



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 103120-LAS

Date Investigated: 10/31/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Lassen County, private grazing allotment

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 10/31, a producer found the carcasses of an adult cow and a newborn calf and suspected they had been killed by wolves during calving. The producer notified staff from CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services, who investigated the scene that morning.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Bite marks and scrapes from large canine teeth, with associated subcutaneous hemorrhage, were found at several locations on the cow carcass.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Lassen wolf LAS09F's GPS collar was located at the carcass at 6:00 a.m. that morning.

Summary: The cow carcass was still warm during the investigation, indicating it had recently died. Premortem bite marks and the presence of a wolf at the site near the approximate time of death indicate the cow was killed by wolves. The calf was fully consumed.

