LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 042822-LAS

Date Investigated: 4/28/22

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Lassen County, private timberland

General situation and animal information: On the morning of 4/28/22, a member of the public observed two wolves and a cow chasing each other. Assuming there was a calf carcass nearby, the person notified the livestock producer and CDFW. A USDA Wildlife Services specialist arrived and found the carcass of a 300 lb. calf that had recently died.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The carcass had tooth scrapes with associated subcutaneous and muscle hemorrhage on both hind legs and the left flank. The size of the bite marks and their location on the carcass were consistent with wolf predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Eyewitness observation of two wolves at the site, wolf tracks around the carcass, and GPS collar locations from wolf LAS09F in the vicinity that morning at 2:00 a.m.

Summary: Based on the nature and location of its wounds, the calf had been killed by wolves.