



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 081720-LAS

Date Investigated: 08/17/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Lassen County, private property

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 8/17 a livestock producer discovered the carcass of an adult cow on that was not present the day before. USDA Wildlife Services (WS) was contacted, and WS and CDFW investigated the carcass that day.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Bite marks with associated hemorrhage were observed on both front and both rear legs. Bite marks with hemorrhage were also observed between the cow's right front shoulder and ear.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: The locations of the bite marks and hemorrhage were typical of wolf attacks.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolves frequent the general area where the carcass was found. Wolf tracks were observed near the carcass, and wolves were heard howling nearby during the investigation.

Summary: The carcass was found in an area frequented by the Lassen Pack and the carcass had premortem bites injuries at locations typically attacked by wolves.

