LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION
California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 110720-LAS

Date Investigated: 11/7/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Lassen County, private grazing allotment

General situation and animal information: CDFW personnel observed birds feeding on the carcass of a young calf on the morning of 11/7. After notifying the livestock producer, CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services staff investigated the carcass later that morning.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: No bite marks, hemorrhage, or other evidence of predation was observed.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Although the calf was found in meadow frequented by Lassen pack wolves, there was no wolf sign at or near the carcass.

Summary: The calf appeared to have been stillborn. Its hoof capsules had not worn off, suggesting it had never walked.