

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 030425-TUL

Date Investigated: 03/04/25

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Central Tulare County, private property, Yowlumni pack area

General situation and animal information: On March 4, a deceased adult cow was observed by CDFW staff during a fixed wing population survey. The site was investigated the same day by CDFW and USDA Wildlife Services. The livestock producers indicated that the cow had received medical attention within the prior two weeks.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: The cow's musculature was largely intact, and no punctures or hemorrhaging were observed. However, a possible struggle site was located 15 yards from the carcass.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: YOW01F GPS collar data indicated presence at the site starting on March 1, and the VHF signal was detected from the site of the carcass.

Summary: Consumption of the adult cow's right hindquarters may have removed evidence of punctures or hemorrhaging.

