LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 050222-LAS

Date Investigated: 5/2/22

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 May 2, a cattle producer saw a black wolf in the general area of a 750 lb. yearling steer carcass and suspected wolf depredation. The yearling had died the night before. The carcass was investigated by USDA Wildlife Services that afternoon. During the previous night, a group of yearling steers were driven through three pastures from the pasture that they had originated. The yearling carcass was found two pastures from its originating pasture.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There were tooth scrapes and punctures with associated hemorrhage on both hind legs, the right flank, and the right front leg. Those areas and the size of the scrapes and punctures were consistent with wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: A wolf was seen near the carcass and wolf tracks present at the carcass. LAS09F's GPS collar was in the general area of the carcass on the night of May 1 and early morning of May 2.

Summary: A yearling was killed by wolves the night of May 1 or early May 2. It appeared that wolves had driven a group of yearlings from one pasture through two more pastures and killed one yearling on the way.