

LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Investigation ID: 022324-MOD

Date Investigated: 2/23/24

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Southern Modoc County, private property

General situation and animal information: Two wolves were observed at a ranch on the morning of February 23. One of the wolves was feeding on a small calf carcass. The calf was known to be alive earlier the same morning. USDA Wildlife Services investigated later that same day, but the carcass had disappeared prior to Wildlife Services' arrival. DNA analysis determined one of the wolves was female wolf WHA09F.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: There was no carcass to examine for evidence.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: Two wolves were documented at the scene with pictures and videos on the morning the calf was found dead. Tracks and scat were also documented. A scat was collected for DNA analysis and was a positive detection for a female wolf from the Whaleback pack (WHA09F).

Summary: There was no carcass to investigate, and therefore the cause of death could not be determined.