LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 090520-PLU			
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Cause of Death	1:		
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General Area: Northern Plumas County, private land

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 9/05, CDFW contacted a producer to notify him of clustered GPS locations from a collared wolf that potentially indicated a carcass on a private grazing allotment. The producer located a 600-pound calf carcass, suspected wolf predation and followed up with CDFW. USDA Wildlife Services and CDFW were able to investigate the carcass that afternoon.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: Bite marks with associated hemorrhage were observed at the hocks of both rear legs and on the neck. Evidence of a struggle was indicated by disturbed vegetation and forest debris within 3 m of the carcass.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: <u>Locations of wounds were consistent with attack patterns of wolves.</u>

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Location points from a satellite-collared female wolf indicated she was approximately 2000 m from the carcass site early on the morning of 9/4 and very close to the carcass during the night of 9/4-9/5. Wolf tracks and scat were observed at the site.

Summary: A 600-pound calf was found dead 9/05 and appeared to have died the within the last two days. The subsequent investigation revealed antemortem wounds in locations consistent with typical wolf attack patterns.

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