

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 091520-LAS

Date Investigated: 9/15/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Lassen County, private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 9/15, employees of a cattle company were contacted by a member of the public who reported seeing wolves at a cow carcass. USDA Wildlife Services (WS) and CDFW were notified. WS investigated that morning and found a dead calf. Evidence indicated the calf had died the previous night.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: The carcass had external bite marks with associated subcutaneous and muscular hemorrhage in several locations. The hemorrhage indicated the bites occurred while the animal was alive.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: The bites and hemorrhage were located on all four legs and the neck, which are all typical of wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Three wolves including a collared wolf were observed at the carcass in the early daylight hours of 9/15. Satellite GPS locations indicated a collared wolf was at the carcass location at 2:00 a.m. and in the general area at 6:00 a.m. on 9/15.

Summary: The carcass had wounds consistent with a wolf attack and at least one Lassen pack wolf was in the immediate area near the estimated time of the calf's death.

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