

Siuslaw National Forest Ranger Roll Call

History -- The Siuslaw National Forest stretches intermittently along approximately 125 miles of the Pacific Coast and, in places, extends inland into the Oregon Coast Range. It is only one of two national forests with oceanfront property in the Continental United States, and it also includes some of the world's most productive forestland. The Siuslaw National Forest, initially part of two Forest Reserves, was officially established on June 30, 1908 by President Theodore Roosevelt.

Hebo District - Hebo, OR

George E. Leach	1907 - 1908
Wilbur J. Stillwell	1908 - 1909
George E. Leach	1909 - 1910
Frederick R. Russell	1910 - 1912
Robert J. Craig, Jr.	1912 - 1915
Charles T. Beach	1915 - 1918
Leroy E. Garwood	1918 - 1937
Robert Aufderheide	1937 - 1940
Carroll E. Brown	1940 - 1943
Rolfe E. Anderson	1943 - 1966
Wendall L. Jones	1966 - 1975
Joseph Astleford	1975 - 1978
Edward F. Oram, Jr.	1978 - 1992
Donald N. Gonzalez	1992 - 2001
George T. Buckingham	2001 - 2016
Deborah Wilkins	2016 - 2020
William J. Conroy	2020 - 2022
Shawn Rivera	2022 - Present

Central Coast District - Waldport, OR

Florence District (1907-1930)

[Merged fully with Mapleton District in 1930.]

Carl H. Young	1907 - 1913
J.L. MacKechnie	1914 - 1915
George T. McCaskie	1916 - 1918
Edward S. Kerby	1919 - 1920
Purl N. Stephenson	1920 - 1925
Donald H. Dickerson	1925 - 1927
Louis H. Neff	1927 - 1930

Waldport District (1907-2000)

[Merged with Central Coast District in 2000.]

Martin S. Durbin	1907 - 1923
Walter Sackman	1923 - 1925
George P. McClanahan	1925 - 1930
Louis H. Neff	1930 - 1935
Harvey A. Welty	1935 - 1937

Edward S. Kerby	1937 - 1945
Howard G. Hopkins	1945 - 1957
William P. Ronayne	1957 - 1961
Arvid C. Ellson	1961 - 1963
William C. Fessell	1963 - 1967
L. Kent Mays, Jr.	1967 - 1971
Robert N. Thompson	1971 - 1974
Robert J. Bartholomew	1974 - 1986
John C. Twiss	1986 - 1990
Conny J. Frisch	1990 - 1994
Doris Tai	1995 - 2000

Gardiner District (1908-1931)

[Merged with Mapleton District in 1931.]

Peter S. Rice	1908 - 1911
Otto Weaver	1911 - 1919
Donald G. Knox	1919 - 1927
Hobart H. Durbin	1927 - 1931

Mapleton District (1920-2000)

[Formed from part of the Florence District in 1920; merged with Central Coast District in 2000.]

Edward S. Kerby	1920 - 1937
Harvey A. Welty	1937 - 1949
Herman C. Dill	1949 - 1952
Walfred J. Moisio	1953 - 1954
Verus W. Dahlin	1954 - 1957
Robert A. Perske	1967 - 1973
Phillip B. Wickham	1973 - 1976
Melvin Kessel	1977 - 1987
William M. Helphinstine	1988 - 2000

Smith River District (1953-1972)

[Formed from part of the Mapleton District in 1953; reconnected with Mapleton, 1972.]

James B. Lowrie	1953 - 1957
Dave F. Keiser	1957 - 1958
T. Carl Juhl	1958 - 1964
Roger L. Long	1964 - 1971
Richard R. Mariega	1971 - 1972

Marys Peak District (1955-1966)

[Formed in 1955 from parts of the Waldport and Hebo Districts.]

Rex Ressler	1955 - 1957
Floyd J. Lyne	1957 - 1958
Arvid C. Ellson	1958 - 1961
Barrett M. Coughlan	1961 - 1963
John R. Skeele	1963 - 1966

Alsea District (1963-2000)

[Formed in 1963 from all the Marys Peak and part of the Mapleton Districts.]

Ormond H. Doty	1963 - 1967
James C. Overbay	1967 - 1971
Frank Rasmussen	1971 - 1978
Ned Davis	1977 - 1986
Nancy Graybeal	1986 - 1987
Mike Da Luz	1988 - 1997
Doris Tai	1997 - 2000

Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area (1972-2000)

[Established in 1972 from the sand dune portion of the Smith River District; managers had the same authorities and functions as District Rangers and were given the title of Area Rangers.]

Richard R. Mariega	1972 - 1973
Jerald R. Hutchins	1973 - 1975
Rolf D. Anderson	1975 - 1976
Robert L. Schrenk	1976 - 1979
Rick Scott	1979 - 1986
Conny J. Frisch	1986 - 1990
Ranotta K. McNair	1990 - 1992
Edwin J. Becker	1993 - 2000

Central Coast District (2000-present)

[Alsea, Mapleton, and Waldport Districts and the Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area were combined in 2000. Between 2000 and 2002, the Central Coast District Ranger position rotated between Becker, Helphinstine, and Tai.]

Edwin J. Becker	2000 - 2002
William M. Helphinstine	2000 - 2002
Doris Tai	2000 - 2002
William M. Helphinstine	2003 - 2007
Pamela J. Gardner	2007 - 2011
Michele Holman	2011 - Present

Sources:

Much of the information for the Supervisor and Ranger lists was taken from the 2011 book, "Celebrating the Siuslaw: A Century of Growth" by Ward Tonsfeldt. Kevin Bruce, Forest Archeologist, provided the information on rearrangements and renaming of Districts that has occurred through the years.