

Flathead National Forest Ranger Roll Call & Forest Supervisors

History – President Grover Cleveland’s February 22, 1897 Forest Reserves Proclamation of 21 million acres included the Flathead and Lewis and Clarke Forest Reserves. The Flathead and Blackfeet National Forests were established in 1908. The North Fork and Tally Lake areas were part of the original Flathead Reserve and became part of the Blackfeet Reserve in 1908, then transferred back to the Flathead in 1935. Other districts are generally the areas south of Highway 2 excluding the Swan Valley. Compiled from “The Flathead Story” starting in the early years and from Forest Service directories starting in 1920. Records from these sources do not always match. Note: missing directories for 1930, 1947, 1955-57, 1959, 1969. Existing districts are: Tally Lake, Spotted Bear, Swan Lake and Glacier View/Hungry Horse.

Forest Supervisors

Lewis and Clark Reserve North, Kalispell, Montana

William J Brennan	1898 –1903
Fremont N. Haines	1914 – 1907
William H. Daus	1907 – 1908

Lewis and Clark Reserve South, Kalispell, Montana

Gust Moser	1898 – 1903
Adelbert M. Bliss	1904 – 1905
Page S. Bunker	1905 - 1907

Blackfeet National Forest

Blackfeet National Forest – Established July 1, 1908 and on June 22, 1935 was divided between Flathead National Forest and Kootenai National Forest. Supervisor names 1900 -1962 taken from the Flathead Story written by Charlie Shaw, 1967.

Fremont N. Haines	1908 - 1910
J. F. Preston	1911 - ?
Robert P McLaughlin	1912 - 1919
Eldon H. Myrick	1920 - 1921
Leslie F. Vinal	1922 -1924
James E Ryan	1925 –1927
William Nagel	1928 –1934
Ralph Space (Acting)	1935

Flathead National Forest

Forest Reserve 1903 consolidated with Lewis and a Clark Forest Reserve. 1908 reestablished as a Flathead National Forest

Page S. Bunker	1908 - 1913
Major F. A. Fenn (Acting)	1913 – 1914
Donald Bruce	1914 – 1915

Joseph D. Warner	1916 – 1923
Lloyd D. Hornby	1923 - 1930
Kenneth Wolfe	1931 – 1934
James C. Urquhart	1935 - 1945
Fred J. Neitzling	1945 - 1962
Joseph M. Pomajevich	1962 - 1971
Edsel L. Corpe	1972 1977
John L. Emerson	1977 - 1984
Edgar B. Brannon, Jr.	1985 - 1989
Vacant	1990
Joel D. Holtrop	1991 – 1996
Rodd Richardson	1997
Cathy Barbouletos	2000 – 2008
Chip Weber	2009 - 2020
Kurt Steele	2020 - 2023
Anthony Botello	2023 -

District Rangers

Belton District (1907 included Middle Fork, becomes the Coram District)

John D. Reuter	1901
Frank Leibig	1902 – 1903
George R. Rhodes	1904 – 1905
Richard Bradley	1906 – 1907
Allen Calbick	1908

Essex District (included Lower Middle Fork)

C. F. Van Allen	1901
F. J. Summer	1902 – 1905
R. A. Allen	1906 – 1908
Richard Bradley	1909 – no info,
Irving R. Jensen	1920 - 1921
Orin V. Clover	1921
F.J. Neitzling	1923 – 1929
James E. Ready	1930
District discontinued	

Upper North Fork District (Blackfeet Forest)

Fred Herrig	1900 – 1903
Theodore Christenson	1904 – 1905
A. E. Clark	1906 – 1908
William McCormack	1909 - 1912

George R. Steppler	1913 – 1914
Bert Reed	1915
Emil Anderson	1916 – 1917
George R. Steppler	1918 - 1923
Floyd I. Dewald	1924 - 1925
Vacant	1926
C. J. Lillivig	1927 - 1929
R. W. Fremming	1931
William T. Winston	1932 - 1933

Lower North Fork District (Blackfeet Forest)

John C. Wood Jr	unknown dates
Emil Anderson	unknown dates
Marion C. Heikes	unknown dates
William T. Winston	unknown dates
Charles H. Lawrence	1918 - 1921
J. E. Adams	1922
M. S. Spink	1923 - 1925
W. E. Kickbusch	1926 - 1928
S. L. McNelly	1929
C. J. Lillivig	1931 - 1933

North Fork District Upper and Lower North Fork districts combined becomes Glacier View District in 1950. Combined with Hungry Horse about 1997

C. J. Lillivig	1934
Henry J. Thol	1935
Frank Foltz	1936 - 1946
John R. Castles	1948 - 1950
George R. Fahnestock	1951
Arnold H. Dillard	1952 – 1953
Robert E. Gillespie	1954
Melvin L. Yuhas	1958 – 1961
Harold R. Howard	1962 – 1964
Henry E. Hays	1965 – 1972
Ronald C. Prichard	1973 – 1978
Vacant	1979
Richard Call	1980 – 1984
Leonard “Tom” Hope	1985 – 1994
Earl Applekamp	1997 –

Consolidated with Hungry Horse District

Tally Lake District (Blackfeet Forest until 1935)

Paul Redlingshafer	1920 - 1923
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J. D. Lamay	1924 - 1925
C. J. Lillivig	1926
Harvey C. Jack	1927
J. G. McDonell	1929 - 1936
Jack F. Shields	1937
Neil B. Rice	1938 - 1939
H. H. Hartson	1941 - 1948
William H. Ibenthal	1949 - 1951
Raymond C. Gardner	1952 - 1954
William Warren Ensign	1958 -1961
Paul D. Weingart	1962 - 1965
Jerry G. Allen	1966 - 1968
James D. Kline	1970 - 1986
Lynn Burditt	1987 - 1989
Charles "Bert" Stout Jr	1990 - 1994
Jane Kollmeyer	1996 2000
Lisa Krueger	2000 - 2018
Bill Mulholland	2018 - Present

Elk Park District

Ansley E. Hutchinson	1924
A. C. Austin	1925 - 1929
James E. Ready	1931-1932
Vacant	1933

Black Bear District_(records are incomplete and conflicting)

Spaulding	1917 – 1918
James N. Diehl	1919 – 1928
Al C. Austin	1924
J. E. Adams	1929
James N. Diehl	1925-1929

Lower South Fork District

Ansley E. Hutchinson	1920 - 1923
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Upper South Fork District

Ray I. Trueman	1920 - 1923
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Big River District

James E. Adams	1920 - 1921
Thomas M. Wiles	1922 - 1924
C. L. Pierce	1925 - 1927
Vacant	1928
J. R. Hutchinson	1929 - 1934

J. N. Rust	1935 - 1937
Leif J. Anderson	1939 (acting)
Raymond M. West	1940 (acting)

Upper Big Prairie District

Thomas Danaher	1899 – 1904
H. N. Zenor	1905 –
R. D. Dewell	1906

Big Prairie District

[Also named Upper South Fork]

Philip Clack	1907 – 1912
Fred Holbrook	1913 – 1914
David R. Lewis	1915 –
Ray I. Trueman	1916 - 1924
Henry J. Thol	1925 - 1930
C. D. Sousley	1931 - 1934
L. E. Eddy	1935
William S. Gaffney	1936 - 1939
Leif J. Anderson	1940 - 1942
Henry J. Thol	1943
Horace W. Godfrey	1944 - 1946
Russell T. Cloninger	1948-
Raymond C. Gardner	1949
Glenn Maryott	1950 - 1953
Arthur H. Olson	1958
David L. Owen	1960 - 1963
Kenneth C. Haffly	1964
Jack M. Dollan	1965 - 1968

Schafer District

Carl W. Wetterstrom	1941 - 1943
Clarence E. Stilwell	1946
Earl McConnell	1948-1953

Spotted Bear District

Archie Marlette	1899 – 1900
Willian J. Marshall	1901 – 1903
John R. Fitzpatrick	1904 –
John Sullivan	1905 – 1906
John H. “Jack” Clack	1907
Baigrie Sutherland	1908 – 1909
Hugo Kneiff	1910
Ellis B. Hoke	1911 – 1912

Richard Dean	1913 – 1914
Eldon H. Myrick	1915 – 1917
Henry Thol	1918 - 1924
M. B. Mendenhall	1925 - 1929
Henry J. Thol	1931 - 1934
C. J. Lillivig	1935 - 1937
John F. Shields	1938
John N. Root	1939 - 1942
Leif J. Anderson	1943 - 1944
Charlie Shaw	1945 - 1958
James Dewy	1960
Richard Strong	1961 - 1964
Jerry G. Allen	1965
William L. Pederson	1966 - 1970
Rolland J. Saylor	1971 - 1976
David L. Owen	1977 - 1984
Charles Stout Jr	1985 - 1989
Gregory A. Warren	1990 - 1994
Al Christopherson	1994 - 1995
Carol A. Eckert	1997 - 1999
Debbie Mucklow	1999 - 2017
Scott Snelson	2017 - Present

Coram District - combined with Hungry Horse 1970s?

John Kruse	1909 – 1911
Baigrie Sutherland	1912 – 1917
Elden H. Myrick	1918
Frank Leibig	1919
James E. Ready	1920 - 1929
F. J. Neitzling	1931 - 1932
Thomas M. Wiles	1933 - 1936
J. G. McDonell	1937 - 1941
Edwin J. Jost	1942 - 1944
Bert A. Bealey	1947 - 1954
Richard Baldwin	1955 - 1960
Lloyd R. Weir	1961 - 1970

Hungry Horse District

Hugo Knieff	1908 – 1909
No records	1909 – 1917
James E. Ready	1918 – 1919
Ansley E. Hutchinson	1920 - 1925
Moved to Elk Park	1924
Al C. Austin	1925 – 1928

No district	1929 - 1930
Added to Spotted Bear 1930, district reestablished	
James E. Ready	1931 – 1932
Albert Campbell	1933
Aaron Knapp	1934
District abandoned	1934
District reestablished 1958	
Robert W. Damon	1958
John Morrison	1960-1961
John C. Robertson	1962-1963
James A. Calvin	1966-1967
Edward Kinsman	1968-1970
Vacant	1971
John R. Hook	1972-1973
Charles Brooks	1977-1981
Lloyd Reese	1982 - 1986
Allen Christophersen	1987 - 1995
Earl Applekamp	1997 (acting)
Jimmy DeHerrera	2004 – 2015
Rob Davis	2016 - Present

Upper Middle Fork District (at Java including Schafer)

W. H. Morrison	1901
Philip Giefer	1902 – 1904
Fred Wyman	1905 – 1906
Richard Shields	1907 – 1909
Allen Calbick	1910
A. E. Havens	1911 – 1912
Ellis B. Hoke	1913 – 1918
James E. Adams	1919 – 1921
Thomas Wiles	1922 – 1925
C. L. Pierce	1926 – 1927
Headquarters moved to 3 Forks 1930	
J. R. Hutchinson	1928 – 1933
Headquarters moved to Schafer	
John N. Root	1934 – 1938
Leif J. Anderson	1939
Ray West	1940
Carl W. Wetterstrom	1941 – 1942
Charlie Shaw	1943 – 1944
Patrick W. Taylor	1945 –
August Schafer	1946
Earl McConnell	1947 – 1954

Swan Lake District, Bigfork, MT

[Formers names Holt-Swan and Lower Swan]

Ernest C. Bond	1899 - 1902
Isaac Cilley	1903 - 1904
O. Vandawarka	1905 - 1910
Baigrie Sutherland	1911
Frederick J. Holbrook	1912
Frank W. Syler	1913 - 1914
George A. Perry	1915 - 1919
Arthur J. Halvorson	1920 - 1924
Frank Leibig	1925
Ansley E. Hutchinson	1926 - 1934
William H. Ibentha1	1934 - 1938
J. F. Shields	1939 - 1942
Millard Evenson	1943
Abner W. Foscette	1944 – 1945
Virgil Eastman	1946 - 1952
Arnold H. Dillard	1953 – 1970
William L. Pederson	1972 - 1992
Charles E. Harris	1994 – 2004
Stephen Brady	2004 – 2009
Rich Kehr	2009 - 2018
Chris Dowling	2018 - Present

Echo District

[Added to Swan Lake District]

J. E. Thompson	1910 - 1934
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Condon District, Condon, MT

[Early Name: Upper Swan District]

[Combined with Swan Lake District ca 1974]

B. B. Holland	1899 - 1913
Charlie Anderson	1914
Elmer Billsborough	1915 - 1926
Thomas M. Wiles	1927 - 1931
George Stoltz	1932 - 1933
Albert C. Campbell	1934
William Gaffney	1935
Henry Tho1	1936 - 1942
C. A. Scovel	1943 - 1945
Clarence Stillwell	1946 -1947
Aubrey Arthurs	1948

Ray C. Gardner	1949 - 1950
Jack Alley	1951 - 1952
Robert Fry	1953 - 1955
Bayard R. Van Gieson	1956 - 1960
Fred T. Matzner	1960 - 1963
Barney G. Sedlacek	1963 – 1968
Jack M. Dollan	1968 - 1974

Lower Holland District

[Added to Condon District in 1912]

Richard Groom	1910 - 1912
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