



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 082320-LAS

Date Investigated: 08/23/20

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 8/23 a livestock producer observed three wolves (1 adult, two pups) in a pasture containing livestock. Upon closer examination he observed the wolves were at the carcass of an approximately 700-pound steer. USDA Wildlife Services (WS) was contacted, and WS and CDFW investigated the carcass that day. The investigators estimated the steer had died the previous night.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Bite marks with associated hemorrhage were observed on both the steer's rear legs and the right front leg. All muscle and hide on the left front leg had been consumed.

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: Satellite collar locations indicated a wolf was present at the carcass site at 2 AM and 6 AM on 8/23.

Summary: The carcass had premortem bite injuries at locations typically attacked by wolves, and at least one Lassen Pack wolf was present at the carcass near the time of its estimated death.

