

RANGER RICK ADVENTURES

Stop the Burl Snatchers!

Part 2

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Ranger Rick, Scarlett, and Boomer are asleep in a California redwood forest when the sound of chainsaws wakes them. Two men want to steal a growth called a burl from a redwood tree. Boomer alerts park rangers by text. Then he distracts the men, while Rick and Scarlett try to hide their saws. But the men turn back.





Where did they go?

They've disappeared!



Wow—that was close!

Saved by a pond!



Those guys will be looking for their saws for a while.

Let's circle back to Boomer.



A few minutes later ...

There's the men's truck, and there's Boomer.



Rick, Scarlett—you're OK!

I was getting worried about you two!

So were we! But we got lucky, and here we are!



Boomer, did the rangers text you back?

Not yet, but I'm still hoping. Those two burly thieves have to be stopped!

We'd better not hang out at the scene of the crime. The thieves might come looking for us.



RANGER RICK'S FIELD NOTES

- Thieves steal redwood burls because they can sell them to people who make them into beautiful tables and other products.
- The park's redwoods are protected by law, but the burls are so valuable that some thieves are willing to risk getting caught.
- Park rangers need all the help they can get to catch people who steal burls, plants, and other living things from wild places. If you see someone who might be up to no good, let nearby rangers know right away!