

# LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Investigation ID:** 032319-PLU

**Date Investigated:** 3/23/19

**Cause of Death:**

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

**General Area:** Southern Plumas County, private property

**General situation and animal information:** On March 23, a livestock producer found a calf carcass he thought resembled two carcasses from the prior week that were confirmed wolf depredations. USDA Wildlife Services and CDFW investigated the carcass that day. The calf died sometime during the previous night.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** No evidence of a predator attack was observed. However, the carcass had been too consumed for a conclusive investigation. Determination of potential depredation was inconclusive because tissues at several common predator attack locations had already been removed from carcass.

**Evidence that the predator was a wolf:** N/A.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** No evidence of wolves, including satellite collar data, was observed at or near the investigation site during this event.

**Summary:** The carcass had been heavily fed-upon prior to the investigation, and no evidence of predatory attack was observed. The cause of the calf's death is unknown.