

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	? - ?
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	? - ?
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Hill City District (? - ?)

Nelson F. Watson ? - ?

Hell Canyon District (1997 - Present)

Sherrri 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