

# LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

## California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Investigation ID:** 070118-LAS

**Date Investigated:** 7/1/18

**General Area:** Western Lassen County, private land.

**General situation and animal information:** A livestock producer found a calf carcass on 7/1/18. The animal had died the previous night, and the producer suspected wolf depredation. -USDA Wildlife Services and CDFW staff investigated the carcass and its vicinity that same day.

Prior to the investigation, a portion of the approximately 130 lb. calf had been consumed by scavenging coyotes and birds. -However, enough of the carcass remained that investigators were able to conduct a thorough assessment of the potential for predation.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator:** There was no evidence of a predator attack. -No chase or kill scene was observed, and no bite marks or hemorrhage were observed on the carcass.

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

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** There was no evidence of wolf presence around the time of the calf's death.

**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 the calf's death was not predation.