



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 061220 - LAS

Date Investigated: 6/12/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Lassen County, Private property

General situation and animal information: On June 12, CDFW notified a livestock producer of several wolf satellite collar location points from the previous night in a cow/calf pasture. The points suggested the potential presence of a carcass, and that morning CDFW and the producer confirmed the presence of a 300lb calf carcass that had been partially consumed.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None observed. No pre-mortem bite marks or subcutaneous hemorrhaging were found, and no chase or kill scene was observed.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Although satellite collar points indicated a collared wolf was present night of June 11, the degree of decomposition suggested the calf had died 1-2 days before the collared wolf arrived.

Summary: There was sufficient amount of the carcass present to conduct a thorough necropsy and no external or internal evidence of a predator attack was found. However, wolves found and began to scavenge on the carcass approximately 1-2 days after the calf had died.