



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 102220-LAS

Date Investigated: 10/22/20

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 10/22, CDFW contacted a rancher regarding clustered GPS locations from a Lassen pack wolf that potentially indicated a carcass on his property. The rancher investigated and reported a dead adult cow. CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services investigated the carcass that afternoon.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None. No bite marks or subcutaneous hemorrhage were found on the carcass.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: N/A

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: LAS09F collar locations indicated that she was near the carcass in the morning and evening of 10/21. Wolf tracks observed nearby.

Summary: Clustered satellite collar locations and communication with a local rancher led CDFW and Wildlife Services to investigate an adult cow carcass. The cow appeared to have died on the night of 10/20 and the carcass was largely intact at the time of the investigation. Although wolves had fed on the carcass, there was no evidence it had been killed by wolves or another predator.