

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife



Investigation ID: 093019-PLU

Date Investigated: 09/30/2019

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Plumas County, private land

General situation and animal information: On September 30 a livestock producer reported a possible wolf predation on an approximately 500-pound calf. A USDA Wildlife Services specialist investigated that day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. The satellite collar for OR-54 was located approximately 20 miles away during estimated time of death (9/28-9/30).

Summary: The cause of the calf's death is unknown. The carcass was found in a steep, rocky crevice, and the rear legs, flank, back, and vital organs had been consumed. Coyote tracks were found near the carcass. Although there was subcutaneous hemorrhage around the neck, chest, and shoulder, there were no external scrapes, punctures, or tooth marks in the vicinity of the hemorrhage. The cause of the hemorrhage could therefore not be determined. One scapula was shattered.