# California Department of Fish and Wildlife



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 011723-SIS

Date Investigated: 1/17/23

## Cause of Death:

- □ Confirmed Wolf
- $\Box$  Probable Wolf
- $\Box$  Possible Wolf
- ⊠ Non-Wolf Depredation
- □ Non-Depredation
- □ Unknown

General Area: Eastern Siskiyou County, private land, 11 miles outside of the normal Whaleback pack area.

**General situation and animal information**: Ranch personnel discovered the carcass of a 300 lb. miniature donkey they thought may have been killed by wolves. CDFW investigated the carcass the same day. The carcass was partially consumed, but enough muscle and hide remained to allow for a thorough investigation. There was some hemorrhaging at the throat that indicated the donkey was killed by a predator.

### Physical evidence of wolf predation: None.

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

**Summary**: The donkey had signs that it was killed by a predator, however there was no evidence of wolves present at the carcass. Coyote tracks were numerous throughout the carcass area.

