

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 030725-PLU

Date Investigated: 3/7/2025

Cause of Death/Injury:

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

General Area: Southern Plumas County, Private Property, potential Diamond pack area

General situation and animal information: At 0600 hours on March 7, 2025, the reporting party (RP) saw what they described as a wolf, flee a cattle feed yard. The RP described it as gray, but the low light levels made details difficult to see. After the RP made noise toward the animal, it moved north up into the sagebrush, stopped to look back, and then continued moving north. A calf was found dead in the cattle feed yard where the RP observed the fleeing animal. USDA and CDFW were notified at 0730 hours, responded on site at 0900 hours, and conducted the depredation investigation.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Bite marks with associated hemorrhage were found on the calf's neck and legs. The size and location of the bites were consistent with a wolf attack.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Wolf tracks in snow about 10m from carcass.

Summary: Evidence indicated that the calf was killed by wolves. The carcass was also sampled for genetics, and DNA from wolves LAS30M and LAS28F (2021 Lassen pack littermates) was found.

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