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.