	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Modoc - Eastern Modoc - Private	2 Dead Calves
32	031026-LAS	- Non-Depredation	- Lassen - Eastern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Cow
31	030926-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Central Siskiyou	1 Dead Calf
30	030626-PLU	- Possible	- Plumas - Eastern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
29	030226-MOD	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Modoc - Southern Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
28	030126-SIS	- Probable - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
27	022026-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Heifer
26	021726-SIS-2	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Injured Calf (Euthanized)
25	021726-SIS-1	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
24	021626-SIS	- Confirmed	- Siskiyou	1 Dead Calf

		- Whaleback pack	- Eastern Siskiyou - Private	
23	021526-SIS-2	- Probable - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
22	021526-SIS-1	- Non-Wolf Depredation (4)	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	3 Dead Alpacas, 1 Injured Alpaca (Euthanized)
21	021526-SHA	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Shasta - Western Shasta - Private	1 Dead Ewe
20	021426-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
19	021426-PLU	- Confirmed - Grizzly pack	- Plumas - Central Plumas - Private	1 Dead Calf
18	021026-LAS	- Non-Wolf Depredation	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
17	020926-MOD	- Confirmed - *Dispersing Wolf*	- Modoc - Western Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
16	020826-SIS	- Confirmed - Whaleback pack	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Heifer
15	020726-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
14	020626-SIE	- Unknown	- Sierra - Eastern Sierra - Private	1 Dead Calf
13	020426-PLU	- Confirmed - *Dispersing wolf*	- Plumas - Central Plumas - Public	1 Injured Yearling
12	012826-MOD	- Non-Depredation	- Modoc - Western Modoc - Private	1 Dead Cow
11	012626-SHA	- Confirmed - Ashpan pack	- Shasta - Eastern Shasta - Private	1 Dead Heifer
10	012426-PLU	- Confirmed - *Dispersing wolf*	- Plumas - Southern Plumas - Private	1 Dead Ewe
9	012226-LAS	- Confirmed - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Northern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
8	011926-SIS	- Non-Depredation	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou	1 Dead Calf

			- Private	
7	011726-SIS	- Non-Depredation (3)	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	3 Dead Calves
6	011326-LAS	- Confirmed - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Private	1 Dead Yearling
5	010726-LAS	- Confirmed - Harvey pack	- Lassen - Western Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf
4	010526-MOD	- Confirmed - Whaleback wolves - extraterritorial foraging	- Modoc - Southern Modoc - Private	1 Dead Steer
3	010326-SIS	- Possible	- Siskiyou - Eastern Siskiyou - Private	1 Dead Calf
2	010326-MOD	- Non-Depredation	- Modoc - Central Modoc - Private	1 Dead Calf
1	010126-LAS	- Confirmed (2) - Tunnison Pack	- Lassen - Southern Lassen - Private	1 Dead Calf & 1 Injured (Euthanized) Horse

Notes:

- *CDFW and Siskiyou County are working together to resolve ten pending depredation investigations related to the Whaleback pack as of the publication of this document.*

- *Livestock age-class nomenclature is determined by the investigator and may vary across investigations (e.g., heifer vs yearling)*