



## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION California Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Investigation ID:** 031720-PLU

**Date Investigated:** 3/17/20

### **Cause of Death:**

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

**General Area:** Eastern Plumas County, private land

**General situation and animal information:** Early on the morning of March 17, a livestock producer observed a wolf near his cattle. Upon investigation, he found the carcass of a three-day old calf. He notified CDFW and a USDA Wildlife Services specialist investigated the carcass that day. The carcass was entirely intact which allowed for a thorough examination. There were no external or internal scrapes or tooth marks observed. However, hemorrhaging from blunt force trauma was observed on the lungs and chest cavity.

**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:** The producer saw an uncollared gray wolf in the vicinity of the carcass, and the investigating Wildlife Services specialist saw the tracks of a single wolf near the carcass.

**Summary:** The calf was not predated by a wolf or other carnivore and appeared to have died from blunt force trauma to the chest and lungs.