

Alabama National Forests Ranger Roll Call

The National Forests in Alabama are comprised of four national forests - William B. Bankhead, Conecuh, Talladega and Tuskegee.

William B. Bankhead National Forest

The forest began in 1914 as the Alabama Purchase Unit. On June 19, 1936, by proclamation of President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was renamed Black Warrior National Forest. On June 6, 1942, the name was changed by an Act of Congress to the William B. Bankhead National Forest. The Black Warrior Ranger District was separated into two ranger districts in 1951 – the Black Warrior and the Bankhead Ranger District. In October 1983, the two districts were consolidated and named Bankhead Ranger District.

Black Warrior Ranger District

Henry J. McDowell	April 1918 - January 1934
Fred C. Henneberger	April 1934 - February 1937
Thomas A. Wilson	March 1937 - April 1943
Fred L. Joy	May 1943 - January 1947
William V. Cranston	January 1947 - July 1952
Allen J. Logan	July 1952 - April 1956
Donald A. Pomerene	April 1956 - August 1957
Robert B. Emery	September 1957 - June 1963
Keith A. Homan	June 1963 - September 1968
William E. Bustin	September 1968 - October 1979
Stephen McCorquodale	December 1979 - October 1983

Bankhead Ranger District

Stanley R. Johnson	September 1951 - July 1954
William O. Stewart	August 1954 - August 1962
Gene S. Jackson	September 1962 - May 1966
Charles T. O'Keefe	June 1966 - September 1970
Charles R. Myers	September 1970 - October 1972
Robert B. Fish	October 1972 - October 1974
James R. Brotherton	November 1974 - August 1980
James R. Hughes	August 1980 - March 1986
James W. Ramey	April 1986 - June 1999
Glen D. Gaines	September 1999 - August 2009

Elrand Denson	March 2010 -October 2013
David M. Casey	March 2014 - October 2016
David A. "Andy" Scott	November 2017 – Present

Conecuh Ranger District

History – The Conecuh National Forest is located in southern Alabama just above the Florida panhandle and covers approximately 84,000 acres. The Purchase Unit was established January 21, 1935. Conecuh National Forest was established July 17, 1936. The term "conecuh" is of Muskogee origin and means "land of cane," a name that is fitting for the forest given its numerous canebreaks. The forest was clear-cut during the 1930s, but recent reforestation efforts are helping to restore its original composition.

Conecuh District – Andalusia, AL

Lester P. Schapp	1936 – 1938
Harold A. Carter	1938 – 1940
Knut Lunnum	1940 – 1943
Burdett F. Seizert	1943 – 1945
Horace O. Mills	1945 – 1951
James P. Hutchins	1951 – 1956
Joel H. Nitz	1956 – 1963
Johnny L. Warnock	1963 – 1966
Cleburne O. Smith	1966 – 1967
William D. Walker	1967 – 1970
Richard L. Crossett	1970 – 1975
William H. Gilder	1975 – 1986
Ronald H. Coats	1986 – 1988
Jerry M. Alexander	1988 – 1990
Gary L. Taylor	1991 – 2004
Stephen E. Lee	2005 – 2011
Tim Mersmann	2012 – Present

Talladega National Forest Ranger Roll Call

History – The Talladega National Forest is located in central Alabama and covers almost 400,000 acres at the southern edge of the Appalachian Mountains. The national forest was established by the federal government in the 1930s and protects a mixed forest of pine and oak.

Talladega District - Talladega, AL

William R. Silcocks	1935 – 1939
John B. Sting	1939 – 1943
Theodore S. Seely	1943 – 1945
Burdett F. Seizert	1945 – 1950
Harley W. Janelle	1950 – 1955

John W. Laros	1955 – 1969
Robert J. Jackson	1969 – 1970
Lawrence W. Braddock	1970 – 1972
Charles R. Myers	1972 – 1973
Wallace L. Graham	1974 – 1977
Troxell O. Mason	1977 – 1984
Dave Manner	1984 – 1988
Kent Davenport	1988 – 1997
Tony Tooke	1999 – 2003
Kent Evans	2004 – 2009
Gloria Nielsen	2009 – 2019
Linwood Butler	2019 – Present

Shoal Creek District – Heflin, AL

Kimberly Bittle	2008
Linwood Butler	Present

Oakmulgee District – Brent, AL

N. B. Alter	1938
Cynthia Ragland	2008
Mark Pentecost	Present

Tuskegee Ranger District

History – The Tuskegee National Forest was established by presidential proclamation in November 1959 by Dwight D. Eisenhower. It is located in Macon County, Alabama and represents the smallest national forest in the United States.

Thomas E. Pace	1960 – 1961
Paul E. Fuller	1961 – 1966
Jerry V. Rockett	1966 – 1967
Roger L. Eubanks	1967 – 1971
Don Bethancourt	1971 – 1976
James A. Hunt	1976 – 1984
Arthur R. Bryant	1984 – 1987
Denise E. Cooke	1987 – 1989
Bedford Cash	1989 – 1994
David L. Carter	1994 – 1997
Thomas Haines	1998 – 2002
Jorge J. Hershel	2002 – 2009
Darrius Truss	2010 – Present