

Lolo National Forest Ranger Roll Call & Forest Supervisors

History - The original Lolo Forest was small, mostly west of the Missoula area in the Clark Fork, St Regis River and Lolo Creek drainages. In 1931 added the portion of the Missoula National Forest that included lands east of Missoula and up to the Seeley Lake area. The Lolo lost the upper St Regis River area to the Cabinet Forest in 1931. This included the St Regis and Savenac Districts which were transferred back to the Lolo in 1954. In 1954 the Lolo added lands from the Cabinet including the Plains and Thompson Falls areas in the lower Clark Fork drainage. The Lolo adjusted boundaries with the Cabinet several times as well as with the Bitterroot, Helena, Selway and Clearwater Forests. The ranger list from 1920 forward came from old directories. Bits of pre 1920 information was gleaned from the occasional dates on photos, old files and some area histories. Many of these districts existed pre-1920

Forest Supervisors

Elers Koch	1907 - 1917
Wilfred W. White	1918
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Arthur. M. Baum	1920 - 1921
Wilfred W. White	1922
Edgar F. White	1922
Charles. D. Simpson	1923 - 1930
Theodore Shoemaker	1931 - 1934
Eldon H. Myrick	1935 - 1951
Chalmer K. Lyman	1952 - 1955
Edward F. Barry	1956 - 1957
Roswell Leavitt	1958 - 1965
John R. Milodragovich	1966 - 1968
Jackson D. Large	1970 - 1973
Orville L. Daniels	1975 – 1994
Chuck Wildes	1995 – 1999
Debbie Austin	1999 - 2013
Tim Garcia	2015 - 2018
Carolyn Upton	2018 - 2024
Ben Johnson	2025 -

Missoula District

Lolo District

[Lolo District combined with Missoula District 1967]

Edward Mackay	1920 - 1927
E. C. Tennant	1928 - 1934
C. W. Bloom	1935 - 1936

Donald W. Nelson	1927 - 1938
Darrel D. Weaver	1938 - 1941
Edward L. Schults	1942
Carl W. Simpson	1943
William L. Royer	1944
Virgil Fite (acting)	1945
Vacant	1946
Myron B. Mendenhall	1950 - 1951
Robert J. Beubier	1952 - 1954
Delbert Cox	1958
William J. O'Brien	1960 - 1964
Kenneth C. Haffly	1965 - 1967

Bonita District, established 1913

[Missoula Forest until 1931, combined with Missoula District 1967}

Lewis G Nichols	1921 - 1929
Carl H. Siria	1930 - 1939
Stanley M. Lukins	1941 - 1949
William K. Samsel	1950 - 1953
Philip Yovetich	1954
Eldon Earl Meik	1958 - 1963
Jack Chamberlin	1964 - 1968

Gold Creek District

[Missoula National Forest until 1931 then district eliminated]

(Probably added to Missoula District)

S.L. McNally	1923 - 1924
L.E. McCoy	1925
S.M. Lukins	1926 - 1928
C.K. Spaulding	1929

Missoula District

A. C. Austin	1930 - 1942
Ray S. Ferguson	1943 - 1944
Otto E. York	1949 – 1953
William K. Samsel	1954 - 1961
William Warren Ensign	1962 - 1970
Donald G. Stevenson	1971 - 1975
Vacant	1976
James M. Dolan	1977 - 1980
Frederick L. Trevey	1981 - 1984
David Stack	1985 - 1999
Don Carroll	1999 - 2004
Maggie Pittman	2004 2008
Paul Matter	2009 2014
Jennifer J. Hensiek	2014 – 2022
Crystal Stoneifer	2022 -

Nine Mile District

Frenchtown District

[Added to Ninemile District]

Daniel McGregor	1909
A. T. Macnab	1920 - 1925
R. A. Cherry	1926 - 1927
Lachlan M. Stewart	1928 - 1934
Irwin C. Puphal	1935 -1937
	1938 -not listed

Petty Creek District

[Added to Ninemile District]

George Sinclair	1910
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Ninemile District

John Hinman	1937 -1942
Earl M. Welton	1943
George Hankinson	1945 - 1946
Robert Smart	1947 - 1952

Daniel G. Massing	1953 - 1954
Philip M. Yovetch	1958
Delbert Cox	1960 - 1963
David L. Owen	1964 - 1967
Hubert B. Ward	1971 - 1972
Vacant	1973
William Magnuson	1975
Charlie Fudge	1976 - 1977
Jerry D. Covault	1978 - 1984
Mary J. Hosmer-Billetdeaux	1985 - 1986
Susan Giannettino	1987 - 1988
Gregory Munther	1989 - 1998
Loren Kroenke	1998 - 2002
Gary Edson	2002 - 2009
Chad Benson	2009 - 2014
Erin Phelps	2015 - 2018
Eric Tomasik	2018 - 2022
Chris Gauger	2022 -

Superior District

Quartz District

George Hankinson 1920 - 1943

St Regis Savanac District

[Part of the original Lolo Forest. In 1931; transferred to the Cabinet Forest, then back to the Lolo Forest in 1954 when the Cabinet Forest was eliminated]

Frank D. Haun 1920
 Bert Harris 1921 - 1923
 H. H. Hoyt 1924 - 1925
 A. T. McNab 1926 - 1929
 Combined with Savanac 1929

Savanac District – part of the original Lolo Forest which became part of the Cabinet Forest in 1931

Frank D. Haun 1921 - 1933
 Not listed in 1935

St Regis District

[Transferred from the Lolo Forest to the Cabinet in 1931, back to the Lolo in 1954]

Bert Harris 1921 - 1923
 H. H. Hoyt 1924 - 1925
 A. T. Macnab 1926 - 1929
 Lester D. Robinson 1931 - 1938

Walter L. Clover	1939
Lester D. Robinson	1940 - 1942
Vacant	1943
George W. Case	1944
William Warren Ensign	1945 - 1954
John C. Crupper	1955 - 1957
John Emerson	1957 - 1958
Emil Kulhanek	1960 - 1965
Hubert B. Ward	1966 - 1967
Not listed	1970

Superior District

H. R. Richards	1920 - 1921
L. F. Jefferson	1922 - 923
R. A. Cherry	1924 - 1925
R. E. Crowell	1926 - 1933
Walter L. Robb	1934 - 1954
Oswald Esterl	1958 - 1960
Ralph D. Kizer Jr	1961 - 1963
Ray E. Pulver	1964
Richard A. Strong	1965 - 1966
William H. Covey	1967
David L. Owen	1970 - 1976
Vacant	1977
David Filius	1978 - 1980
Robert P. Meuchel	1981 - 1984
Dwight Chambers	1985 - 1988
Vacant	1989
Ellen Vollmer	1990 - 1993
Vacant	1994
Cindy Enstrom	1995 2001
Robert Harper	2001 2006
Sharon Sweeney	2006 2011
Tawnya Brummett	2011 - 2015
Carole Johnson	2015 Present

Plains/Thompson Falls District

PLAINS District

[District was part of the Cabinet Forest until 1954; Transferred to the Lolo. Combined with the Thompson Falls district in 1982]

Neil L. Eplin	1922 - 1923
Howard L. Larson	1924 - 1928
A. J. Cramer	1929

M. B. Mendenhall	1929 - 1942
Laurence J. Cummings	1943
William K. Samsel	1944 - 1946
Raymond M. West	1948 - 1951
Ralph Hansen	1952 - 1954
Richard Carter	1958 - 1960
Noel Rosetta	1961 - 1962
Dale S. Thacker	1963 - 1965
Monte N. Supola	1966 - 1972
Vacant	1973
Donald W. Nelson Jr	1975 - 1977
Larry Larson	1978 - 1980
Vacant	1981
Richard Lukes	1982 - 1984

Thompson Plains District

[Cabinet National Forest]

James L Adams	1920 -1922
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Thompson River District

[Cabinet National Forest; District established 1918 / Eliminated 1931]

Harry F. Ransom	1920 – 1923
James L. Adams	1924 – 1925
H. D. Anderson	1926 – 1927
C.W. Bloom	1928
Harvey Corley	1929 - 1930

Thompson Falls District

[District was part of the Cabinet Forest until 1954 when it was transferred to the Lolo]

[Combined with the Plains District in 1984]

Fred Brown	1923 - 1942
William K. Samsel	1943
Richard M. Varney	1944
Henry L. Gill (acting)	1945
Walter L. Clover	1946 - 1951
Joseph M. Pomajevich	1953
Irwin C. Puphal	1954 – 1971
William R. Franks	1972 – 1977
Thomas G Squire	1978 – 1981
Richard F. Lukes	1982 - 1984

Plains/Thompson Falls District

George W. Leighton	1985 - 1990
Richard A. Smith	1990 – 1999

Lisa Krueger	2000 - 2004
Randy Hojem	2004 - 2014
Dave Hattis	2015 - 2018
Erin Carey	2018 - Present

Seeley Lake District

Monture District

[Originally on the Missoula Forest. Transferred to the Lolo in 1931]

LeBaron M. Beard	1921 - 1922
R. A. Cherry	1923
Charles Olsen	1924 - 1929
William K. Samsel	1930 - 1933

Seeley Lake District

[District transferred from the Missoula Forest to the Lolo Forest in 1931]

Jasper B. Seely	1899 – 1900
Elmer Findell	1903? – 1913
Ezra Shaw	1913 - 1922
August Riggert	1922 - 1925
Walter L. Robb	1926 - 1933
William K. Samsel	1934 - 1941
Herman O. Ficke	1942 - 1944
Virgil Fite (acting)	1945 - 1946
Horace W. Godfrey	1948 - 1954
Oswald J. Esterl	1954 - 1956
Robert O. Rehfeld	1956 - 1959
Charles T. Coston	1960 - 1964
David M. Minister	1966 - 1967
William R. Magnuson	1968 - 1973
James R. Coil Jr	1974 - 1977
David R. Whitmer	1977 - 1980
Dennis L. Johnson	1981 - 1989
Anne J. Zimmermann	1989 - 1995
Tim Love	1995 – 2014
Rachel Feigley	2015 - 2019
C. Quinn Carver	2019 - present