

EXT. RANGER STATION

Cole films as Ranger TERRY SMITH, 20's, whips the door open.

TERRY

What can I do for you folks?

JAMES

My fiance, she's lost in the woods.

DANA

Something attacked our camp.

TERRY

What? Slow down, one at a time.

COLE (OS)

Something attacked our camp.

DANA

So we went to their camp.

JAMES

Then something hit ours and my fiance ran off into the woods.

TERRY

Oh shit, not again.

Terry disappears back inside, grabs a CB.

TERRY (OS)

Geiler, we got an attack at campsites

JAMES

11 and 12.

TERRY (OS)

11 and 12. We got a camper missing. Copy that.

Terry emerges from the building.

TERRY

Just sit tight, Ranger Geiler is coming.

<NEW SCENE>

Cole claps James on the shoulder. Gordon takes a step into the woods.

TERRY (OS)  
Hey.

Gordon turns, Terry stops a few feet away.

TERRY CONT'D  
Where you going?

GORDON  
Off the beaten path.

TERRY  
You're gonna get yourself eaten.

GORDON  
You know what I found at the campsites? The same thing I found in the ravine. And the creek bank. Nothing.

TERRY  
I don't understand.

GORDON  
What kind of bear leaves no tracks or scat?

TERRY  
A smart one?

Gordon eyes Terry, who shuffles uncomfortably and glances back at Whittaker.

TERRY Cont'd  
Geiler would have a kitten if you took off.

GORDON  
He'll never know I was gone.

TERRY  
It's your ass if he does.

Gordon disappears into the woods. Terry returns to the creek and Whittaker.