

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 112420-LAS

Date Investigated: 11/24/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Lassen County, private grazing allotment

General situation and animal information: CDFW biologists found an adult cow carcass while investigating wolf GPS collar locations. CDFW contacted the livestock owner and, with the assistance of USDA Wildlife Services, investigated the carcass that day.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: None. No premortem bite marks were found.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: On the evening of 11/23 CDFW biologists heard wolves howling in the general area of the carcass, and GPS collar locations indicated LAS09F was near the carcass that night.

Summary: The nature of the cow's injuries indicated it was likely illegally shot and then scavenged by wolves and other animals.