

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife



Investigation ID: 092119-LAS

Date Investigated: 9/21/19

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Western Lassen County, private land

General situation and animal information: On September 21 a livestock producer discovered a recently dead calf and notified USDA Wildlife Services (WS). A WS specialist and CDFW staff investigated the carcass that day.

The calf was estimated to have died within the previous two nights and was about 60% consumed prior to the investigation. Much of the front of the carcass was intact, while most of the rear portion and the vital organs had already been consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: No bite marks or subcutaneous hemorrhage were found on the remaining portion of the carcass.

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

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: No physical evidence (such as tracks) indicated wolves were in the area. The satellite collar data from LAS01F and LAS02F indicated they were approximately 7 miles away the night of September 20 and 15 miles away the night of September 19.

Summary: The cause of the calf's death is unknown, as too much of the carcass had been consumed to conclusively determine whether or not it had been predated. However, there was no evidence of predation on the portion of the carcass that remained, and there was no evidence of wolves at the site.