

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 080524-PLU

Date Investigated: 08/05/24

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Eastern Plumas County, private property, Beyem Seyo pack area

General situation and animal information: A dead cow was discovered on August 5 by CDFW staff and was investigated the same day with USDA Wildlife Services.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There was no physical sign of predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Beyem Seyo pack GPS collar data from the night before alerted CDFW staff to the location. Wolf tracks were observed at the scene and post-mortem wolf bite marks were found on the carcass.

Summary: There was evidence that the cow could not get up for some time pre-mortem. Wolf bite marks found on the carcass did not have any associated hemorrhage, indicating they occurred post-mortem. The cause of death was non-predation, as there was no evidence of pre-mortem predation.

