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Ranger Roll Call – *Region 2*

Interim Report & Challenge

Montezuma National Forest Rangers *(ca. 1937)*
Back row: Rangers Defler Kirkham, and Chappel.
Front row: Rangers Gilliam, Titus, and Emerson. Museum photo

"Montezuma National Forest was established as the Montezuma Forest Reserve by the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado on June 13, 1905 with 576,719 acres (2,333.90 km^2). It became a National Forest on March 4, 1907. On July 1, 1908 part of Ouray National Forest was added. On July 1, 1947 the entire forest was divided between San Juan National Forest and Uncompahgre National Forest and the name was discontinued." (Wikipedia, 2022)

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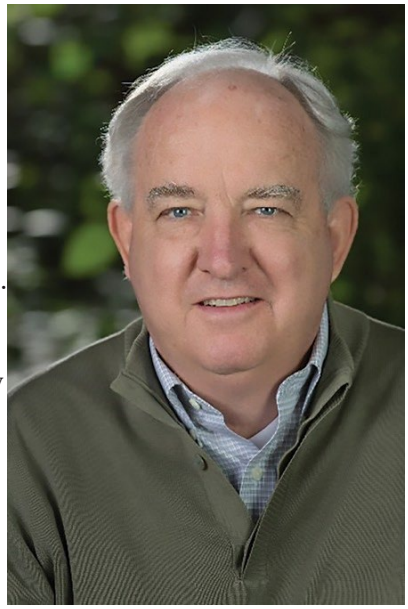
President's perspective… "The Rangers"



I am very pleased to present the Museum's *Ranger Roll Call Interim Report & Challenge for Region 2.* A BIG THANK YOU to all the Forest Service employees and Museum volunteers who helped us create historical records for 65 national forest & grassland units throughout the nation. Each record includes the names of nearly every ranger, the dates they served, and the names and dates of prior units that may have been combined and renamed over time. The Ranger Roll Call project began in August 2019 with my letter to every district ranger in the agency asking for this information. We welcome your review of this interim report for accuracy and also challenge you to help us complete these important records for the remaining units. We have expanded the project to include forest supervisors so would appreciate your help there as well.

In the report, please note the individuals we are recognizing for their invaluable assistance. We also want to recognize Dave Stack, our Vice President and full-time volunteer Historian & Curator, who created the template and finalized the PastPerfect records that are available online here: Advanced Search Results | National Museum of Forest Service History (pastperfectonline.com). These web pages also contain the records we have created of the station directors that served at all seven USFS research stations. The *Station Director Roll Call Interim Report & Challenge* has been completed and shared with the current station directors and the Deputy Chief for Research & Development. Many thanks also to the Museum volunteers and station employees who helped us create those records. The Museum's amazing collection of objects, photographs, documents, books, reports, and now these important records, boasts over 51,000 items, of which about 40,000 can be viewed online.

The Museum's mission – *sharing the rich history and story of America's conservation legacy* – encompasses the stories of so many people and their work, perhaps none more important than the rangers. The Museum focused on the rich history of the ranger in our summer 2020 newsletter, "The Rangers – They Broke New Ground." You can view all our newsletters here: https://forestservicemuseum.org/newsletters/.

The Museum is moving ever closer to completing the capital campaign for the Conservation Legacy Center (CLC), the flagship building on our Missoula campus. We are well along in the architectural design and engineering of the CLC, an exhibit in itself that will feature mass timber technology and other wood elements – a tribute to the Forest Products Laboratory and its long history in wood science, engineering, and innovation. The extensive use of wood in the CLC, a renewable resource, is also a tribute to so many of us that have devoted our careers to sound forest management. Moreover, we are developing the CLC's opening exhibition, and I can assure you it will feature the rich history and contributions of the ranger and the people on the districts who were and continue to be on the frontline of conservation.

And lastly, one big thank you to Andy Mason for his diligent and passionate commitment to this project. He has been instrumental in bringing this all together across the entire outfit.

Tom Thompson

Rocky Mountain Region (R-2) – Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming

On the following pages the Museum is pleased to share the ranger lists that have been created for these eight national forest/grassland units: Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forests and Pawnee National Grassland; Bighorn National Forest; Black Hills National Forest; Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests; Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland; Nebraska National Forest and Grasslands; Pike and San Isabel National Forests and Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands; and the White River National Forest. This would not have been possible without the invaluable assistance provided by:

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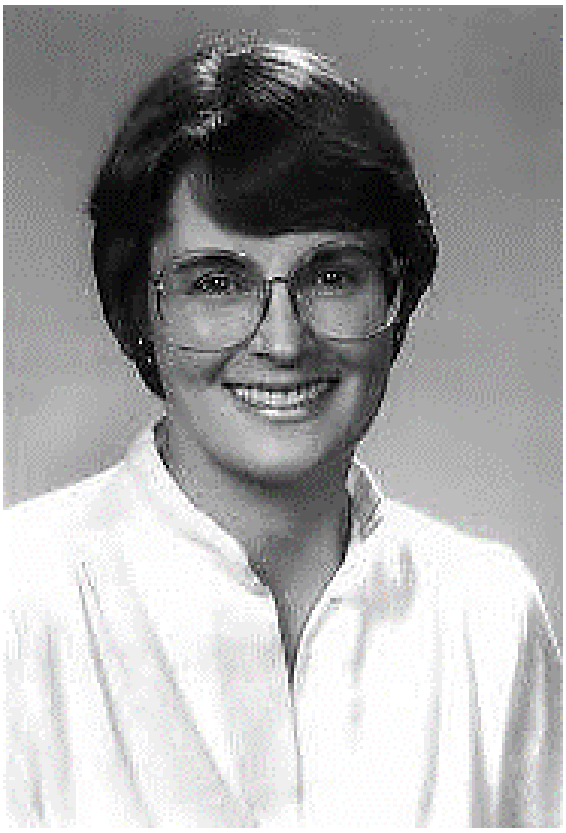
We welcome your review of these eight records for any additions or corrections. Before reviewing these records, we hope you enjoy these historic ranger photos, provided by Elaine Langstaff and the Museum. Further, we would appreciate your assistance with creating supervisor lists for these same units and with creating both ranger and supervisor lists for the Rio Grande, San Juan, and Shoshone. Please contact Dan Nolan, dnolan829@gmail.com.

William R. "Billy" Kreutzer, appointed America's first Ranger, Forest Reserves, 1898, on the Plum Creek Reserve in Colorado. Museum photo



Wendy Milner Herrett, first U.S. Forest Service woman Ranger, 1979, Blanco District, White River National Forest. USFS photo.

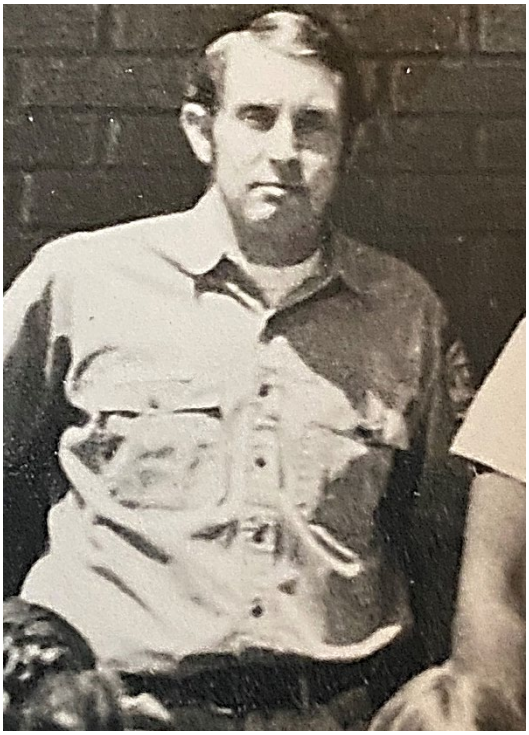
Ranger Meeting at Glenwood Springs, Colorado (1912)

Top Row: Ben Beaty, Ed Wehrly, Harry Halleck, William Baxter, Solon Ackley, W. I. Loring, Felix Reed, ____ Smith, Missing Name, ____ Clark, Harry French, Otis Wimmer, ___ Sobey, ____ Sobey, Frank Powell, William Huffman, John McLaren, and George Hutchins (18 names but 19 men)

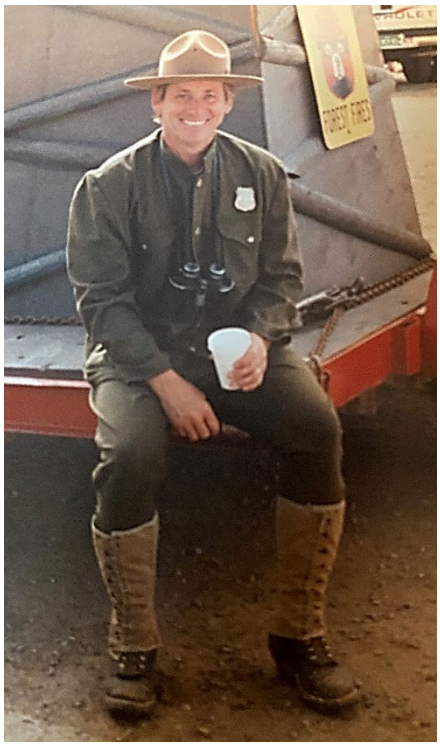
Bottom Row: M. O. Bradley, S. C. Swearingen, ____, Norman Ashlock, 2-3 missing men, Elmer Stephensen, _____, Fred Morrell, and Bill Gustafson (13 men and 7 names). Museum photo

Rangers beside Smokey Prevent Forest Fires Sign and Lookout *(1975)*
Pike National Forest, Colorado
(mainly rangers from R-2, but others from Regions 1, 5 and 8)

Front Row (L-R): Ronald J. Schmitt, Wendell J. Johnson, John A. Vance, Edward C. Carpenter, Will Showalter
Back Row (L-R): Paul D. Weingart, Gerald N. "Jerry" Patchen, Ed Engstrom, Edward J. Gryczan, Jess W. Smith, Dale Matlack, Richard F. "Dutch" Haussman. Museum photo



Rifle Ranger Pat Lynch, White River NF, 1975. Pboto from Elaine Langstaff



Rifle Ranger Terry Wood, White River NF, 1996. Photo from Elaine Langstaff

Arapaho and Roosevelt National Forest Ranger Roll Call
Pawnee National Grassland Ranger Roll Call

Arapaho National Forest

History – The Arapaho National Forest is located in central Colorado and spans more than 700,000 acres. It was established in July 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt from parts of the Medicine Bow, Pikes Peak, and Leadville National Forest. It was named after the Arapaho tribe that previously inhabited the area. Today, it is administratively combined with the Roosevelt National Forest and Pawnee National Grasslands. The forests are subdivided into four ranger districts: Boulder, Canyon Lakes, Clear Creek, and Sulphur.

Clear Creek District – Idaho Springs, CO

[This district was originally part of Pikes Peak Forest Reserve from 1905 to 1907, Pikes Peak N.F. in 1907, and Pike N.F. from 1908 to 1920 until it was incorporated into Arapaho N.F.]

W. B. Kelso	1920 – 1932
Edward F. Heaton	**1931** – 1935
Kenson J. Helmick	1935 – 1939
Wilfred S. Davis	1939 – 1942
Howard C. Lee	1942 – 1952
Henry Tiedemann	1952 – 1958
Raymond C. Urbom	1957 – 1964
Neil A. Edstrom	1964 – 1966
Richard G. Serino	1966 – 1973
Walter D. Werner	1973 – 1975
Louis J. Bertishofer	1975 – 1979
Terry Skorheim	1979 – 1981
Thomas J. Portice	1981 – 1984
Lawrence R. Lindner	1984 – 1992
Corey Wong	1992 – 2000
Daniel Lovato	2000 – 2013
Penny Wu	2013 – 2017
Scott Haas	2017 - 2021

Sulphur District – Granby, CO

Williams Fork District (1906 – 1929)

[Combined with Blue River R.D. in 1929 to form Kremmling R.D.]

James O. Buchholz	1906 – 1910
C. C. White	1909 – 1911
L. F. Buckholz	1910 – 1911
J. E. Wolfe	1910 – 1913
Phillip S. Parker	1911 – 1912
Bert A. Goodman	1913 – 1916
Lewis O. Davis	1914 – 1918
Paul F. Barker	1916 – 1917
John G. Brooks	1917 – 1917
James J. Ames	1918 – 1918

E. M. Davis	1918 – 1920
J. H. Williams, Jr.	1920 – 1921
Walter W. Wolf	1921 – 1924
Arthur E. Barnes	1924 – 1926
Durward O. Johnson	1926 – 1929

Blue River District (1920 – 1929)
[Combined with Williams Fork R.D. in 1929 to form Kremmling R.D.]

Stanley A. Mahan	1920 – 1923
S. F. Chappel	1923 – 1924
Joseph A. Gibbs	1924 – 1924
Ernest A. Foster, Jr.	1924 – 1926
E. W. Johnson	1926 – 1927
Charles R. Towne	1927 – 1929
Harry J. Smith	1928 – 1929

Fraser District (1920 – 1972)
[Consolidated with Sulphur R.D. in 1972.]

J. L. Glendening	1920 – 1921
Ralph Polhemus	1921 – 1923
Carl L. During	1923 – 1924
John F. Johnston	1924 – 1929
Charles E. Seymor	1929 – 1930
Durward O. Johnson	1930 – 1937
James G. Kaiser	1937 – 1942
Ralph C. Bryant	1942 – 1945
Henry Tiedemann	1945 – 1952
George M. Hardy	1952 – 1958
Robert F. Fisher	1958 – 1963
Henry G. Haalck	1963 – 1968
Walter D. Werner	1968 – 1972
Robert Joslin	1972 – 1972

North Park District (1920 – 1995)
[Part of Arapaho N.F. from 1920-1929 and Routt N.F. from 1929-1995

J. C. McCallister	1920 – 1921
A. E. Straub, Jr.	1924 – 1926
Carl A. Sward	1926 – 1927
Paul G. Lundell	1927 – 1929

Kremmling District (1929 - 1972)
[Created from Blue River R.D. and Williams Fork R.D. in 1929.]

Durwood O. Johnson	1929 – 1930
Charles W. Stavely	1930 – 1937
Morley F. Brandborg	1937 – 1940
Durward O. Johnson	1940 – 1956
George W. Siewert	1956 – 1962

Ralph G. Johnson	1963 – 1970
Paul H. Wachter	1971 – 1972

Middle Parks District (1972 – 1995)
[Kremmling R.D.'s name changed to Middle Parks R.D. around 1972.]

Robert Joslin	1972 – 1974
Berwyn L. Brown	1974 – 1978
Roger Corner	1978 – 1989
Paul Momper	1989 – 1995

Parks District (1995 - ?)
[Created from North Park R.D. and Middle Parks R.D. in 1995.]

Larry Ross	1995 – 2004
Chuck Oliver	2004 - ?
Mike Wright	? - ?

Sulphur District (1907 – Present)

J. A. McNamara	1907 – 1908
W. M. Thomas	1909 – 1916
Ray M. Bradshaw	1914 – 1915
Frank F. Poley	1914 – 1917
Frank L. Trickel	1917 – 1918
Harry J. King	1918 – 1919
Roy E. Wible	1919 – 1920
J. L. Glendening	1920 – 1924
A. E. Straub, Jr.	1924 – 1928
William L. Robb	1928 – 1929
Paul G. Lundell	1929 – 1931
William H. Pletcher	1931 – 1933
Leslie A. Sample	1933 – 1936
James G. Kaiser	1936 – 1937
Durward O. Johnson	1937 – 1940
Nathaniel Walker	1940 – 1943
J. Morgan Smith	1943 – 1948
Robert L. Dunstan	1949 – 1955
Edward H. Busch	1956 – 1964
Richard T. Hauff	1964 – 1967
Dean A. Rasmuson	1967 – 1975
John P. Heaton	1975 – 1977
Gary D. Morgan	1977 – 1981
Arthur Smith	1981 – 1987
George Edwards	1988 – 1997
Richard Phelps	1997 - 2000
Craig Magwire	2001 - 2016
Jon Morrissey	2016 - 2020
Shoshana Cooper	2020 - **2021**

Roosevelt National Forest

History – The Roosevelt National Forest began on May 22, 1902 as part of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve. It was renamed the Colorado National Forest in 1910, and was renamed to honor President Theodore Roosevelt in 1932. Today, it is administratively combined with the Arapho National Forest and Pawnee National Grasslands. There are two Ranger Districts today, Boulder and Canyon Lakes.

Boulder District

Colorado National Forest

Leon H. Ulrich	1923
Dewey S. Wright	1928 - 1931

Roosevelt National Forest

Dewey S. Wright	1932
Marion J. Webber	1933
Leonard C. Shoemaker	1934 - 1938
Norman B. Griswold	1939
Arthur G. Randall	1940 - 1944
Clayton N. Weaver	1945 – 1948
William S. Beckley	1949 - 1953
Thomas C. Pender	1954 - 1970
Vacant	1971
Donald I. Campbell	1972 - 1973
James E. Ficke	1975 - 1979
Whitney K. Lerer	1980 - 1982
Lynn E. Young	1983 - 1987
Michelle Nolde	1988 - 1992
Bill Anthony	1993 - 1997
Christine Walsh	2000 -2008

Colorado National Forest

Buckhorn District at Masonville

R. R. Villey	1923

Laramie River District at Log Cabin

Hugh B. Curry	1923
E. R. Ware	1928
Francis J. Smith	1931

Estes Park District at Estes Park

Josephus Tyan	1923
Lawrence H. Carr	1928-1931

North Park at Glendevey

Lawrence H. Carr	1923

Francis J. Smith	1928

Poudre District at FT Collins

Gilbert N. Hunter	1923
Henry A. Payson	1928 - 1931

Roosevelt National Forest

Laramie River District at Log Cabin; Winter at Fort Collins

Francis J. Smith	1932
Dewey S. Wright	1933
Bruce Torgny	1934 - 1939
E. J. Fortenberry	1940 - 1943
Franklin H. Blackmer	1944 - 1946
William E. Augsbach	1948
Joseph F. O'Rouke	1949 – 1951
Thomas C. Evans	1952 -1953
Robert D. Sullivan	1954 - 1957
Thomas E. Lewis	1958 - 1961
Harry B. Taylor	1962 - 1963
Walter W. Rule Jr.	1964 - 1968

District Combined with another District

Estes Park District at Estes Park

Lawrence H. Carr	1932 - 1933
Paul P. McCord	1934
Elmer C. Loy	1935
Henry A. Payson	1936 - 1939
Franklin H. Blackmer	1940 - 1943
Clayton N. Weaver	1944
Donald J. Hodges	1945 – 1957
Ernest S. Erickson	1958 - 1964
Lawrence A. Amicarella	1965 - 1967
Everett M. Stiger	1968 - 1973
William Guerds	1975 - 1976
Austin W. Condon	1977 - 1979

Combined with Estes-Poudre District

Poudre District at Fort Collins

Henry A. Payson	1932
Francis J. Smith	1933 - 1939
Norman B. Griswold	1940 - 1944
Howard W. Stagelman	1945 – 1953
Harold R. Hughes	1954 - 1963
William Ripley III	1964 - 1968
Robert M. Lillie	1970 - 1975
James W. Carson	1976 - 1978

Louis J. Bertlshofer	1979
Combined with Estes-Poudre District	

Estes-Poudre District at Fort Collins

Louis J. Bertlshofer	1980 – 1984
Robert Russell	1985 - 1988
Michael D. Lloyd	1989 - 1996
Ellen Vollmer Hodges	1997
Combined with Canyon Lakes District	

Redfeather District at Redfeather Lake and Fort Collins

William E. Augsbach	1949 - 1952
Raymond D. Lyons	1953 – 1957
Iver B. Love	1958 - 1962
Dean A. Rasmuson	1963 – 1967
Roan C. Anderson	1968 - 1973
Gordon A. Seneff	1975 - 1976
Robert E. Wagner	1977 - 1978
Vacant	1979
Michael S. Edrington	1980 - 1981
Michael W. Foley	1982 - 1985
Vacant	1986
Donna Hepp	1987 - 1992
Vacant	1993
Ellen Vollmer Hodges	1994 - 1997
Combined with Canyon Lakes District	

Canyon Lakes District at Fort Collins

Ellen Vollmer Hodges	1998 - 2008

Pawnee National Grasslands

Clifford R. Van Doren	1962 - 1964
Martin A. Jetley	1965
Virgil Lee Carr	1966 - 1968
William H. Zimmer	1970 - 1973
Steward J. Adams	1975 - 1979
Bernard C. Spanogle	1980 - 1984
Randle D. Phillips	1984
Donald Mecklenburg	1985
Grant Godbolt	1986 - 1991
Jeff Losche	1992 – 1997
Steve Currey	2000 - 2008

Bighorn National Forest Ranger Roll Call

History – Bighorn National Forest is located in northern Wyoming and covers more than one million acres. It was established as a U.S. Forest Reserve in 1897, making it one of the oldest government-protected forest lands in the country. The Bighorn National Forest takes its name after the nearby Bighorn River.

Tongue District – Sheridan, WY

Wolf District (1905 – 1918)
[The Wolf District consolidated with the Tongue District in 1918.]

Roderick D. McDonald	1905 – 1906
William R. McKinnon	1907 – 1907
Andrew G. Stockwell	1907 – 1910
William O. Conley	1908 – 1909
Charles A. Davis	1910 – 1912
H. E. Anderson	1913 – 1913
Hans N. Kleiber	1914 – 1917

Woodrock District (1905 – 1913)
[The Woodrock District consolidated with the Tongue District in 1913.]

Andrew G. Stockwell	1905 – 1906
Roderick D. McDonald	1906 – 1912
William O. Conley	1906 – 1907
Frank W. Kurtz	1908 – 1909
William O. Conley	1910 – 1910
Rudolph A. Wheeler	1911 – 1911
Hans N. Kleiber	1911 – 1913

Goose District (1905 – 1963)
[The Goose District consolidated with the Tongue District in 1963.]

Arthur Snyder	1905 – 1912
Y. Zana David	1913 – 1923
J. S. Veeder	1924 – 1926
Bly Dickson	1926 – 1929
Donald G. Schaal	1929 – 1930
Dayton P. Kirkham	1931 – 1934
Ray T. Parks	1935 – 1935
William Vinacke	1936 – 1938
Y. Zana David	1939 – 1955
C. E. Williamson	1956 – 1959
Wallace C. Chesbro	1959 – 1960
Robert F. Kruckeberg	1961 – 1962

Tongue District (1905 – Present)

Frank A. Kueny	1905 – 1905
Charles A. Davis	1905 – 1909

Hans N. Kleiber	1910 – 1910	
H. E. Anderson	1911 – 1916	
Lionel H. Sherman	1917 – 1917	
Hans N. Kleiber	1918 – 1923	
Y. Zana David	1923 – 1929	
Bly Dickson	1929 – 1950	
John F. Douglas	1951 – 1954	
J. Leo Spatziani	1954 – 1956	
Joseph E. Jensen	1956 – 1958	
Walter Taylor	1958 – 1959	
C. E. Williamson	1959 – 1962	
Frank P. Smedley	1962 – 1968	
Fred A. Fichtner	1968 – 1989	
Craig L. Yancey	1990 – 2007	
Clarke McClung	2008 – 2014	
Amy Ormseth	2014 – Present	

Medicine Wheel District – Greybull, WY

Porcupine District
[Renamed Medicine Wheel District 1952]

Roderick D. McDonald	1903
T. W. "Captain" Garland	1904 -1905
Abel Z. Hartt	1906 – 1909
B. B. Morton	1910 – 1911
Y. Zana David	1912
Charles A. Davis	1913
Lionel H. Sherman	1914 – 1916
C. B. Morgareidge	1917 – 1921
Earl W. Snelling	1923 – 1928
Y. Zana David	1929 – 1939
Leslie E. Shoemaker	1940 – 1944
Stanley R. Zeger	1945 – 1951

Paintrock District
[Consolidated with Medicine Wheel District between 1998-2000]

Oscar A. Emery	1907 – 1913	
Charles A. Dons	1914	Question spelling
Affred G. Clayton	1915 – 1920	
Bly Dickson	1921 – 1926	
William J. Cochran	1927 – 1935	
Ray T. Parks	1936 – 1949	
Walter O. Hanson	1950 – 1952	
Iver B. Love	1953 – 1957	
William W. Bradshaw	1958 – 1960	
Dale L. Harthan	1961 – 1967	
Henry E. Bond	1968 – 1974	

Curtis W. Bates	1975 – 1977
Dennis E. Bschor	1978 – 1981
J. T. Richer	1981 – 1984
Leonard Brooks	1985 – 1989
Patrick Harrison	1990 - 1997

Medicine Wheel District

Stanley R. Zeger	1952 - 1952
Fred A. Cook	1953 – 1957
Samuel W. Van Doran	1958 – 1960
Frank W. Smedley	1961 – 1962
Robert P. Newlin	1963 – 1967
Richard E. Greffenius	1968 – 1971
Roger M. Williams	1972 - 1978
Peter Chidsey	1979 – 1990
Dennis P. Eckardt	1991 – 1994
Mary Randolph	1995 – 1997
David R. Myers	1998 – 2003
David B. Sisk	2004 - 2009
David M. Hogen	2010 - 2021
Brandon J. Houck	2021 -

Powder River District – Buffalo, WY

Muddy Ranger District

Frank W. Kurtz	1903 – 1908
Thomas D. Lester	1909 – 1911

Muddy District combined with Buffalo Ranger District

Buffalo District

Administratively combined with Tensleep District to form Powder River District between 1998]

Ray J. Peck	1898 – 1904
August Hettinger	1905 – 1921
C. S. Morgariedge	1922 – 1923
Edwin L. Miller	1929 – 1934
Dayton P. Kirkham	1935 – 1936
Urban J. Post	1936 – 1949
Kenneth J. Cross	1949 - 1950
Kenneth C. Scholz	1951 – 1955
Joseph F. O'Rourke	1955 – 1961
William E. Lind	1961 – 1967
Norbert. V. Milanowski	1967 – 1972
Larry L. Larson	1972 – 1974
John M. Curran	1975 – 1978

Stephen K. Kelly	1978 – 1982
William R. "Bill" Nelson	1982 – 1991
Stephanie Phillips	1992 – 1995
Kathryn Bulchis	1996 – 2004
Mark Booth	2004 – 2018
Traci Weaver	2019

Tensleep District
[Administratively combined with Buffalo District to form Powder River District ca 1998]

Edwin L. Miller	1923 - 1928
Urban J. Post	1931 – 1935
Leslie E. Shoemaker	1936 – 1939
J. William Vinache	1940 – 1943
Irvin M. Massey	1944 – 1950
Iver B. Love	1951 – 1952
Vincent W. TwooIney	1953 – 1957
William W. Strawn	1958
J. B. Scott	1960 – 1961
Victor K. Weyers	1962
Kenneth H. Lancaster	1963 – 1965
Jack D. Cameron	1966 – 1970
Gary R. L. Oliverson	1971 - 1976
James R. Furnish	1977 – 1984
Charles Medina	1985 – 1989
Bob Mountain	1990 – 1994
Stephanie Phillips	1995 – 1996
Kathryn Bulchis	1997

Powder River District

Kathryn Bulchis	1998 - 2003
Mark Booth	2004 – 2018
Traci Weaver	2019 - 2021
Thad Berret	2022 -

Black Hills National Forest Ranger Roll Call

History – Black Hills National Forest is located in southwestern South Dakota and northeastern Wyoming, and covers more than one million acres. After a number of fires devastated the Black Hills in 1893, the region was established as a U.S. Forest Reserve in 1897 by President William McKinley. His proclamation made the Black Hills National Forest one of the oldest government-protected lands in the country.

Mystic District – Rapid City, SD

Crook Mountain District (? - ?)

Frank T. Smith	1902 – 1925

Limestone District (1907 - ?)

R. F. Peltz	1907 – 1912
H. H. McCrary	1912 – 1912
J. P. Reddick	1912 – 1913
Herman Cooper	1913 – 1914
Ernest Hedlum	1914 – 1916
Louis Murphy	1914 – 1916
Ben H. Leme	1916 – 1918
H. R. Raver	1918 – 1918
Charles Fox	1919 – 1919
Guy Wickard	1920 – 1923
Gordon L. Brown	? - ?
Lionel C. Anderson	? - ?

Rochford District (? - ?)

Lionel C. Anderson	? - ?

Rockerville District (? - ?)

Otis S. Clifton	? - ?

Nemo District (? - ?)

Kenson J. Helmick	? - ?
Orlo M. Jackson	? - ?
S. R. Melvin Mitts	? - ?
Irving Case	? - ?
Alfred Braddock	? - ?
David Blackford	1981 – 1990

Mystic District (? – Present)

Robert Thompson	? - ?
Ruth Esperance	2012 – 2018
James Gubbels	2019 - Present

Bearlodge District – Sundance, WY

Massingale	1905 – 1909
Thompson	1909 – 1910
Charlie Nettlehorst	1910 – 1912
Eldrige Ball	1912 – 1913
George Butterfield	1914 – 1915
Warren T. Pilcher	1916 – 1917
Merrit Henderson	? – 1917
L. E. Clements	1918 – 1920
William Robinson	1921 – 1922
M. P. Erickson	1923 – 1925
Ruben Riley	1926 – 1933
Theodore R. Cochran	1933 – 1946
William S. Beckley	? – 1947
George Gorsuch	1948 – 1949
Everett A. Shipek	1950 – 1956
Walter B. Metcalf	1956 – 1959
Ralph G. Johnson	1959 – 1962
Herman E. Ball	1963 – 1965
John C. Windsor	1965 – 1970
Jack D. Cameron	1970 – 1975
William E. Lind	1975 – 1982
James T. Farver	1982 – 1997
David M. Pieper	1997 – 2002
Steven Kozel	2005 – 2017
Mike Gosse	2017 – Present

Hell Canyon District – Custer, SD

Bear Mountain District (1907 – 1964)

William A. Poe	1907 – 1910
Ben Lowe	1916 – 1920
Buck Raven	1920 – 1923
Ernest Hedlum	1923 – 1925
Claire Cook	1925 – 1929
Irvin M. Massey	1929 – 1943
J. William Vinacke	1943 – 1945
Don Price	1945 – 1948
Ernest Perry	1948 – 1949
Carl A. Sward	1949 – 1957
Wallace Staples	1957 – 1961
Walter E. Rule, Jr.	1961 – 1963
Rudolph J. Benson	1963 – 1964

Elk Mountain District (? – 1996)

Julius N. Lively	? - ?
Hal Gould	1911 – 1920
D. F. McGill	1920 – 1925

Irvin M. Massey	1925 – 1927
Wilfred F. Beals	1928 – 1935
David L. Nordwall	1935 – 1936
Everett H. Clocker	1936 – 1938
Rudolph J. Benson	1938 – 1944
Raymond D. Lyons	1944 – 1946
Everett A. Shipek	1946 – 1949
Bruce B. Merrill	1949 – 1956
David P. Johns	1956 – 1958
Tony Pkufea	1958 – 1961
Tom Lewis	1961 – 1963
Fred A. Fichtner	1963 – 1968
John C. McCarthy	1968 – 1980
J. Phillip James	1980 – 1989
Burns L. Davison	1989 – 1996

Harney District (1964 - ?)

Rudolph J. Benson	1964 – 1967
Dave Morin	1967 – 1979
James C. Free	1979 – 1982
Anthony DeToy	1982 – 1991
Glen M. McNitt	1991 - ?

Custer District (? – 1996)

Napoleon E. Rouillier	? - ?
Milton J. Griffith	? - ?
Raymond D. Lyons	? - ?
Don Nebeker	1960 - 1965
Herman E. Ball	? - ?
William E. Lind	1967 – 1975
Larry Gadt	1975 – 1977
Lee Sutton	1977 – 1982
Bertha Gillam	1983 – 1987
Frank Cross	1987 – 1996

Pactola District (? – 1998)

James T. Sykes, Jr.	? - ?
Mark R. Ratliff	? - ?
William Ripley	? - ?
James C. Whittekiend	? - ?
Paul Ruder	1983 – 1996
Frank Cross	1996 – 1998

Fall River District (? - ?)

P. Bruce Centerwall	? - ?

Hill City District (? - ?)

Nelson F. Watson	? - ?

Hell Canyon District (1997 – Present)

Sherri Schwenke	? - ?
Michael Lloyd	1997 – 2008
Lynn Kolund	2009 – 2013
Tracy Anderson	2015 – Present

Northern Hills District – Spearfish, SD

Spearfish District (?- ?)

Herbert E. Korb	? - ?
Richard Cook	? - ?
Gary McCoy	? - ?
Peter Johnson	? - ?
Gary McCoy	? - ?
Paul Reis	1985 – 1993
Tom Mallard	1993 - ??

Northern Hills District (ca 1993 – Present)

Tom Mallard	1993 - ??
Pamela Brown	? - ?
Tom Millard	? - ?
Rhonda O'Byrne	2007 – 2017
Steven Kozel	2017 – Present

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
Ranger Roll Call

History: The Forest is comprised of three individual national forests that are administered as a single unit from the Forest Supervisor's Office in Delta, CO. However, this was not always the case. The Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre were administrative joined in **1954**, and the Gunnison was added in **1973.** The earliest of the Forests, was named the Battlement Mesa Forest Reserve, was established in 1892. Today, the three forests total almost 3 million acres and are managed by 5 Ranger Districts: Grand Valley, Ouray, Gunnison, Norwood and Paonia

Grand Mesa National Forest

Grand Valley District – Grand Junction, CO

Battlement Mesa Reserve (1892) to the Battlement NF (District name unknow)

William R. Kreutzer	1901 – 1905	(First Ranger in the Forest Service)
James C. Cayton	1903 – 1917	
William Doran	1918 – 1918	

<u>Collbran District</u> (Was established as the first Forest Headquarters)

Arthur J. Ebert	1923 – 1939
Lee M. Frost	1940 – 1944
Harold R. Hughes	1945 – 1953
Wilford R. Beals	1954 – 1961
Theodore W. LaMay	1962 – 1966
G. Doyne Mayberry	1966 – 1978
Bernard H. Weisgerber	1978 – 1988
R. E. Grossman	1988 – 1993
Leonard T. Brooks	1993 – 1996

Combined with the Grand Junction District in 1996.

<u>Muddy District</u>

W. Borium	1905 – 1906
J. George	1906 – 1907
T. O. Patterson	1907 – 1915
Walter F. Gilliam	1915 – 1933
Clarence C. Averill	1934
Henry L. Spencer	1935 - 1938
Frank W. Woody	1939 - 1946
Frank J. Smith	1948 - 1950
William W. Strawn	1951 - 1954

Muddy District became part of the Gunnison NF in 1961 and combined with the Paonia District.

Lakes District

Jolly B. Robinson	1926 – 1931
Phillip McCandless	1931 – 1934
Leslie Shoemaker	1934 – 1936
Frank W. Woody	1936 – 1938
George W. Siewert	1939 - 1943
Dwight A. Hester	1945 - 1957

Combined with the Mesa District in 1937. **Between 1958 and 1960**

Mesa District, Grand Junction

Henry L. Spencer	1906 – 1907
William V. Champion	1907 – 1908
William Stell	1916 – 1917
Unknown	1918 - 1922
Walter A. Wagner	1923 - 1931
Gordon D. Harp	1932 – 1942
Ernest S. Erickson	1948 – 1951
Andrew C. Wright	1956 – 1961
Robert H. Scholz	1961 - 1962
Merle J. Prince	1963 – 1965
Roy C. Kuehner	1966 – 1974
Donald K. Wood	1975 – 1977

Mesa District combined with the North End District in 1976 to become the Grand Junction District.

Rifle District

Blen C. Holman	1949 - 1951
Harold N. Watson	1952 - 1953

1990 Directory --- Rifle District is assigned to White River NF

Grand Junction District

Steven R. Pierce	1979 – 1982
Robert A. Russell	1984 – 1984
Thomas J. Klabunde	1984 - 1989
Leonard T. Brooks	1990 - 1996

Collbran and Grand Junction Districts combined to make the Grand Valley District in 1996.

Grand Valley District

Vicky B. Boesch	1996 – 1998
Connie J. Clementson	1999 – 2010
William Edwards	2012 – Present

Uncompahgre National Forest

Silesca – Hanks Valley District

Charles E. McMullin	1906 – 1911
Unknown	1911 - 1920

Horsefly – Sanborn Park District District was not in 1923 Directory

John H. Pritchard	1908 – 1910
Clair V. Cooke	1929 – 1930

Miguel District (combined Silesca/Hanks Valley/Horsefly/Sanborn Park)

R. Calvin Miller	1920 – 1927
Harry D. Hauser	1927 – 1929
Arthur A. McCutcheon	1929 – 1932
Jack Graw	1932 – 1934
John H. Keep	1934 – 1935
Nat Walker	1935 – 1940
Bruce Torguy	1940 – 1947
C. Leslie Burton	1947 – 1961
Raymond L. Tikka	1961 – 1966
Victor K. Weyers	1966 – 1971
Edward B. Heist	1971 – 1975
Richard L. Coose	1975 – 1978

1/1/1978 Miguel District divided between the Ouray District and the Norwood District.

Roubideau District

Henry L. Spencer	1906 – 1907
William Stell	1907 – 1910
Fred E. Maupin	1918 – 1922

Cottonwood – Pinon – Tabequache District

Henry L. Spencer	1906 – 1907
Eugene M. Stone	1907 – 1910
Truman O. Foley	1913 – 1915
Walter A. Wagner	1916 – 1917
Thomas E. Jacques	1917 – 1917
Walter A. Wagner	1917 – 1920

Delta District (Mesa/Roubideau/Cottonwood-Pinon-Tabequache consolidated into Delta District)

Harry C. Bennett	1920 – 1922
John H. Keep	1922 – 1934
Jack Graw	1934 – 1936
William Doran	1936 – 1938
Walter E. Pool	1938 – 1944

Howard F. Harlan	1944 – 1951
Wallace L. Lloyd	1951 – 1954

1954 Delta District consolidated with Miguel and North End

Cimarron River District

Skinner	1907 – 1907
Thomas J. Watkins	1907 – 1911
Henry L. Spencer	1911 – 1917
Thomas C. Parkinson	1917 – 1919

Lake City District

Thomas E. Jacques	1906 – 1910
Henry L. Spencer	1910 – 1911

Alpine District (Cimarron and Lake City District consolidated into the Alpine District)

William Doran	1919 – 1924
William E. Buchanan	1924 – 1924
Edward S. Willis	1925 – 1925
David P. Shacklett	1926 – 1928
Harry J. Smith	1929 – 1932
Marvin L. Smith	1932 – 1933
Eugene R. Lepley	1933 – 1935
Jacob Jauch	1935 – 1941
Howard F. Harlan	1941 – 1944
Elvin F. Stevens	1944 – 1945
Ralph C. Bryant	1945 – 1946
Robert O. Lewis	1946 – 1947

April 1947 – Alpine consolidated with Ouray District.

District Ranger Stationed at Ridgway

William Marshall Darley	1909 – 1910
Rodney P. Schmid	1926 – 1927

Ouray District (Alpine consolidated in 1947; Miguel consolidated in 1978)

Henry J. Spencer	1907 – 1908
William L. Bosse	1908 – 1910
Thomas J. Watkins	1911 – 1915
Walter A. Wagner	1915 – 1916
R. Calvin Miller	1917 – 1920
John H. Keep	1921 – 1922
Elbert E. Vanaken	1922 – 1922
Thomas J. Wathins	1922 - 1924
William Doran	1924 – 1936

Henry Teidemann	1936 – 1944
Ralph C. Bryant	1944 – 1946
Raymond O. Taylor	1947 – 1954
Fred J. Wirth	1954 – 1957
Omar M. Campbell	1957 – 1961
John K. Stithem	1961 – 1963
R. V. Urbom	1963 – 1968
Walter W. Rule Jr.	1968 – 1977
Richard L. Coose	1977 – 1981
Donald A. Heiser	1981 - 1984
Larry J. Roybal	1985 - 1987
John Hill	1988 – 1990
James C. Free	1991 – 2005
Tammy Randall-Parker	200? – 2018
Dana Gardunio	2018 – Present

Dominguez – Unaweep District (combined with the North End District)

Harry C. Bennett	1916 – 1920
Fred E. Maupin	1920 – 1922

Lake Country or Fruita Division District (combined with the North End District)

John H. Pritchard	1916 – 1919
Eldon Wallace Hauser	1919 – 1920

North End District Grand Junction, CO

Elmer F. Reed	1916 – 1932
Harry J. Smith	1932 – 1940
Lawrence H. Carr	1940 – 1943
Charles E. Poulton	1943 – 1945
Elwin F. Stevens	1945 – 1952
Harry W. Swank	1952 – 1957
Raymond L. Tikka	1961
James R. Mathers	1962 – 1962
William D. Kennedy	1963 – 1964
Ronald J. Schmitt	1965 – 1966
Louis Bertlshofer	1968 – 1972
Larry Robinson	1974 – 1975

Combined in 1976 with Mesa District on the Grand Mesa NF.

Norwood District (Transferred from the Montezuma NF in 1947)

Wilfred F. Beals	1950 - 1952	
Wallace F. Lousinger	1953 – 1957	???
Roan C. Anderson	1961	
James R. Schoenbaum	1962 - 1964	

Julius A. Fullinwider	1965 - 1968
Edwin R. Browning	1970 - 1971
James O. Blankenship	1972
Robert M. Nelson	1973
Frederick L. Trevey	1975 - 1976
Richard P. Cook	1977 – 1999
Gary Edson	2000 – 2002
Judy Schutza	2003 – 2016
Matt Zumstein	2016 – 2018
Megan Eno	2019 – present

Gunnison National Forest

Gunnison District

Cebolla District

John Cline	1905 – 1908
Manuel Ortez	1908 – 1909
Glen Williams	1910 – 1916
C. M. Thomas	1917 – 1918
John Stavely	1918 – 1925
Leonard H. Englang	1925 – 1926
C. D. Clark	1926 – 1929
E. H. Peck	1929 – 1934
William F. Poley	1934 – 1944
Rudolph J. Benson	1944 – 1952
Clifford R. Van Doren	1952 – 1955
Robert N. Ridings	1955 – 1961
Wallace C. Chesbro	1961 – 1968
Jay M. James	1968 – 1973
Gerald D. Widhalm	1976 – 1978
Dale Shanholtzer	1978 - 1987

Combined with Taylor River to become Gunnison District in 1996

Tomichi District Cochetopa National Forest, Sargents, CO

Arthur G. Hicks	1905 – 1908
Edward F. Clark	1908 – 1916
William P. Fullerton	1916 – 1916
Thomas L. Northrup	1916 – 1917
Edward F. Clark	1918 – 1920
James B. Hamilton	1920 – 1921
John A. Stavely	1921 – 1922
William E. Shropshire	1923 – 1926
Jaruis S. Veeder	1926 – 1927
Earl E. Nolan	1928 – 1930

John L. Glendening	1930 – 1933
Hugh E. Martin	1934
Frank Dunn	1935
Elbert A. Schory	1936 – 1937
Charles W. Stavely	1938 – 1944

Transferred to Gunnison 1944

On July 1, 1944 Cochetopa was broken up between Gunnison, Rio Grande and San Isabel National Forests.

Albert B. Hovey	1944 – 1951
David McCarron	1951 – 1951
Gaylord E. Weidenhaft	1951 – 1954
Gerald D. Wadlow	1954 – 1956
Thomas T. Eberhard	1957 – 1959
Dennis L. Miller	1959 – 1962
Robert Kurtzberg	1963 – 1964
Neil A. Edstrom	1966 – 1973

Combined with the Taylor Park in 1973.

Crested Butte District

Perry L. Snodgrass	1905 – 1915
Eldon W. Houser	1015 – 1918
Ross M. Lambdin	1918 – 1918
Walter Enbom	1918 – 1918
Arthur L. Mills	1918 – 1922
Henry L. Spencer	1922 – 1934
Ed H. Peck	1934 – 1939
George L. Burnett	1940 – 1943

Combined with the Taylor Park District.

Pitkin District

Edwards Vance	1905 – 1908
John B. Cammann	1908 -1912
John L. Glendening	1912 – 1914
Jesse L. Trickle	1914 – 1925
C. D. Clark	1925 – 1929
Urban J. Post	1929 – 193?
Carrol D. Clark	1931 - 1934
Alan A. McCready	1936 - 1937
Arthur F. Holloran	1938 - 1940
Walter O. Hanson	1941 - 1943
Donald W. Smith	1943 – 1944
James O. Folkestad	1944 – 1953

Warren L. Hartman	1953 – 1954

Pitkin District split between Taylor River and Tomichi Districts in 1954.

Sapinero District

Herbert N. Wheeler	1905 – 1906
Benjamin A. Beezley	1906 – 1907
Charles W. Pace	1907 – 1909
Lester J. Stoner	1909 – 1912
Henry L. Miller	1912 – 1915
William A. Potter	1915 – 1916
Charles W. Taft	1916 – 1920
Galatis M. Sprague	1920 – 1936
George L. Burnett	1936 – 1941
John L. Glendening	1941 – 1943
Arthur J. Ebert	1943 – 1952
Urban J. Post	1953 – 1958
Martin A. Jetley	1960 - 1962
James A. Less	1962 – 1965
Gerald D. Widhalm	1966 - 1975

Combined with Taylor Park to become the Taylor River District.

Taylor Park District

William R. Kreutzer	1905 – 1905
Charles H. Underwood	1906 – 1906
Alexander O. McDonald	1906 – 1909
Jesse L. Trickle	1909 – 1914
Henry L. Miller	1915 – 1916
Walter Enbom	1916 – 1918
James Hodges	1918 – 1920
William A. Potter	1921 – 1923
Paul P. Carnahan	1923 – 1924
Urban J. Post	1924 – 1929
Leslie A. Sample	1929 – 1933
John L. Glendening	1933 – 1939
Arthur J. Ebert	1940 – 1943

Combined to become Taylor River District.

Taylor River District

Clifford C. Chappell	1943 – 1957
Frederick J. Wirth	1956 – 1958
Daniel J. O'Rourke	1960 - 1963
Williams F. Conklin	1963 – 1972
Neil A. Edstrom	1973 – 1975
Steve R. Pierce	1975 – 1978

John M. Curran	1978 – 1980
James Paxon	1981 – 1987
Pamela W. Bode	1988 – 1993

Cebolla and Taylor River combined to become the Gunnison District.

Gunnison District

James R. Dawson	1996 – 2009
John Murphy	2010 – 2016
Matthew McCombs	2017 – 2022

Black Mesa District, Paonia, CO

B. C. Heilman	1910 – 1933 (approved burial plot by USFS on NF)
Rube Riley	1934 – 1935
Felix E. Read	1935 – 1943

Paonia District, Paonia, CO -

Felix E. Read	1943 – 1945
D. W. Shaw	1946 – 1958
G. A. Seneff	1959 – 1961
L. C. Sutton	1961 – 1967
R. M. Case	1967 – 1971
V. K. Weyers	1971 – 1975
A. T. Erickson	1975 – 1978
D. L. Ellis	1978 – 1985
Steve L. Posey	1985 – 1993
Raymond Kingston	1993 – 1998
Susan Spear	1998 – 2003
Levi Broyles	2004 – Present

Muddy District combined with Paonia District in 1961.

This list of District Rangers has been compiled with information from the Forest Service, Organizational Directories by Museum volunteers.

RANGER ROLL CALL

Medicine Bow Routt National Forest

Thunder Basin National Grassland

History

By an Act of Congress approved March 4, 1907, the forest reserves were renamed "national forests", thus resulting in the creation of the Park Range, Medicine Bow, Sierra Madre, and White River National Forests. Portions of the current Routt National Forest contained portions of these four "early" national forests as well as portions of the Hayden, Colorado, and Arapaho National Forests, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

The idea, in the early 1900s, of setting aside Forest Reserves caused great concern among many local citizens and leaders. In theory the forest reserves were just that: stands of commercially valuable timber being set aside to be patrolled against fire, cropped scientifically and otherwise looked after by the Forest Service an agency of the federal government set up as a bureau with the Department of Agriculture. Actually, at least in northwestern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming – the reserves included large acreages of land suitable for both homesteading and grazing. President Theodore Roosevelt was not only conservation-minded but he, by virtue of his hunting trips through northwestern Colorado, had firsthand knowledge of some of the conditions. In spite of numerous local objections Forest Reserves were brought into being by Presidential proclamation. Establishment of federal Forest Reserves and the Forest Service was generally supported nationally by those who wanted affective wildfire control, better protection of the watersheds and federal forestlands. However, establishment of the Forest Reserves also created a loss of local control and loss of opportunity for many, particularly within the livestock industry, timber and wood cutting industry, some of the miners, and general businesses located in and around the counties and communities of northwestern Colorado.

Therefore, the early on Forest Rangers and their successors were expected to be effective spokespersons and leaders implementing policy and forest use changes that many local leaders and forest users disagreed with and/or often felt great anger about. What made people angry was not only the feeling of lost opportunity but a feeling of disrespect for them as land stewards when they felt they had demonstrated their ability to care for the land and the resources their livelihood depended on.

As an example, the Commercial Club of Steamboat Springs and the Businessman's Association of Hot Sulphur Springs passed and sent resolutions that protested against the establishment of Forest Reserves and denounced them as “unjust and unfair and harmful to the best interests of their counties”. They felt withdraw of forest reserves will cause no less than great calamity to their counties impeding growth and forever preserving the natural development and settlement. Editor of the Steamboat Pilot Charles Leckenby's added "this is semi-socialistic nonsense."

Obviously, the establishment of the Forest Reserves brought considerable controversy to the affected communities and added to the challenge many of the early rangers faced. The following quote from J.H. Ratliff Routt National Forest Ranger in 1906 reflects some of the challenge.

"I furnished my own horses, paid my own expenses, left my wife to run the ranch and started to ride. I had about twenty-five arguments a day and lost about half of them".

Medicine Bow National Forest

The Medicine Bow National Forest dates back to May 22, 1902, with the establishment of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve by President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1929, the former Hayden National Forest along the Continental Divide was added. The Pole Mountain Unit between Laramie and Cheyenne was formally administered by the War Department. In 1959, the area formerly used by the military was added to the Medicine Bow National Forest, and in 1961 all military interests in the Pole Mountain District were terminated.

The origin of "Medicine Bow" is legendary. The generally accepted version is that the Native American tribes which inhabited southeastern Wyoming found mountain mahogany in one of the mountain valleys from which bows of exceptional quality were made. It became the custom of friendly tribes to assemble there annually and construct their weapons. At these assemblies, there were ceremonial powwows for the cure of disease which, in the hybrid speech that developed between the Indians and the early settlers, was known as making–medicine. Eventually, the settlers associated the terms "making – medicine" and "making bow", and Medicine Bow resulted as the name for the locality. Later the name gained worldwide renown through Owen Wister's novel "The Virginian".

Routt National Forest

The Routt National Forest is named in memory of Colonel John N. Routt, the last territorial governor and first State governor of Colorado. In 1905 President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Park Range Forest Reserve in Northwest Colorado and in 1908 he changed the name to honor the former governor. The Routt National Forest occupies a unique setting in Northwest Colorado. The forest is between two internationally recognized destination sites–Rocky Mountain National Park and Dinosaur National Monument. It's also home to the world-famous Steamboat Ski area. The Continental Divide follows the Park Range from the Wyoming border to Rabbit Ears Pass, a popular summer and winter recreation area. The forest is surrounded by historic and modern ranches and evidence of past cultures, including the Ute Indians.

The Continental Divide follows the Park Range from the Wyoming border to Rabbit Ear Pass,

The Routt National Forest has diverse topography consisting of high plateaus, rolling foothills and mountains. The climate can be summarized by the statement "long, snowy winters and short cool summers". Elevations exceed 13,000 feet in some location. The Routt National Forest manages four Congressionally designated Wilderness areas: Never Summer, Sarvis Creek, Flat Tops and Mount Zirkle, all of which offer superb hiking opportunities. The Forest also provides for livestock grazing, timber production, and other forest products including Christmas trees, firewood, ferns, and mushrooms.

Thunder Basin National Grassland

Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG) was initiated in 1934 as the Northeastern Wyoming Land Utilization Project under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The program also has been administered by the Farm Security Administration, Bureau of Agriculture, and the Soil Conservation Service. The lands were transferred from the Soil Conservation Service to the Forest Service in 1954. In 1960, the area was designated as the TBNG with permanent National Forest System status. The Grassland was subdivided into three units for grazing administration, each unit having a grazing association. These associations were established during the

mid-1930's and have been in effect since that time. In 1987 the TBNG was combined with Laramie Peak Ranger District into the Douglas Ranger District.

At first glance, the Thunder Basin National Grassland appears quiet and empty, a land dominated by sky and wind, stretching from horizon to horizon; yet a closer look reveals a surprising diversity of landforms, vegetation, and wildlife. It occupies over 572,000 acres in a mosaic of state, federal, and private lands totaling over 1.8 million acres. Lands managed by the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Land Board are open to many public uses. Numerous roads cross the Grassland. However, many do not provide legal access to public land. Many private land owners are willing to permit use of their roads or land to hunters, campers, bird watchers, or hikers, but to avoid trespassing land owners' permission must be obtained before using these roads. Not all private land is fenced, so care must be taken to determine the land ownership of the lands people want to visit. Most old buildings, corrals, or structures are located on private land and should not be disturbed.

Discontinued National Forests

Sierra Madre National Forest was established as the Sierra Madre Forest Reserve by the U.S. Forest Service in Wyoming on November 5, 1906 with 370,911 acres (1,501.02 km^2). It became a National Forest on March 4, 1907. On July 1, 1908 the entire forest was combined with Park Range National Forest to create Hayden National Forest and the name was discontinued.

Park Range National Forest was established as the Park Range Forest Reserve by the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado on June 12, 1905 with 757,116 acres (3,063.94 km^2). It became a National Forest on March 4, 1907. On July 1, 1908 the entire forest was divided between Routt National Forest and Hayden National Forest and the name was discontinued.

Hayden National Forest was established by the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado and Wyoming on July 1, 1908 with 454,911 acres (1,840.96 km^2), mostly in Wyoming from Sierra Madre National Forest and part of Park Range National Forest. On August 2, 1929 the entire forest was divided between Medicine Bow National Forest and Routt National Forest and the name was discontinued.

Medicine Bow National Forest Ranger Districts

(Supervisors Office located in Laramie, WY)

Keys - ++ *Tenure length uncertain; Unknown – missing ranger's name*

In the early years apparently some Rangers had one or more collateral duties i.e. a Ranger may be considered the district administrator but also the leader or manager for counting on livestock for the Forest-wide range program; tree planting or cruising timber in the Forest-wide timber program. Sometimes the collateral duties were with an adjacent Forest such as investigating a timber trespass. As duties for an individual changed or shifted the Ranger would often remain in the same office location. Therefore, there was overlap between Rangers operating out of the same office but with responsibilities different than they may have been a year or two before.

Keystone RD (*Ranger located in Albany)*

A. Bode	1922	to	1923
J.H. Mullison	unknown	to	1907
Frank Pennock	1907	to	1910
R.A. Stretch	1908	to	1909
A.J. Kennady (1908)	1909	to	1910
P.O. Short	1910	to	unknown
Evan J. Williams	1919	to	1921
~~Carl~~	~~unknown~~	~~to~~	~~1922~~
Richard L. Clark	1923	to	1928
Maurice E. Dunmire	1924	to	1926
Earnest J. Bordahl	1926	to	1928
Dana f. Kirkmire	1928	to	1934
Robert A. Lerchen	1934	to	1936
Jack Graw	1936	to	1939
Unknown			
Jacob Jauch Jr.	1945	to	1950

Foxpark RD *(Ranger located in Foxpark)*

Unknown	1906	to	unknown
Bly Dixon	1918	to	1919
Joseph Van Ende	1921	to	1922
Frank. F. Henry	1922	to	1924
J. E. McCallister	1924	to	1927
Evan J. Williams	1926	to	1933
George P. Lang	1934	to	1935
Mark R. Ratliff	1936	to	1939
Rex D. McCord	1945	to	19??
Melvin E. Loveridge	1950	to	195?
Unknown	????	to	????

(Keystone RD and Foxpark RD combined August 1955 and called Foxpark RD, Ranger located in Laramie)

Clifford Skinner	1957	to	1962
Iver B. Love	1963	to	1965
Jack A. Wolf	1965	to	1966
Unknown	1906	to	1922

William M. Fenner	1966	to	1975

(Foxpark RD renamed Laramie RD prior to or in about1973)

Crow Creek Forest Reserve (Renamed Pole Mountain Ranger District in1906.)

Jerome S. Atherly	1901	to	1903
John Reid	1903	to	1907

Pole Mountain RD (*Ranger located initially in Laramie and later in Cheyenne) (The Pole Mountain Unit between Laramie and Cheyenne was formally administered by the War Department. In 1959, the area formerly used by the military was added to the Medicine Bow National Forest, and in 1961 all military interests in the Pole Mountain District were terminated)*

John Reid	1907	to	1922
W.E. Conely	1926	to	1931
William F. Poley	1931	to	1936
Roland Rotty	1936	to	1939
Bernard Abrahams	1939	to	1939
Louis E. Coughlin	1939	to	1957
Keith K. Knutson	1957	to	1960
Walter E. Taylor	1961	to	1962
Robert M. Case	1963	to	1965

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Fredric B. Stillman	1966	to	1968
John P. Heaton	1968	to	1972

(Pole Mountain RD merged with Laramie RD in 1972)

Sevenmile RD (*Ranger located in Centennial. Renamed Centennial RD in about 1931. Early on this was referred to as the fifth district of the forest)*

Unknown			
Louis Coughlin	1910	to	1913
J.L. Chase	1913	to	unknown
Evan J. Williams	1921	to	1927
Elva A. Snow	1928	to	unknown

Centennial RD (*Ranger located in Centennial)*

John Reid	1903	to	unknown
W.F. Wills	1911	to	1918
Bly Dixon	1919	to	1920
John E. Krause	1920	to	1921
Carl E. Bode	1921	to	1925
Chalfan Stoddard	unknown	to	1921
R. A. Clark	1921	to	1924
James Saban	1924	to	1926
Maurice V. Dunmire	1926	to	1931
Howard R. Huges	1931	to	1934
Gilbert N. Hunter	1936	to	1938
Francis R. Sodolski	1939	to	unknown
C. Gordon Wyatt	1945	to	1950??++
Unknown			
Waldemar A.Winkler	1957	to	1959

Robert W. (Bob) Tice	1959	to	1960
Charles Barnes	1960	to	1963
Edward G. Heist	1964	to	1968
Alfred A. Braddock	1970	to	1975

(Centennial RD merged with Laramie RD after 1975)

Laramie RD *(Ranger located in Laramie, WY)*

Jerry D. Covault	1976	to	1978
Terry Hoffman	1979	to	1987
Ron Wilcox	1988	to	1994
Michael M. Sanders	1995	to	2004
Clint Kyhl	2004	to	2008
Larry Sandoval, Jr	2008	to	2012
Frank Romero	2012	to	---present

Snake River RD *(After merger between Hayden and Medicine Bow NFs Ranger located in Saratoga, Slater and Rawlins.) (Prior to merger Ranger located in Savory, WY)*

Unknown	1906	to	1927
Richard Riggs	1928	to	19??++
Mark R. Ratliff	1934	to	1936
Wilfred F. Beals	1936	to	1939??++
Norman R. Tripp	1945	to	19??++
John C. Smith	1950	to	19??++
John Minow	1957	to	1961
Allen D. Morton	1961	to	1964
Dale Morris	1964	to	1968
Vernon C. Hoffman	1968	to	1976

(*Snake River RD merged with Encampment RD after 1976. Ranger located in Encampment*)

Encampment RD (*Ranger located in Encampment)*

Unknown	1902	to	unknown
James Blackhall	1907	to	1921
James C. Jenson	1917	to	1920
John Delaney	1920	to	1927
~~George P. Lang~~	~~1923~~	~~to~~	~~19??++~~
Richard L. Clark	1927	to	1928
George A. Wadleigh	1928	to	1931
Evan J. Williams	1934	to	1950++
Unknown			
Albert B. Hovey	1957	to	1959
Robert J. Mulvaney	1959	to	1962
Charles L. Simon	1962	to	1965
Gerald W. Nyborg	1966	to	1975

Brush Creek RD (*Ranger located in Saratoga)*

W. R. Bradford	1902	to	1902

Shellie Wood	1902	to	1906
George H. Mullison	1906	to	1913
Milton D. Ames	1911	to	1922
Gifford Chamberlain	1922	to	1926
D.E. Harbison	1926	to	1927
Carl A. Bode	1927	to	1928
Bruce Torgney	1928	to	1934
Richard Riggs	1934	to	1936++
Unknown			unknown
Gordon L. Brown	1950	to	1961
William W. Strawn	1961	to	1963
Donald Bielefield	1964	to	1967
Charles S. Calkins	1968	to	1976
Wallace C. Chesbro	1978	to	1988
Don Carroll	1989	to	1994

Bow River RD and **Bow River at North End RD**
(*Ranger District and Rangers located in Medicine Bow)*
(Bow River RD and North End RD merged between 1928 and 1931)

Bow River RD (before merger)

H. L. Stutiz	unknown		
Frank F. Henry	1920	to	1923
Howard Hughes	1927	to	1928

Bow River at North End RD *(Elk Mt?)*

Bruce Torgney	1922	to	1926
Bernard F.Willshon	1926	to	1928

Bow River RD (*after merger*)

Howard R. Hughes	1928	to	1931
Unknown			
C. Gordon Wyatt	1949	to	Unknown
Unknown			
Ken Lancaster	1968	to	1975

(*Bow River RD was merged with Brush Creek RD in 1977. Ranger located in Saratoga*)

Hayden RD (*In about 1975, district name changed from Encampment to Hayden Ranger District located in Encampment. In 1995, the Hayden District was combined with the Brush Creek District to become the Brush Creek/Hayden District headquartered in Saratoga.)*

Jerry P. Lynch	1976	to	1977
Larry Thoney	1978	to	1986
Mike Murphy	1987	to	1993
Don Carroll	1994	to	1995

Brush Creek Hayden RD (Ranger Station located in Saratoga)

Don Carroll	1995	to	2000
Scott Armentrout	2000	to	2008
Steve Best	2008	to	2012
Melanie Fullman	2012	to	2017
Jason Armbruster	2018	to	---present

La Bonte RD *(Esterbrook, WY)*
(La Bonte RD and La Prele RDs combined in August1955 and renamed Laramie Peak RD)

Harry P. Gaylor	1936	to	1939
C.Arthur Fawcett	1939	to	1949
George S Gorsuch	1945	to	1949
Jess W. Smith	1950	to	1955
William Kelso	195?	to	195?

La Prele RD (*Cold Springs, WY)*

Daniel Gibson	1936	to	1939~~??~~++
Gordon L. Brown	1945	to	1949~~??++~~
James L. Wenban	1949	to	195?
Unknown			
Andrew C. Wright	1957	to	19??

Laramie Peak RD *(Ranger located in Douglas, WY)*

Unknown	1955	to	1959
Sam W. Van Doran	1959	to	1963
Lloyd D. Todd	1964	to	1968
Irvin V. Case	1970	to	1974
KennethH.Lancaster	1975	to	1976
David M. Nichol	1977	to	1978
Gerald D. Widhalm	1979	to	1986

Thunder Basin National Grassland

(Douglas, WY) (*In 1958 the Grassland management responsibility was moved from the Soil Conservation Service to the FS. The first Forest Service Ranger on the Thunder Basin Grassland was Edward Heller (came from the SCS in 1958).*

Edward Heller	1958	to	1962
William W. Bradshaw	1962	to	1964
Douglas P. Fuller	1965	to	1971~~??~~++
Raymond L. Tikka	1973	to	1977
Jack Cameron	1978	to	1986

(In approximately 1987 Laramie Peak RD coordinated with Thunder Basin National Grassland and named Douglas RD with Thunder Basin National Grassland)

Douglas RD with Thunder Basin National Grassland
(Ranger located in Douglas, WY)

Jack Cameron	1988	to	1990
Don Heiser	1991	to	1993

(Douglas RD merged with Thunder Basin National Grassland RD in 1995)

Douglas and Thunder Basin National Grassland RD *(Ranger located in Douglas*)

Malcom Edwards	1993	to	1999
Norman Wagoner	2000	to	2004
Misty Hays - Deputy District Ranger	2004	to	2004
Bob Sprental	2004	to	2012
Tom Whitford	2012	to	2016
Shane Walker	2016	to	2018
Robert Robertson	2018	to	--present

Hayden National Forest Ranger Districts

(Supervisors Office located in Encampment, WY)

(Hayden National Forest was established by the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado and Wyoming on July 1, 1908 with 454,911 acres (1,840.96 km^2), mostly in Wyoming from Sierra Madre National Forest and part of Park Range National Forest. On August 2, 1929 the entire forest was divided between Medicine Bow and Routt National Forests. Some of the total eleven Districts were realigned and merged into a total of seven Ranger Districts. In 1929 the name, Hayden National Forest, was discontinued.) John Delaney

Big Creek RD *(Ranger located in Encampment, WY)*

Alva A. Simpson	1909	to	1916
~~Unknown~~	~~1906~~	~~to~~	~~1922~~
Wallace Pearce	1916	to	1918
Reed A. Higby	1918	to	1929

Encampment RD *(Ranger located in Encampment, WY)*

A.L. Richey	1908	to	1915 *Victoria RS ? burned in 1915*
Ray Riggs	1915	to	1920
P.L.-Goodly	1921	to	1921
George P. Lang	1921	to	1927
George A. Wadleigh	1928	to	1929

North End RD *(Ranger located in Saratoga, WY)* *Victoria RS ? burned in 1915 (AL Richey was occupant)*

Albert B. Walker	1906	to	unknown
A.L.Richey	unknown	to	unknown
Richard R. Riggs	1921	to	1929~~?+~~

Snake River RD *(Ranger located in Savery, WY)*

G.H. Mullison	1907	to	unknown
Unknown	unknown	to	unknown
Grover Starks	1923	to	1928

James Sabin	1926	to	1928
Donald W. Shaw	1928	to	1929

Routt National Forests Ranger Districts

Supervisor's office located in Steamboat Springs, CO

By1907 Ranger Districts had been set up and manned as follows:

District #1, Known as the Kremmling District, ran from Base Line to Muddy Creek Divide east of Gore Summit;

District #2, The Grizzly Creek Area, included the forest area in North Park from Muddy Creek Divide to the Wyoming State line;

District #3, Known as the Yampa District, extended from the Base Line to Service Creek on the Yampa River side;

District #4, The Steamboat District, extended from Service Creek to Mad Creek;

District #5, The Hahns Peak District, included the country north of Mad Creek to the head of the Encampment River, west through Columbine to California Park and south to the Forest Boundary;

District #6, Included the Bears Ears country south of the Snake River Divide and west of California Park;

District #7, District 7, The Counting Station District, included the Snake River slope west of Columbus Mountain;

District #8, District 8, Included the head of the South Fork of Snake River. The Encampment River area, originally part of District #8, was transferred to the Hayden National Forest in 1908.)

*(**The south and east fringes of North Park were in Arapaho and Colorado forests, respectfully, until 1930.***
According to Ray Peck many of the early Rangers were assigned to districts to establish their position and grades
***but were actually used as project men on timber surveys, boundary surveys, land classification, improvement construction, etc.**)*

By approximately a decade later additional Ranger Station's were constructed. The <u>1921 Routt Forest map</u> shows twelve ranger stations located on the forest. Starting with the old, numbered districts, the stations names, and locations were as follows:

District 1: Pass Creek Ranger Station. Section 21, T2N, R82W; near the forest boundary just north of Pass Creek. Location was on Kremmling District, Arapaho NF, and Middle Park now Parks District. This station no longer exists.

District 2: Grizzly Creek Ranger Station. Section 28, T7N, R82W; near the forest boundary just south of Jackson County Road 24. Location was on North Park, now Parks District.

District 3: Eagle Rock Ranger Station. Section 18, T2N, R84W; west of Eagle Rock near the section center. Location was on Yampa, then Gore, and now Yampa again. This station no longer exists.

District 4: Five Spruce Ranger Station. Section 20, T5N, R83W; north of highway 40 near the head of the Bear Creek drainage was initially in the Steamboat District. By 1957 the name had changed to Rabbit Ears Guard Station. Location was on the Gore, now Hahns Peak Bears Ears. This station no longer exists.

District 4: Buffalo Pass Ranger Station. Section 27, T7N, R83W; near Forest Road 60, just west of Buffalo Pass was originally in the Steamboat District. By 1957 the name had changed to Summit Guard Station. Location was on the Gore, then Hahns Peak, and now Hahns Peak Bears Ears. This station no longer exists.

District 5: Seed House Ranger Station. Section 2, T9N, R84W; near Forest Road 400. Location was on Hahns Peak, and now Hahns Peak Bears Ears. It is now a guard station.

District 5: Hahns Peak Ranger Station. Section 26, T10N, R86W;
This location is now under water in Steamboat Lake.

District 5: Summit Creek Ranger Station. Section 25, T11N, R86W; just west of Forest Road 129. Location was on Hahns Peak, and now on Hahns Peak Bears Ears. It is now a guard station.

District 5: Whisky Park Ranger Station. Section 27, T12N, R86W; in Whisky Park near road Junction of Forest Roads 508 and 550. This station no longer exists.

District 5: California Park Ranger Station. Section 3, T9N, R87W; in California Park immediately west of Routt County Road 80. Location was on Hahns Peak and Bears Ears Districts. It is now on Hahns Peak Bears Ears. It is now a guard station

District 6: Bears Ears Ranger Station. Section 28, T9N. R88W; about a mile inside the forest boundary along the North Fork Elk Head Creek. Location was on Bears Ears and now on Hahns Peak Bears Ears. This station no longer exists.

District 7: Counting Ranger Station. Section 3, T10N, R90W; about three miles west of the forest boundary. This station no longer exists.

The Mad Creek Guard Station did not show on the 1921 Routt Forest map, though it was apparently built in about 1907 by Ranger James Harry Ratliff.

Gore Ranger District (*Ranger located in Yampa, CO until relocated to Steamboat Springs around 1931*)

District #4 *(old Steamboat District)*

George W. Nay	1906	to	1907
James L. Blackburn	1908	to	1909
Ray Peck	1909	to	1911
William M. Darley	1911	to	1912
Oliver E. Taylor	1913	to	1915
A. L. Richey	1915	to	1918
James Monson	1919	to	1920
L. L. Segur	1920	to	1921
Dewy S. Wright	1922	to	1926
George P. Lang	1926	to	1929

District #3 (*Yampa District*)

Albert Whitney	1906	to	1907
Arthur Stanley	1907	to	1909
Edward A. Parks	1910	to	1912
John B. Lansing	**1912**	**to**	**1913**
Charles W. Euler	1913	to	1925
George W. Howard	1925	to	1929

District #2 (*Combined Gore District*)

George P. Lang	1929	to	1930
Charles E. Seymour	1931	to	1935
Frank W. Woody	1935	to	1936
William J. Cochran	1936	to	1937
John C. Miller	1937	to	1943
John F. Douglas	1944	to	1950
R. J. Greffenius	1950	to	1955
Raymond C. Urbom	1955	to	1958
Carl Henderson	1958	to	1964
James R.Schoenbaum	1964	to	1969
David R. W. Hoefer	1969	to	1972

District abolished June 30, 1972 and combined with Hahns Peak and Yampa Districts

Yampa RD Districts #2, #3, #4 combined (*Ranger located in Yampa, CO)* (*This Yampa District was created on May 1, 1954. It is composed of parts of the old Burns Hole and Williams Fork Districts on the White River National Forest transferred to the Routt National Forest)*

Gordon (Tex) Harp	1954	to	1958
Raymond L. Brown	1958	to	1962
E. Allen Crozer	1963	to	1965
Jack Carter	1965	to	1969
Lee W Jensen	1970	to	1982
Raymond D Brown	1982	to	1991

Kathy Kurtz	1991	to	1997
Norm Wagoner	1998	to	2000
Howard Sargent	2000	to	2007
Oscar Martinez	2007	to	2012
Jack Lewis	2012	to	2015
Basia Trout	2015	to	2018
James Statezny	2018	to	---present

Bears Ears RD *(Ranger located in Craig. CO until 1934 when located to Hayden, CO)(Relocated back to Craig in 1962*)

District #6 (1904-1919)

H. C. Hurd	1906	to	1908
Ray Peck	1908	to	1909
Ed Peck	1909	to	1919

District #7 (1906 – 1918)

John O'Conner*	1906	to	died

**O'Conner died suddenly in July 1906 – replaced temporarily by Harry Ratliff.Ratliff intimates that O'Conner was murdered.*

Harry Ratliff	1906	to	1906
James A. Oliphant	1906	to	1910
H.C. Hurd	1911	to	1913
L.L. Segur	1913	to	1917
Marcy Meaden	1917	to	1918??++

District #6 (1919 – 1923)

Charles Lancaster	1920	to	1921
Percy Ray	1921	to	1923

Consolidated Bears Ears District (**Districts 6, 7, and 8)**

Percy Ray	1924	to	1929
Owen B. Hurley	1929	to	1934
Marvin Klemme	1934	to	1936
Reuben J.Greffenius	1936	to	1940
John Douglas	1941	to	1943
Frank J. Smith	1943	to	1945
Roan Anderson	1945	to	1957
William M. Fenner	1957	to	1963
LaVern A. Shultz	1964	to	1971
John Heaton	1972	to	1974
Sam Scanga	1975	to	1983
Alan Green	1984	to	1990
Chris Comstock	1990	to	1993
Sherry Reed	1993	to	1994

Snake River RD (*Initially Snake River RD, Routt NF Ranger located in Columbine, CO.)*
(In WY on the Hayden NF Snake River RD Ranger located in Savory, WY)

William F. Cochran	1923	to	1927

Hahns Peak RD *(Initially the Ranger was located in Clark, CO. Sometime prior to 1931 Ranger relocated to Steamboat Springs. CO*)

District #8 (Three Forks 1906-1924)
(During organization change transitions there may have been some overlap of Ranger roles and responsibilities.)

Harry Ratliff	1906	to	1907

(*Ratliff spent most of his time as Ranger working on the Carbon County timber trespass in Hog Park)*

P. L. Gooldy	1907	to	1911
Earl Salisbury	????	to	19??
Lewis Cadwallader	1908	to	19??
Stanley Brock	1910	to	1914
William H.McCormick	1912	to	1914

(*McCormick also supervised sheep grazing on "High Trail")*

William F. Cochran	1915	to	1924

District #5 (old Hahns Peak District 1906-1924)

Samuel Coleman	1906	to	1907
James L. Blackburn	1909	to	1913
Pleasant H. Sallee	1914	to	1915
Frank Rose	1915	to	1921
Dean H. Leonard	1921	to	1924

Combined Hahns Peak Districts #4, #5, #8 (1924 – 1994)

Dean H. Leonard	1924	to	1932
Lawrence H. Carr	1933	to	1936
Samuel W. Orr	1937	to	1943
Daniel E. Gibson	1942	to	1951
Raymond Bennett	1951	to	1959
Robert J. Miller	1959	to	1963
Warren P. Hartman	1964	to	1972
Bill Conklin	1973	to	1983
Jim Carson	1983	to	1989
Sherry Reed	1990	to	1994

Hahns Peak Bears Ears RD (*Hahns Peak District combined with Bears Ears District in1995 with Ranger located in Steamboat Springs, CO.*)

Sherry Reed	1994	to	1999
Kim Vogel	1999	to	2007
Jamie Kingsbury	2007	to	2013
Chad Stewart	2013	to	2018
Tara Umphries	2018	to	2020

Michael Woodbridge	2021	to	present

Park Range RD (*Initially part of the* RD *was located within the Park Range National Forest, Rand, and Walden. Sometime prior to 1931 Ranger was relocated to Walden, CO & name was changed to North Park RD*) *(Tour of duty for some of the Rangers listed below shows overlap, probably because some lived in the same town but worked on separate North Park RDs; some may have been assistant rangers; and some people had two different roles – one on a district and one in a resource or project function covering more than one District area.*)

W.H. Merriam	1920	to	1921
Richard Clark	1921	to	1921
L.H. Carr	1921	to	1925
Howard Beehler	1923	to	19??
John W. Delaney	1924	to	????

North Park RD (*Initially the east part of this RD was within the Park Range NF, then the Colorado NF and a short time later the Arapaho NF. In about 1930 the east part of the North Park RD was transferred to the Routt NF and merged with District #2 Grizzly Creek)*

East Side District *(Colorado National Forest until 1930)*

N.G. Bellairs	1906	to	1910

Rand Ranger District (Arapaho National Forest until 1930)

J. A. McNamara	1906	to	1910
C. C. White	1911	to	1912
John Stephens	1912	to	1915
Cleve Langston	1916	to	1917
Frank Poley	1918	to	1919
E. M. Davis	1919	to	1920
J.C. McCallister	1920	to	1921
Frank Crow	1921	to	1923
Albert Straub	1924	to	1925
Carl Sward	1926	to	1927
Paul Lundell	1928	to	1929
Charles Kutzleb	1929	to	1930

District #2 Grizzly Creek (Routt National Forest 1906-1929)

W. L. Galpin	1907	to	1909
Angus H. Taylor	1909	to	1914
Austin Russel	1914	to	1915
E. J. Davis	1916	to	1918
C. P. McClanahan	1919	to	1923
H. G. Belcher	1923	to	1924
C. A. Kutzleb	1924	to	1929

North Park District *(Routt National Forest with Ranger located in Walden, CO The North Park District listed previously, beginning in 1906, is not the same as the North Park District area listed here beginning in 1929.*

The North Park District listed here includes areas of land added to the 1906 version and realigned from what was previously called North Park District.)

C. A. Kutzleb	1929	to	1930
Henry(Harry)C.Parks	1931	to	1932
Dean H. Leonard	**1933**	**to**	**1934**
Samuel W. Orr	1934	to	1936
Lawrence H. Carr	1937	to	1938
Frank Blankenship	1938	to	1942
Gordon Van Buren	1943	to	1945
Stratton H. Van	1946	to	1956
Gerald D. Wadlow	1956	to	1959
George H. Gorsuch	1959	to	1961
Robert J.Scofield	1962	to	1964
E. Allen Crozer	1965	to	1966
Jack A. Wolf	1966	to	1971
Wayne S. Shuttleworth,Jr.	1971	to	1972
Norbert Milanowski	1972	to	1974
Donald Bielefield	1975	to	1976
Donald W. Foth	1977	to	1978
George Edwards	1979	to	1988
Craig Yancy	1988	to	1990
Larry Ross	1991	to	1994

Middle Park RD - *Also called the* ***Kremmling RD***
(*In mid-1973 the Kremmling District was transferred from the Arapaho National Forest to the Routt National Forest and renamed Middle Park RD.In addition to the transfer the* ***Disrtict #1*** *area of the Routt NF administered by the Gore and the North Park Districts was added the Middle RD)*

Robert Joslin	1973	to	1974
Berwyn Brown	1975	to	1978
Roger Corner	1979	to	1990
Paul Momper	1990	to	1994

Parks RD (*North Park District combined with north part of Middle Park District in 1995 with name changed to Parks RD and ranger located in Walden, CO. The south and east part of the Middle Park District merged with the Sulphur RD of the Arapahoe Roosevelt NF.*)

Larry Ross	1994	to	1999
Chuck Oliver	2000	to	2004
Anne Kiser	2004	to	2006
Michael Wright	2006	to	2012
Jason Brey	2013	to	2015
Jeremiah Zamora	2015	to	2020
Chris Olds	2021	to	present

Medicine Bow Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland

Officially combined in 1995 with Supervisor's office in Laramie, Wyoming. (Below is the current status of Rangers and Ranger Districts along with the history since the combination became official

Medicine Bow National Forest with Thunder Basin National Grassland side

Laramie RD *(Ranger located in Laramie, WY)*

Michael M. Sanders	1995	to	2004
Clint Kyhl	2004	to	2008
Larry Sandoval, Jr	2008	to	2012
Frank Romero	2012	to	---present

Brush Creek Hayden RD (*Ranger Station located in Saratoga*)

Don Carroll	1995	to	2000
Scott Armentrout	2000	to	2008
Steve Best	2008	to	2012
Melanie Fullman	2012	to	2017
Jason Armbruster	2018	to	---present

Douglas and Thunder Basin National Grassland RD

(Ranger located in Douglas. Management responsibility includes Medicine Bow NF land and Thunder Basin National Grassland)

Malcom Edwards	1993	to	1999
Norman Wagoner	2000	to	2004
Misty Hays - Deputy District Ranger	2004	to	2004
Bob Sprental	2004	to	2012?
Tom Whitford	2012	to	2016
Shane Walker	2016	to	2018
Robert Robertson	2018	to	---present

Routt National Forest side

(The Routt side of the Medicine Bow Routt National Forest includes129,325 acres of the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest. This Arapaho/Roosevelt NF acreage is not all in one chunk of land but it occurs in pockets and segments around the edges of the Parks and Yampa districts.)

Yampa RD

Kathy Kurtz	1991	to	1997
Norm Wagoner	1998	to	2000
Howard Sargent	2000	to	2007
Oscar Martinez	2007	to	2012
Jack Lewis	2012	to	2015
Basia Trout	2015	to	2018
James Statezny	2018	to	---present

Hahns Peak Bears Ears RD (*Hahns Peak District combined with Bears Ears District in1995 with Ranger located in Steamboat Springs, CO.*)

Sherry Reed	1994	to	1999
Kim Vogel	1999	to	2007
Jamie Kingsbury	2007	to	2013
Chad Stewart	2013	to	2018
Tara Umphries	2018	to	2020
Michael Woodbridge	2021	to	---present

Parks RD (*North Park District combined with north part of Middle Park District in 1995 with name changed to Parks RD and Ranger located in Walden, CO. The south and east part of the Middle Park District merged with the Sulphur RD of the Arapahoe Roosevelt NF.*)

Larry Ross	1994	to	1999
Chuck Oliver	2000	to	2004
Anne Kiser	2004	to	2006
Michael Wright	2006	to	2012
Jason Brey	2013	to	2015
Jeremiah Zamora	2015	to	2020
Chris Olds	2021	to	---present

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Four past Forest Supervisors

Jerry Schmidt	Mary Peterson
Phil Cruz	Dennis Jaeger

Notes and phone conversations from a few people who spent the majority of their career within or near the Medicine Bow Routt National Forests.
John Heaton *(third generation Forest Service within or near this area)*
Don Heiser, Dan Nolan, Larry Thoney, Frank Romero

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NEBRASKA NATIONAL FOREST - RANGER ROLL CALL

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Niobrara Forest Reserve was established as the by the General Land Office in Nebraska on April 16, 1902 with 123,779 acres through Proclamation 470 issued by President Theodore Roosevelt. It became the **Niobrara National Forest** on March 4, 1907.
Similarly, **Dismal Forest Reserve** was established as the by the General Land Office in Nebraska on April 16, 1902 with 85,123 acres through Proclamation 471 issued by President Theodore Roosevelt. It became the **Niobrara National Forest** on March 4, 1907.
The **North Platte Forest Reserve** was established on March 10th, 1906, by 34 Stat. 3193 with 347,170 acres. It became the **North Platte National Forest** on March 4, 1907. On March 1st, 1913, the land was deleted and opened for homesteading through Nebraska NE Proc. 1229 MAR 01, 1913* 37 Stat. 1771.
On July 2, 1908 the Nebraska National Forest was established by consolidation of Dismal River, Niobrara, and North Platte National Forests by Executive Order 908. Total area was 556,072 acres; and the other National Forest names (Niobrara, Dismal, and North Platte) were discontinued.[1] When the North Platte Division was deleted in 1913, Nebraska National Forest acreage was reduced to 208,902. The Dismal River Division became the Bessey Ranger District in 1925.
The national grasslands and the native ponderosa pine forest of Nebraska's Pine Ridge area were added to the National Forest System in the 1950's. The nearly 1.1 million acres administered by the Nebraska National Forests & Grasslands Supervisor are scattered across a large arc extending from central Nebraska west to the northern Panhandle, into southwestern South Dakota and on east to the state's center.
On October 15, 1971, President Richard Nixon designated the Niobrara Division the Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest after former Governor Samuel R. McKelvie.[3]
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Dismal Forest Reserve (Established 1902)

C.A. Scott	1904 – 1907
Renamed Dismal Division	
Williams Mast	1908 - 1909
R.G. Pierce	1910 – 1912
H. Earl French	1912 – 1914
Fred R. Johnson	1915 – 1916
Jay Higgins	1917 – 1921
John A. Lubbe	1922 – 1925
Renamed Bessey Ranger District	
M.S. Hulse	1926 – 1929
Roland Rotty	1930 – 1934
Fred Newcomer	1935 – 1937
Lawrence H. Carr	1938 – 1939
Donald W. Smith	1940 – 1942
Dwight A. Hester	1943 – 1944
Ralph R. Hill	1945
Morley Brandborg	1946
Russell K. Smith	1947 – 1953
John D. Grover	1954 – 1955
Gerald Mayberry	1958 – 1960
Lloyd D. Todd	1961 – 1963
Henry Bond	1964 – 1967
Dan Heinz	1968 – 1973
LaVerne Schultz	1974 – 1978
Warren DuBois	1979 – 1982
Mack Devereaux	1983 – 1997
Don Carpenter	1998 – 2001
Patty Barney	2002 – 2008
Terry Baker	2009 – 2011
Tim Buskirk	2012 – 2014
Julie Bain	2015 – present

Niobrara Forest Reserve (Established 1902)

C.A. Scott	1904 – 1907
Renamed Niobrara Division	
Williams Mast	1908 - 1909
R.G. Pierce	1910 – 1912
H. Earl French	1912 – 1914
Fred R. Johnson	1915 – 1916
Jay Higgins	1917 – 1920
John G. Lord	1921 – 1943
Charles W. Stavely	1945 – 1957

Clarence R. Schwartz	1958 – 1961
Renamed Samuel R. McKelvie National Forest	
Martin Jetley	1962 – 1963
James Grace	1964
Lee Jenson	1968 – 1969
Billy Hardman	1970 – 1973

Merged with Bessey RD

North Platte Forest Reserve (Established 1906)

C.A. Scott	1907
Renamed North Platte Division	
Williams Mast	1908 - 1909
R.G. Pierce	1910 – 1912
Land Deleted	

Fall River Ranger Ranger District (western portion of Buffalo Gap National Grassland)

Leonard Noble	1961 – 1964
Robert M. Case	1965 – 1967
George H. Geiger	1968 – 1980
Steve Libby	1981 – 1985
Bob Childress	1986 – 1997
Clint Kyle	1998 – 2002
Mike McNeil	2003 – 2019
Julie Wheeler	2020 – present

Ft. Pierre Ranger District (Includes Ft. Pierre National Grassland)

Tony DeToy	1991 – 2008
Ruben Leal	2009 – 2012
Dan Svingen	2014 – present

Pine Ridge Ranger District (includes Oglala National Grassland)

Charles Stavely	1958 – 1961
Martin Jetley	1962 – 1964
Clifford R. Van Doren	1965 – 1968
Wallace C. Chesbro	1969 – 1976
J. Phil James	1977 – 1980
Marvin Liewer	1981 – 1994
Patricia Irwin	1995 – 1999
Charles Marsh	2000 – 2011
John Gresinger	2012 – 2014
Tim Buskirk	2015 - present

Pike and San Isabel National Forests Ranger Roll Call
&
Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands

History – Pike and San Isabel National Forests are located in central Colorado and were administratively combined in 1973. Pike National Forest is named after the American explorer Zebulon Pike and known for its pink- to orange-colored granite bedrock. Together with San Isabel National Forest, they cover a little more than two million acres and are comprised of six ranger districts: Leadville, Pikes Peak, Salida, San Carlos, South Park, and South Platte.

Pike National Forest

South Park District – Fairplay, CO

South Park District (1905 – Present)

William H. Hazzard	1905 – 1905
Edward "Ed" Hepburn	1906 – 1906
R. A. Bowen	1907 – 1907
Merle F. Frey	1908 – 1908
William H. Hazzard	1908 – 1910
Ed Brown	1910 – 1911
Ben Carter	1911 – 1912
J. F. Low	1912 – 1913
Samuel H. Clay	1913 – 1918
Guy Wallace	1918 – 1919
Dewey S. Wright	1919 – 1923
R. C. Prater	1922 – 1923
Raymond O. Taylor	1922 – 1928
Charles R. Towne	1928 – 1931
John C. Leadbeater	1930 – 1936
Wendell R. Becton	1935 – 1939
Francis J. Smith	1939 – 1958
Ray E. Johnson	1957 – 1971
Kaye R. Luebchoiw	1970 – 1975
Edward D. Lockhart	1974 – 1978
Robert D. Lillie	1977 – 1982
Duane D. Kick	1981 – 1984
Nick S. Greear	1983 – 1989
Patrick Harrison	1988 – 1990
Johnny Hodges	1989 – 1996
Daniel J. Jiron	1995 – 1999
Donald Cosby	1999 – 2001
Sara Mayben	2001 – 2009
Kris Sexton	2010 – 2013
Josh Voorhis	2014 – Present

Lake George District (1907 – 1976)
[Merged with South Park R.D. in 1976.]

Lemul D. Crandell	1907 – 1909
D. C. Montgomery, Jr.	1910 – 1911
Fred C. Parrett	1911 – 1913
Homer E. Smelser	1913 – 1914
Edmund "Ed" Couch	1914 – 1915
K. J. Helmick	1915 – 1915
Clarence A. Mack	1915 – 1920
Jacob Roeser, Jr.	1921 – 1921
K. H. Trempel	1921 – 1922
David Basham	1923 – 1924
Ray M. Bradshaw	1925 – 1934
Grant Morse	1935 – 1938
Wendell R. Becton	1939 – 1941
Frank Sodolski	1942 – 1950
James Wenban	1951 – 1955
Carl Fiebelkorn	1956 – 1960
Melvin Mitts	1960 – 1964
Jack Swisher	1964 – 1964
Tom Dix	1964 – 1964
Rodney D. "Rod" Lewis	1965 – 1973
William H. Zimmer	1973 – 1976

South Platte District – Conifer, CO

South Platte District (1888 – Present)

William R. Kreutzer	1888 – 1901
Lew Busher	1899 – 1901
James D. Jamison	1900 – 1901
W. D. Edmonston	1901 – 1904
S. P. Ackerman	? - ?
Keith Urquhart	1910 – 1912
F. P. Sobey	1911 – 1913
S. Howard Wright	1912
Fred C. Parrett	1912
Oscar Lorenz	1913
Homer E. Smelser	1914
Fred Still	1920 – 1924
M. L. Samahan	1925 – 1927
S. L. Mahan	1927 – 1935
R. M. B. Wald	1935 – 1939
Ray M. Bradshaw	? – 1942
C. Leslie Burton	1939 – 1943
Everett A. Shipek	1941
Ray E. Johnson	1941 – 1945
W. H. Maxwell	1949 – 1951
Nelson Watson	? – 1954

Keith Knudson	1951 – 1955
Gordon A. Ince	1955 – 1956
John Grover	1956 – 1958
Joe Zylinski	1958 – 1964
Wallace Longsinger	1964 – 1969
Tom Dix	1969 – 1972
Wayne Shuttleworth	1972 – 1974
R. M. Nelson	1974 – 1975
Jack D. Cameron	1975 – 1977
Larry O. Gadt	1977 – 1981
M. M. Underwood	1981 – 1985
Randle G. Phillips	1985 – 1988
Edward M. Ryberg	1988 – 1994
Pamela DeVore	1994 – 1998
Randy Hickenbottom	1999 – 2015
Brian Banks	2015 – Present

Bailey District (1899 – 1969)
[Merged with South Platte R.D. in 1969.]

C. L. Fitzsimmons	1899 – 1901
W. W. Hooper	1902 – 1904
Albert Hooper	1905 – 1906
Edward "Ed" Hepburn	1907 – 1909
Edmund "Ed" Couch	1909 – 1913
Roy M. Truman	1913 – 1917
W. E. Jackson	1918 – 1919
P. V. Woodhead	1919 – 1921
J. B. Fitzsimmons	1921 – 1936
E. S. Erickson	1936 – 1944
John A. Rundgren	1944 – 1956
Bruce Merrill	1956 – 1960
Bob Lake	1960 – 1963
John P. Burke	1963 – 1969

Pikes Peak District – Colorado Springs, CO

L. A. Dark	1904 – 1905
John H. Patterson	1905 – 1928
William F. Cochran	1930 – 1946
Ray M. Bradshaw	1946 – 1949
Floyd A. Phillips	1952 – 1956
Gordon A. Ince	1956 – 1957
Warren Walters	1957 – 1958
Elmer Miller	1958
John D. Graves	1958 – 1961
Roan C. Anderson	1961 – 1967
Richard T. "Dick" Hauff	1967 – 1969
Dennis L. Lynch	1969 – 1972

Kenneth H. Wood	1972 – 1973
Ladd G. Frary	1973 – 1975
Bob Wagner	1975 – 1976
Steve Deitemeyer	1976 – 1980
Vern Schmidt	1980 – 1988
Gary Edson	1988 – 1989
James R. Montoya	1989 – 1994
William R. Nelson	1994 – 2005
Brent O. Botts	2005 – 2012
Allen D. Hahn	2012 – 2014
Oscar Martinez	2014 – Present

San Isabel National Forest

Salida District – Salida, CO

Bassam District (1905 - ?)
[Originally part of the Leadville Forest until it was added to the Cochetopa Forest in 1930. In 1945, it became part of the San Isabel Forest and was combined with Buena Vista R.D.]

Samuel E. Clay	1905 – 1918
James L. Frame	1918 – 1920

Cottonwood District (1905 - ?)
[Originally part of the Leadville Forest until it was added to the Cochetopa Forest in 1930. In 1945, it became part of the San Isabel Forest and was combined with Buena Vista R.D.]

Clarence A. Mack	1906 – 1914
Merle F. Frey	1915 – 1921

Buena Vista District (1905 -)
[Originally part of the Leadville Forest until it was added to the Cochetopa Forest in 1930. In 1942, it became part of the San Isabel Forest. Later, it was absorbed by Salida R.D.]

James L. Frame	1921 – 1939
Grant A. Morris	1939 – 1941
Stanley A. Mahan	1942 – 1945
Gordon Van Buren	1946 - ?

Poncha District (1907 - ?)
[Originally part of the Cochetopa Forest until it was incorporated in San Isabel Forest's Salida R.D.]

Lewis A. Surallow	1905 – 1906
Charley N. Miller	1907 – 1911
Joseph N. Cuenin	1911 – 1934
Frank W. Woody	1934 – 1935
Hugh Martin	1935 – 1943
Manford R. Hickel	1943 – 1944

Bonanza District (1907 - ?)
[Originally part of the Cochetopa Forest until it was incorporated in San Isabel Forest's Salida R.D.]

Winne E. Shropshire	1920 – 1921
Flor C. Corbit	1922 – 1924
Leonard H. England	1924 – 1925
Frank W. Woody	1925 – 1933

Salida District (1907 – Present)
[Originally part of the Cochetopa Forest until it was added to the San Isabel Forest.]

Manford R. Hickel	1944 – 1950
Gordon Van Buren	1950 – 1952
Jacob Jauch	1952 – 1962
Jack A. Wolfe	1962 – 1966
Ross E. Mosier	1966 – 1972
Warren L. Hartman	1972 – 1977
James C. Free	1977 – 1979
Bernard G. Lyons	1979 – 1989
Charles E. "Charlie" Medina	1989 – 2006
William A. Schukert	2006 – 2013
Jim Pitts	2013 – Present

San Carlos District – Canon City, CO

Greenhorn District (1905 – 1929)
[Combined with Hardscrabble R.D. in 1929.]

Oscar S. Mackelfresh	1905 – 1909
Leonard Hawkins	1910 – 1911
Lewis D. Miller	1912 – 1913
Holland Coleman	1914 – 1916
Jesse C. Russell	1917 – 1918
Harry Friend	1919 – 1922
Earl Nolen	1923 – 1927
Karl Gilbert	1928 – 1929
R. E. Wilson	1929 – 1929

Hardscrabble District (1907 – 1934)
[Renamed to Custer R.D. in 1934.]

Frank H. Wagner	1907 – 1908
Lee C. Newport	1908 – 1909
J. J. Lowell	1910 – 1932
Henry A. Payson	1933 – 1934

Spanish Peaks District (1907 – 1977)
[Originally part of Las Animas N.F. before Las Animas N.F. was combined with San Isabel N.F. in 1910. The district was combined with San Carlos R.D. in 1978.]

Asa Arnold	1907 – 1910

Charles A. Whitney	1910 – 1911
John W. Boyd	1911 – 1919
Eugene S. Vories	1919 – 1921
Karl Gilbert	1921 – 1924
Paul Gilbert	1924 – 1925
Walter Oaks	1925 – 1928
Karl Gilbert	1928 – 1937
Ralph C. Bryant, Jr.	1937 – 1942
Lewis A. Cummings	1942 – 1959
Ray Russell	1959 – 1961
Ross E. Mosier	1961 – 1966
John Nepp	1966 – 1972
Elbert O. Reed	1973 – 1975
Donald Musso	1975 – 1977

Malachite-Blanca-Huerfano District (1908 – 1952)
[Combined with San Carlos R.D. in 1952.]

Ralph W. Shellabarger	1908 – 1909
Oscar S. Mackelfresh	1909 – 1910
John W. Boyd	1910 – 1911
John W. Wright	1912 – 1917
Karl Gilbert	1918 – 1920
Paul Gilbert	1921 – 1945
J. William Vinacke	1946 – 1948
Cliff Van Doren	1949 – 1951
Manford R. Hickel	1951 – 1952

Westcliffe District (1908 – 1958)
[Combined with San Carlos R.D. in 1958.]

Frank H. Wagner	1908 – 1914
Charles L. Dickson	1915 – 1916
Neal O. McKinley	1917 – 1919
Paul Gilbert	1919 – 1920
Neal O. McKinley	1921 – 1923
Charles E. Seymour	1924 – 1925
Roy M. Truman	1926 – 1944
Ralph K. Geirish	1945 – 1952
J. Leo Spatziani	1953 – 1955

Custer District (1934 – 1943)
[Renamed to San Carlos R.D. in 1943.]

Henry A. Payson	1934 – 1935
Ralph V. Minges	1936 – 1937
Alan A. McCready	1938 – 1940
Charles E. Fifield	1941 – 1943

San Carlos District (1943 – Present)

Charles E. Fifield	1943 – 1945
George K. Brown	1946 – 1948
Manford R. Hickel	1949 – 1952
James T. Sykes, Jr.	1953 – 1960
Walter J. Litwicki	1960 – 1965
John F. Butruille	1966 – 1969
Bruce J. Thomas	1970 – 1972
Erlin R. Trekell	1973 – 1974
James C. Free	1975 – 1976
Edward D. Lockhart	1977 – 1981
Roger M. Williams	1982 - 1983
Murry Hartshorn	1984 - 1985
Sally Edwards	1986 – 1989
Cindy Rivera	1990 – 1997
Paul Crespin	1998 – 2018
Destiny Chapman	2019 – Present

Leadville District – Leadville, CO

William H. Hopper	1905 – 1906
James A. Blair	1906 – 1907
William H. Hazzard	1907 – 1908
Merle F. Frey	1908 – 1913
Edward F. Heaton	**1916 – 1919**
Harry J. Smith	1919 – 1927
Raymond O. Taylor	1928 – 1929
Donald W. Shaw	1929 – 1930
Samuel W. Orr	1930 – 1933
C. Lester Burton	1934 – 1936
Charles E. Fox	1937 – 1938
Joseph T. Radel	1938 – 1943
John P. Burke	1944 – 1945
Jack Graw	1946 – 1951
John Mattoon	1951 – 1953
Warren Walters	1954 – 1956
Eldon G. Lucas	1957 – 1960
G. Doyne Mayberry	1960 – 1966
James E. Ficke	1966 – 1974
Dan C. Heinz	1974 – 1979
Gene Eide	1979 – 1988
Les Russell	1988 – 1995
Rich Phelps	1995 – 1997
Kathy Hardy	1998 – 1999
Rick Newton	2000 – 2003
Jim Zornes	2003 – 2006
Jon Morrissey	2007 – 2013
Tamera Conner	2013 – 2016

Mary Moore	2016 - 2018
Patrick Mercer	2020 – Present

Cimarron National Grassland –
The Grassland is located in southwestern Kansas and contains 108,175 acres with Headquarters in Elkhart, KS.

George Atwood	1938 – 1962
Jace Devore	1962 – 1965
Floyd A. Osborne	1965 – 1966
Steward J. Adams	1966 – 1973
Morris Snider	1973 – 1974
Don Mecklenberg	1974 – 1986
Joe Hartman	1986 – 2011
Dale Fife	2011 – 2013
Lane Brown	2013 – 2017
Kevin Taylor	2018 – Present

Comanche National Grassland
The Grassland includes over 440, 000 acres in southeastern Colorado. Grassland Headquarters, in Springfield, CO. The Timpas Unit was operational for a brief time.

Carrizo Unit, Springfield, CO

Elmer E. Miller	1961 – 1965
James M. Mayo	1966
Robert E. Wagner	1967 – 1971
William B. Roberts	1972 – 1975
Erlin R. Trekell	1976 – 1984
Geoffrey Huse	1984 – 1989
Charles Richmond	1990 - 1992
David Pieper	1993 -1997
Tom Peters	2000 – 2004
Vacant	2008

Timpas Unit, La Junta, CO

J. Leo Spatziani	1961 – 1963
Stewart J. Adams	1964 - 1966

White River National Forest Ranger Roll Call

Chronological History of the White River National Forest completed on the WRNF Golden Anniversary 10/11/1941 by Walter Gallacher.

On October 16, 1891, President Benjamin Harrison signed a Proclamation setting aside public lands for the public good. The lands President Harrison set aside were called the White River Plateau Timber Reserve and were among the first lands established in support of a historic conservation movement. They were, in fact, the very first Timber Reserve lands established in the State of Colorado. There are five Ranger Districts: Aspen-Sopris, Blanco, Dillon, Eagle-Holy Cross and Rifle.

1897 June 4. Law enacted by Congress providing for the organization and management of the forest reserves and placing their administration under the General Land Office of the Department of Interior.

1902 June 28. President Theodore Roosevelt eliminated 68,160 acres and changed the name from White River Plateau Timberland Reserve to White River Forest Reserve.

1904 May 21. President Theodore Roosevelt eliminated 159,040 acres from the White River Forest.

1905 February 1. Administration of the forest reserves transferred from the General Land Office, U. S. Department of Interior, to the Forest Service, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

1907. The name "forest reserves" was changed to "national forests" by Act of Congress, to indicate that the resources of these areas are not locked up as "reserves" for a distant future.

1911 January 6. Supervisor's office at Meeker destroyed by fire and all records were lost. First range and timber survey work started on the forest.

1917 January 6. Supervisor's office moved from Meeker to Glenwood Springs, in Post Office Building.

1932 March 5. Flat Tops Primitive Area designated by Chief Forester R. Y. Stuart.

1941 October 11. Golden Anniversary of establishment of White River National Forest celebrated at Meeker, Colorado.

Battlement Mesa Forest Reserve within the now White River NF then to Grand Mesa National Forest

Ranger Districts:

Grand River Ranger District (2)

E. L. Davis	1921 – 1922
M. (H.) S. Hulse	1922 and 4/1924 – 4/1925
Henry Vance	10/1925 – 10/1928

Muddy Ranger District

Lakes Ranger District

J. B. Robinson	1923

Mesa Ranger District

Walter A. Wagner	1923

Collbran Ranger District

G. L. Sanders	1923

Holy Cross Forest Reserve to Holy Cross NF then to White River NF

Ranger Districts:

Red Cliff RD

W. M. Scanlon	1921 - 1923
A. O. Harris	1927 – 1931
Paul E. Lemmon	1931
Donald G. Schaal	1931 – 1935
Levi M. Frost	1934 – 1940
Thomas C. Pender	1939 – 1941
Henry A. Payson	1941 – 1943
Earl E. Ericson	1943 – 1944
Everett H. Clocker	1944 - 1946

Avon RD

R. C. Prater	1921 – 1922
L. L. Segur	1922 – 1925
A. E. Harris	1925 - 1927
George A. Powell	1927 - 1928

Eagle RD

John B. Green	1906 – 1911
Marshall Fulford	1906 – 1911
K. J. Helmick	1911
John B. Green	1912 – 1913
Harry S. Dickerson	1914

John V. Nevitt	1915
Clarence L. Kerns	1915 – 1917
R. S. Rogers	1916
W. R. Shoemaker	1918
Harry S. Dickerson	1918 – 1920
F. W. Alvard	1920
H. H. French	1921
William S. Brown	1923 - 1934
Benjamin F. Rice	1935 - 1945

Cattle Creek Ranger District

V. C. Holcomb	1921 - 1922

Frying Pan

V. C. Holcomb	1922 - 1925
James R. Ahl	1928 – 1929
Percy Ray	1929 – 1941
Thomas C Pender	1941 - 1945

Aspen

L. C. Shoemaker	1921 – 1934
Clarke A. Anderson	1935 – 1936
Clarence K. Collins	1936 – 1937
Fred A. Cook	1937 - 1945

Capital Creek Ranger District

R. H. Bailey	1921 – 1922
Harold B. Perkins	1922 – 1923
A.E. Harris	1923
Fay Franklin	1925

Crystal River

R. M. Bradshaw	1921 - 1926
S. Floyd Chappel	1926 – 1944
Joseph T. Radel	1944 - 1945

Leadville Forest Reserve then Leadville NF to White River NF in 1929

Ranger Districts:

Buena Vista RD

James L. Frame	1923 - 1928

Leadville RD

Harry J. Smith	1923
Raymond O. Taylor	1928

Dillon RD

Edward F. Heaton	**1919 – 1931**

Blue River RD

Stanley A. Mahan	1923
Harry J. Smith	1928

South Park RD

Raymond O Taylor	1923
Charles R. Towne	1928

Arapaho National Forest

Ranger Districts:

Dillon RD

Edward H. Heaton	1930 - 1932
Paul G. Lundell	1932 – 1935
George K. Brown	1935 – 1937
Howard F. Harlan	1937 – 1942
Jacob Jauch	1942 – 1945
Clifford E. Skinner	1945 – 1953
Paul I. Hauk	1952 – 1957
George S. Gorsuch	1958 – 1960
Dale G. Gallagher	1960 – 1962
William F. Conklin	1962 – 1964
George F. Schreiber	1962 – 1964
Danny L. Peters	1964 – 1968
Herbert A Naumann	1964
Paul H. Wachter	1968 – 1972
Jerry Covault	1971 – 1972
James L. Hagemeier	1972 - 1973

Dillon Ranger District Administered by White River National Forest starting in 1973

Clear Creek RD

Kenson J. Helmick	1939
Howard C. Lee	1945

Blue River (Transferred from Leadville NF to Arapaho NF in October 1929)

Stanley A. Mahan	1920-1923
S. F. Chappel	1923-1924
Ernest A. Foster Jr.	1924-Aug 15, 1926
Joseph A. Gibbs	1924-1924
W. E. Johnson	Sep 3, 1926-Apr 1, 1927
Charles R. Towne	Apr 3, 1927-May 1, 1929
Harry J. Smith	Apr 18, 1928—1929

Kremmling RD

Charles W. Stavely	1931 - 1936
Morley F. Brandborg	1939
Durward O. Johnson	1945

Fraser RD

John F. Johnston	1928
Durward O. Johnson	1931 - 1936
James G. Kaiser	1939
Rudolph J. Benson	1939
Henry Tiedemann	1945

Sulphur RD

Wm. L. Robb	1928
Paul G. Lundell	1931
Leslie A. Sample	1934
Durward O. Johnson	1939
J. Morgan Smith	1945

North Park RD

Paul G. Lundell	1928

South Park

Charles R. Towne	1928

Sopris National Forest - Forest Supervisors:

John McLaren	6/1909 – 3/1910
W. G. Baxter	4/1915 – 7/1916
W. G. Baxter	7/1916 – 10/1916
Arthur T. Upsom	10/1916 – 7/1919
Harry H. French	7/1919

White River Forest Reserve TO White River National Forest - Ranger in Charge and Forest Sup's

Charles W. Ramer	8/13/1898
W. L. Veatch	7/1905 – 12/1906
Harry Gibler	10/1905 – 11/1906
James A. Blair	12/1906 to 1928
Lewis R. Rist	1928 – *1935*
Edward Wright	*1935 – 1945*
John V. Leighou	1945 – *1956*
Edward H. Mason	*1956 - 1964*
Kenneth C. Scholz	1964 – *1966*
James O. Folkestad	1966 – 1971
Thomas C. Evans	1972 – 1980
George A. Morris	*1980 - 1981*
Richard E. Woodrow	1981 – 1987

Thomas A. Hoots	1988 – 1991
Veto J. "Sonny" LaSalle	1992 – 1996
Martha J. Ketelle	1997 – 2004
Maribeth Gustafson	2005 – 2008
Scott Fitzwilliams	2009 -

Ranger Districts:

Aspen RD

Fred A. Cook	1945
Charles E. Fifield	1948 – 1952
Carl F. Henderson	1952 - 1953
Gaillard E. Weidenhaft	1953 - 1958
Neil A. Edstrom	1958 - 1964
Harry R. Taylor	1964 - 1966
Michael J. Penfold	1966 - 1968
??????	1964 – 1968
David R.W. Hoefer	1968 - 1970
??????	1968 – 1971
John E. Burns George	1970 – 1973
A. Morris Tommy E.	1973 - 1976
Bell Dennis E. Bschor	1976 – 1979
William Johnson	1979 – 1984
Vacant 1989 Gretchen	1985 – 1988
Merrill Yoichi Robert	
Iwamoto Jim	1990 – 1991
Upchurch	1992 – 2000
Bill Westbrook	2000 – 2003
	2001 – 2007

(Westbrook started overseeing both Districts Aspen and Sopris RD)

Irene Davidson	2008 – 2009
Scott Snelson	2010 – 2013
Karen Schroyer	2014 – 2019
Kevin Warner	2019 -

Blanco RD

Waldemar A. Winkler	*1959* – 1964
William Ripley III	*1962 - 1964*
Robert J. Miller	*1963* – 1967
Dale L. *(R.)* Harthan	1968 – *1976*
Larry D. Robinson	1976 – 1979
Wendy Milner Herrett	*1979* – 1983
Vacant	5/1984
Bernard C. Spanogle	12/1984 – 1988
Vacant	1989
F. William Hahnenberg	1990 -2003

Glenn Adams	2004 - 2009
Ken W. Coffin	2009 - 2015
Curtis Keetch	2016 -

Dillon RD (new listing 1975) (1979 no longer added to Arapaho NF)

James Blankenship	1973 - 1975
Larry L. Larson	1975 – 1977
Elbert O. Reed	1978 – 1980
K. Terry Skorheim	1980– 1984
Benard Weingardt	1985 – 1990
Jeffrey E. Bailey	1990 – 1994
Tere O'Rourke	1995 - 1998
Jamie Connell	1999 - 2003
Vacancy 2004	
Paul Semmer	2003, 2010 and 2011
Rick Newton	2004 - 2008
Jan Cutts	2009 - 2014
Bill Jackson	2015 - 2020
Bobbi Filbert	2021
Adam Blanchi	2021 -

Eagle RD to Eagle-Holy Cross RD 2005?

Thomas C. Pender	1945 – 1954
Thomas C. Evans	1954 – 1957
Donald E. Price	1957 - 1974 (5)
Charles S. Calkins	1962 – 1968
George A. Landrum	1974 - 1978 (5)
John W. Almond	1978 - 1982 (5)
Stephen K. Kelly	1982 - 1986 (5)
Michael Spencer	1986 - 1990 (5)
Thomas A. Portice	1991 – 1994
Vacant 1995 – 1996	
Anne Huebner	1996 - 2000
Cathy Kahlow	2001 – 2004
Cal G. Wettstein	2004 - 2007
Brian Lloyd	2007 - 2010
David Neely	2010 - 2015
Aaron Mayville	2015 - 2019
Leanne Veldhuis	2020 -

Holy Cross RD

Ernest H. Clocker	1946 - 1948
Fred A. Cook	1948 - 1951
John P. Burke	1954
Joseph Zylinski	1954 - 1960
Ronald E. Averill	1960 - 1964

Karl F. Zeller	1962 – 1966
Don I. Campbell	1963 – 1972
Edwin R. Browning	1972 - 1975
Patrick H. Finney	1975 - 1976
Ernie Nunn	1976 – 1983
Vacant -	5/1984
David Stark	12/1985 – 1987
William A. Wood	1988 – 2000
Cal Wettstein	2004 - 2007

See under Eagle RD - both districts consolidated DR duties during Wettstein's term.

Rifle RD

Ben C. Holman	4/1948 – 1/1951
Harold (Hal) N. Watson	5/1951 - 1956
William L. Plourde	1956 – 1962
Lawrence P. Forman	1962 - 1973
Donald Bielefield	1973 - 1975
Jerry P. Lynch	1974 - 1976
Vacant	1976
Michael S. Edrington	1977 – 1979
James L. Mangan	1978 – 1982
James L. Simonson	1983 – 1987
Terry K. Wood	1988 – 1996
Denny L. Johnson	1997
Dave Silvieus	2000 - 2005
Michael Herth	2005 - 2007
Glenn R. Adams	2009 - 2012
Sarah Hankins	6/2014 – 6/2020
Kelsha Anderson	2021 -

Sopris RD (name update 1973) Previously Crystal River ***(no listings for 1964)***

Joseph T. Radel	1945
John R. Stevenson	1948 – 1952
Charles W. Meyers	1952 - 1954
Walter J. Litwicki	1954 - 1961
Carl B. Larsen	1961 - 1964
Waldemar A. Winkler	1964 - 1972
Jerry D. Covault	1973 – 1975
Victor K. Weyers	1975 – 1980
Jack C. Troyer	1980 – 1985
Vacant	1986
Gretchen Merrill	1988 – 1989
Vacant	1990
Kevin T. Riordan	1991 – 2000
Bill Westbrook	2001 – 2007 (combined Aspen & Sopris DR duties)
See Aspen RD above	

~Ranger Districts previously listed under the White River NF ~

Bear River RD (not listed 1928)

J. V. Seaman	1902
Elmer E. Stephenson	1921 - 1924
Elmer E. Stephenson	1923

Burns Hole RD *(not listed 1957)*

Felix E. Read	1921 - 1935
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Gordon Van Buren	1935 – 1944
Philip Heaton	**1943 - 1944**
Gordon D. Harp	**1944** - 1951

Burro Mountain RD (*new listing 1928) (not listed 1962)*

Walter L. Schipull	1928 – 1931
Eldred R. Ware	1931 - 1932
Earl E. Ericson	1932 - 1935
George S. Stadler	1935 – 1940
John A. Rundgren	1940 - 1945
Virgil Stephens	1946 - 1948
Morley F. Brandborg	1948 – 1957
Waldeman A. Winkler	1957 - 1959

Frying Pan RD *(new listing 1945) (not listed 1972)*

Paul W. Reedy	1945 – 1957
Earl E. Ericson	1957 - 1964
Richard G. Serino	1963 - 1965
Thomas E. Lonberger	1963
David L. Hessel	1966 – 1971
Jerry D. Covault	1972 - 1976

Glenwood RD *(new listing 1928) (not listed 1972))*

Rich R. Thomson	1923 – 1931
Raymond O. Taylor	1931 – 1939 Again 1945 - 1948
Robert O. Lewis	1948 – 1957
William Ripley	1961 - 1962
Paul W. Reedy	1956 - 1962
Joseph Mack	1960 - 1967
Anthony K. Quinkert	1964 – 1968
Donald Bielefield	1968 – 1972

New Castle RD (*not listed 1928*)

George A. Powell	1921 - 1927
Lewis A. Cummings	4/1924 – 1928

Mt. Sopris Tree Nursery (1975 name update from) Mt. Sopris Nursery (new listing 1966) (not on list 5/1984)

Sidney H. Hanks	1963 - 1967
David L. Vesterby	1967 – 1968
Darrel A. Benson	1966 – 1968
Rodney W. Ellis	1968 - 1976
John R. Scholtes	1976 – 1981
Daniel L. Finke	1981 - 1982
Vacant	1983

Miller Creek RD ***(not listed 1928)***

Byron L. Groesbeck	1921 - 1922
James R. Ahl	1922 -1923

Red Cliff RD ***(new listing 1945*)** ***(not listed 1950)***

Everett H. Clocker – Minturn 1945

Shoshone RD ***(not listed 1928*)**

R. W. McDonald	1921 - 1923
Rich R. Thomson	1923 – 1928
Raymond A. Taylor	1932
Charles E. Fox	1936 - 1937

Sleepy Cat RD ***(not listed 1962)***

S. E. Alderson	1921 - 1922
Lewis A. Hahn	1922 – 1925
William F. Ogden	1925 - 1926
Charles W. Stavely	1926 - 1931
Favre L. Eaton	1931 – 1935
Benjamin F. Rice	1935 - 1936
Harry H. Peck	1937
Benjamin M.Whitehill	1937 – 1952
no one?	2/1943 –3/1944
Donald M. Kennedy	1953 - 1956
William B. Roberts	1956
Tex Harp	1958

Timber Sales RD

Raymond Bennett	10/1941
Bruce Murdoch	1947-1948

1923 Williams Fork RD - Arapaho NF ***(not listed 1957)***

Bert L. Miller	1921 - 1925
D. O. Johnson	1928
John J. Nealis	1925 - 1930
Edward L. Besondy	1930 – 1944
John S. Pomeroy	1944 – 1946

John L. Hammond	1946 - 1950
Andrew C. Wright	1950 – 1953
William J. Litwicki	1953 - 1954

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