

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 062718-PLU

Date Investigated: 6/27/18

General area: Southern Plumas County, private land

General situation and animal information: A livestock producer found a dead calf along a drainage late on June 26. The producer suspected wolf depredation and contacted CDFW on June 27. CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services staff investigated the carcass that day.

The approximately 250 lb. calf was observed alive on June 25. By the time of the investigation, its organs and much of its muscle and hide had been consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No evidence of a predator attack was observed. However, because the carcass had been largely consumed prior to the investigation, a thorough investigation of all typical predator attack points was not possible. One hindquarter that was largely intact was closely examined for bite marks. None were found.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: There was no evidence of predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: There was no evidence of wolf presence in the area near the time the calf died.

Recent wolf depredation in the same or nearby area: None

Cause of death/injury:

Confirmed Wolf

Probable Wolf

Possible/Unknown

Other

Summary: The cause of death is unknown.