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Bear Paw Meats, LLC
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HATS Category VI: Electric Prod/Alternative Object Use

On 10/8/25, at approximately 13:55 hours I, the CSI, observed an establishment employee poised above a black bovine within the concrete chute trying to drive the bovine into the stun box. I observed the establishment employee triggered the battery-operated electrical prod approximately seven times on the bovine and kicked the animal approximately four times by the back area and hips. The animal was exhibiting distress by vocalizing repeatedly, moving side-to-side, and kicking. I also observed the establishment employee raise an orange rattle paddle above his head and shoulders and hit the animal several times in the hip and tail area. Immediately I stopped the process and took regulatory control and tagged the stun box with U.S. Reject tag NO. B45 884278. I notified the establishment management of the regulatory control action and the forthcoming noncompliance record.

The Denver District Management Team was notified through supervisory channels. There has not been a noncompliance record issued within the past 90 days for the same root cause. This establishment has not implemented a robust systematic approach to the humane handling of livestock. The establishment was provided with FSIS Directive 6900.2 Revision 3 as humane handling guidance in August and September of 2025.