

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife



Investigation ID: 091219-PLU

Date Investigated: 09/12/2019

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Plumas County, public land

General situation and animal information: On September 12 a livestock producer reported a wolf attack on cattle, based on information from an eyewitness who took photographs of a wolf near a cow and newborn calf. A USDA-Wildlife Services Specialist investigated that day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No carcasses were found, and the cattle present had no sign of injury or attack.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: The WS specialist confirmed the animal photographed was a wolf. Additionally, OR-54's GPS tracking collar indicated she was near the subject newborn calf on September 12.

Summary: An eyewitness observed a wolf near a cow and her approximately two-hour-old calf. The cow reportedly kept the wolf away from the calf, and the wolf consumed part of the placenta, which was on the ground nearby. Ultimately, the eyewitness chased-off the wolf.