California Department of Fish and Wildlife



LIVESTOCK LOSS DETERMINATION

Investigation ID: 073122-PLU

Date Investigated: 7/31/22

Cause of Death:

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

General Area: Northern Plumas County, private land

General situation and animal information: On July 31 CDFW and a cattle producer investigated clustered GPS locations from LASO9F's satellite collar. Partial remains of an approximately 250 lb. calf were found. The calf was estimated to have died 10 or more days before. CDFW had surveyed for wolves in the general area the preceding week but had not previously searched at the scale necessary to locate the remains of the small calf.

Physical evidence of wolf predation: Not enough of the carcass remained to assess evidence of predation.

Evidence of wolf presence near the time of the animal(s) death/injury: A cluster of GPS collar locations began forming at the site 10 days prior to the investigation.

Summary: The carcass was too consumed for investigators to determine if predation was the cause of the calf's death.