

## LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 062120-LAS

Date Investigated: 06/21/2020

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Lassen County, private land

**General situation and animal information**: On June 21, CDFW staff found the largely consumed carcass of a two-year old cow while investigating clustered GPS locations from a satellite-collared wolf. CDFW notified the livestock owner and investigated the carcass that day. Based on the condition of the carcass, it was estimated to have died 2-4 days earlier.

**Physical evidence of attack by a predator**: None found. However, all organs and most muscle had been consumed by the time the carcass was discovered.

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

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: None. However, a satellite-collared wolf was near the carcass on June 20.

Summary: The carcass was too old and too little remained to determine whether it had been predated.