



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 031720-PLU

Date Investigated: 3/17/20

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Eastern Plumas County, private land

General situation and animal information: Early on the morning of March 17, a livestock producer observed a wolf near his cattle. Upon investigation, he found the carcass of a three-day old calf. He notified CDFW and a USDA Wildlife Services specialist investigated the carcass that day. The carcass was entirely intact which allowed for a thorough examination. There were no external or internal scrapes or tooth marks observed. However, hemorrhaging from blunt force trauma was observed on the lungs and chest cavity.

Physical evidence of attack by a predator: None.

Evidence that the predator was a wolf: None

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: The producer saw an uncollared gray wolf in the vicinity of the carcass, and the investigating Wildlife Services specialist saw the tracks of a single wolf near the carcass.

Summary: The calf was not predated by a wolf or other carnivore and appeared to have died from blunt force trauma to the chest and lungs.