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Oh, grizzlies are nothin'. We wolverines have other things to worry about.

WESTIN TELLS HIS NEW FRIENDS THAT LESS SNOW HAS BEEN FALLING IN WINTER, AND IT MELTS FASTER IN SPRING. THAT'S TROUBLE FOR MOTHER WOLVERINES, WHICH DIG DEEP BURROWS IN SNOW FOR RAISING BABIES. IF THE SNOW MELTS TOO SOON, PREDATORS CAN FIND THE DENS AND KILL THE LITTLE ONES.























MORE FACTS

- Wolverines live in some of the coldest, snowiest places on Earth. Most live in Canada, Alaska, and Russia. But fewer than 300 still live in the "lower 48" states—mostly in the highest parts of the Rocky Mountains.
- Rick's good news for Westin is that scientists are studying wolverines to learn more about what they need to survive.

 Others are trying to control global warming. And still others are trying to get the U.S. and state governments to do more to protect them.
- Wolverines can travel for hundreds of miles over deep snow to find the food they need.
 Their huge, flat feet act as snowshoes, keeping them from sinking in too far.
- Wolverines will eat almost anything they find, dead or alive.
 They're so fierce and powerful that they can bring down deer and other animals many times their size.

Ranger Rick #

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