



**LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION**

**Investigation ID:** 121222-LAS

**Date Investigated:** 12/12/2022

**Cause of Death:**

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

**General Area:** Northern Lassen County, private land, outside of known wolf pack areas

**General situation and animal information:** A cattle producer found an injured adult cow on the morning of December 12 and thought that it could have been injured by wolves. CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services investigated that same day. The animal was euthanized and otherwise largely intact allowing for a thorough investigation.

**Physical evidence of wolf predation:** There was no physical evidence of wolf predation, however the cow had injuries from teeth the size of coyotes.

**Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury:** Snow tracking was excellent and there was no sign of wolf presence. However, there were coyote tracks throughout the scene and surrounding area.

**Summary:** Coyotes attacked and fed on the cow's back end causing extensive injuries. It appeared that the cow was likely unable to stand due to other unknown causes, and because of her compromised position, coyotes were able to attack and feed on her back end.

