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California State Parks asks for public help to find thieves who cut Redwood Burl

Park Rangers with California State Parks are asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect(s) involved in the recent cutting and theft of redwood burl wood from Humboldt Redwoods State Park.

The section of redwood burl affected is about 4' by 3' by 2' and was recently cut.

The redwood burl wood was poorly cut and would likely still be in multiple roughly block pieces.

Park Rangers were able to identify a suspect vehicle involved in this and other recent redwood thefts: a light colored Ford F-250 with no license plates and no tailgate occupied by two (2) people.



The park has experienced an increase in the illegal cutting and theft of old-growth coast redwood and burl in recent months.

Burl theft involves cutting of burls from both live and dead trees which often are sold to a third party and then finished as ornamental furniture, veneer, and souvenirs.

California State Park Rangers are committed to protecting our State's natural and cultural resources. We could use the community's help in identifying suspects who damage park resources and prey on park visitors. State Parks requests anyone with information regarding the identity of suspect in this case, or related criminal activity to contact Ranger Kuhnhofer at (707) 946-1818 or call the park's Tip Line at (707) 946-1816.



Photos: Photo of suspect vehicle occupied by two (2) people. Photo of burl cut from redwood tree.

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