

RANGER ROLL CALL

Medicine Bow Routt National Forest

Thunder Basin National Grassland

History

By an Act of Congress approved March 4, 1907, the forest reserves were renamed "national forests", thus resulting in the creation of the Park Range, Medicine Bow, Sierra Madre, and White River National Forests. Portions of the current Routt National Forest contained portions of these four "early" national forests as well as portions of the Hayden, Colorado, and Arapaho National Forests, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

The idea, in the early 1900s, of setting aside Forest Reserves caused great concern among many local citizens and leaders. In theory the forest reserves were just that: stands of commercially valuable timber being set aside to be patrolled against fire, cropped scientifically and otherwise looked after by the Forest Service an agency of the federal government set up as a bureau with the Department of Agriculture. Actually, at least in northwestern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming – the reserves included large acreages of land suitable for both homesteading and grazing. President Theodore Roosevelt was not only conservation-minded but he, by virtue of his hunting trips through northwestern Colorado, had firsthand knowledge of some of the conditions. In spite of numerous local objections Forest Reserves were brought into being by Presidential proclamation. Establishment of federal Forest Reserves and the Forest Service was generally supported nationally by those who wanted effective wildfire control, better protection of the watersheds and federal forestlands. However, establishment of the Forest Reserves also created a loss of local control and loss of opportunity for many, particularly within the livestock industry, timber and wood cutting industry, some of the miners, and general businesses located in and around the counties and communities of northwestern Colorado.

Therefore, the early on Forest Rangers and their successors were expected to be effective spokespersons and leaders implementing policy and forest use changes that many local leaders and forest users disagreed with and/or often felt great anger about. What made people angry was not only the feeling of lost opportunity but a feeling of disrespect for them as land stewards when they felt they had demonstrated their ability to care for the land and the resources their livelihood depended on.

As an example, the Commercial Club of Steamboat Springs and the Businessman's Association of Hot Sulphur Springs passed and sent resolutions that protested against the establishment of Forest Reserves and denounced them as "unjust and unfair and harmful to the best interests of their counties". They felt withdraw of forest reserves will cause no less than great calamity to their counties impeding growth and forever preserving the natural development and settlement. Editor of the Steamboat Pilot Charles Leckenby's added "this is semi-socialistic nonsense."

Obviously, the establishment of the Forest Reserves brought considerable controversy to the affected communities and added to the challenge many of the early rangers faced. The following quote from J.H. Ratliff Routt National Forest Ranger in 1906 reflects some of the challenge.

“I furnished my own horses, paid my own expenses, left my wife to run the ranch and started to ride. I had about twenty-five arguments a day and lost about half of them”.

Medicine Bow National Forest

The Medicine Bow National Forest dates back to May 22, 1902, with the establishment of the Medicine Bow Forest Reserve by President Theodore Roosevelt. In 1929, the former Hayden National Forest along the Continental Divide was added. The Pole Mountain Unit between Laramie and Cheyenne was formally administered by the War Department. In 1959, the area formerly used by the military was added to the Medicine Bow National Forest, and in 1961 all military interests in the Pole Mountain District were terminated.



The origin of “Medicine Bow” is legendary. The generally accepted version is that the Native American tribes which inhabited southeastern Wyoming found mountain mahogany in one of the mountain valleys from which bows of exceptional quality were made. It became the custom of friendly tribes to assemble there annually and construct their weapons. At these assemblies, there were ceremonial powwows for the cure of disease which, in the hybrid speech that developed between the Indians and the early settlers, was known as making–medicine. Eventually, the settlers associated the terms “making – medicine” and “making bow”, and Medicine Bow resulted as the name for the locality. Later the name gained worldwide renown through Owen Wister’s novel “The Virginian”.

Routt National Forest



The Routt National Forest is named in memory of Colonel John N. Routt, the last territorial governor and first State governor of Colorado. In 1905 President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the Park Range Forest Reserve in Northwest Colorado and in 1908 he changed the name to honor the former governor. The Routt National Forest occupies a unique setting in Northwest Colorado. The forest is between two internationally recognized destination sites—Rocky Mountain National Park and Dinosaur National Monument. It's also home to the world-famous Steamboat Ski area. The Continental Divide follows the Park Range from the Wyoming border to Rabbit Ears Pass, a popular summer and winter recreation area. The forest is surrounded by historic and modern ranches and evidence of past cultures, including the Ute Indians.

The Continental Divide follows the Park Range from the Wyoming border to Rabbit Ear Pass,

The Routt National Forest has diverse topography consisting of high plateaus, rolling foothills and mountains. The climate can be summarized by the statement "long, snowy winters and short cool summers". Elevations exceed 13,000 feet in some location. The Routt National Forest manages four Congressionally designated Wilderness areas: Never Summer, Sarvis Creek, Flat Tops and Mount Zirkle, all of which offer superb hiking opportunities. The Forest also provides for livestock grazing, timber production, and other forest products including Christmas trees, firewood, ferns, and mushrooms.

Thunder Basin National Grassland

Thunder Basin National Grassland (TBNG) was initiated in 1934 as the Northeastern Wyoming Land Utilization Project under the Agricultural Adjustment Administration. The program also has been administered by the Farm Security Administration, Bureau of Agriculture, and the Soil Conservation Service. The lands were transferred from the Soil Conservation Service to the Forest Service in 1954. In 1960, the area was designated as the TBNG with permanent National Forest System status. The Grassland was subdivided into three units for grazing administration, each unit having a grazing association. These associations were established during the



mid-1930's and have been in effect since that time. In 1987 the TBNG was combined with Laramie Peak Ranger District into the Douglas Ranger District.

At first glance, the Thunder Basin National Grassland appears quiet and empty, a land dominated by sky and wind, stretching from horizon to horizon; yet a closer look reveals a surprising diversity of landforms, vegetation, and wildlife. It occupies over 572,000 acres in a mosaic of state, federal, and private lands totaling over 1.8 million acres. Lands managed by the Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming State Land Board are open to many public uses. Numerous roads cross the Grassland. However, many do not provide legal access to public land. Many private land owners are willing to permit use of their roads or land to hunters, campers, bird watchers, or hikers, but to avoid trespassing land owners' permission must be obtained before using these roads. Not all private land is fenced, so care must be taken to determine the land ownership of the lands people want to visit. Most old buildings, corrals, or structures are located on private land and should not be disturbed.

Discontinued National Forests

Sierra Madre National Forest was established as the Sierra Madre Forest Reserve by the U.S. Forest Service in Wyoming on November 5, 1906 with 370,911 acres (1,501.02 km²). It became a National Forest on March 4, 1907. On July 1, 1908 the entire forest was combined with Park Range National Forest to create Hayden National Forest and the name was discontinued.

Park Range National Forest was established as the Park Range Forest Reserve by the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado on June 12, 1905 with 757,116 acres (3,063.94 km²). It became a National Forest on March 4, 1907. On July 1, 1908 the entire forest was divided between Routt National Forest and Hayden National Forest and the name was discontinued.

Hayden National Forest was established by the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado and Wyoming on July 1, 1908 with 454,911 acres (1,840.96 km²), mostly in Wyoming from Sierra Madre National Forest and part of Park Range National Forest. On August 2, 1929 the entire forest was divided between Medicine Bow National Forest and Routt National Forest and the name was discontinued.

Medicine Bow National Forest Ranger Districts

(Supervisors Office located in Laramie, WY)

Keys - ++ Tenure length uncertain; Unknown – missing ranger's name

In the early years apparently some Rangers had one or more collateral duties i.e. a Ranger may be considered the district administrator but also the leader or manager for counting on livestock for the Forest-wide range program; tree planting or cruising timber in the Forest-wide timber program. Sometimes the collateral duties were with an adjacent Forest such as investigating a timber trespass. As duties for an individual changed or shifted the Ranger would often remain in the same office location. Therefore, there was overlap between Rangers operating out of the same office but with responsibilities different than they may have been a year or two before.

Keystone RD (Ranger located in Albany)

A. Bode	1922	to	1923
J.H. Mullison	unknown	to	1907
Frank Pennock	1907	to	1910
R.A. Stretch	1908	to	1909
A.J. Kennady (1908)	1909	to	1910
P.O. Short	1910	to	unknown
Evan J. Williams	1919	to	1921
Carl	unknown	to	1922
Richard L. Clark	1923	to	1928
Maurice E. Dunmire	1924	to	1926
Earnest J. Bordahl	1926	to	1928
Dana f. Kirkmire	1928	to	1934
Robert A. Lerchen	1934	to	1936
Jack Graw	1936	to	1939
Unknown			
Jacob Jauch Jr.	1945	to	1950

Foxpark RD (Ranger located in Foxpark)

Unknown	1906	to	unknown
Bly Dixon	1918	to	1919
Joseph Van Ende	1921	to	1922
Frank. F. Henry	1922	to	1924
J. E. McCallister	1924	to	1927
Evan J. Williams	1926	to	1933
George P. Lang	1934	to	1935
Mark R. Ratliff	1936	to	1939
Rex D. McCord	1945	to	19??
Melvin E. Loveridge	1950	to	195?
Unknown	????	to	????

(Keystone RD and Foxpark RD combined August 1955 and called Foxpark RD, Ranger located in Laramie)

Clifford Skinner	1957	to	1962
Iver B. Love	1963	to	1965
Jack A. Wolf	1965	to	1966
Unknown	1906	to	1922

William M. Fenner	1966	to	1975
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(Foxpark RD renamed Laramie RD prior to or in about 1973)

Crow Creek Forest Reserve (Renamed Pole Mountain Ranger District in 1906.)

Jerome S. Atherly	1901	to	1903
John Reid	1903	to	1907

Pole Mountain RD (Ranger located initially in Laramie and later in Cheyenne) (The Pole Mountain Unit between Laramie and Cheyenne was formally administered by the War Department. In 1959, the area formerly used by the military was added to the Medicine Bow National Forest, and in 1961 all military interests in the Pole Mountain District were terminated)

John Reid	1907	to	1922
W.E. Conely	1926	to	1931
William F. Poley	1931	to	1936
Roland Rotty	1936	to	1939
Bernard Abrahams	1939	to	1939
Louis E. Coughlin	1939	to	1957
Keith K. Knutson	1957	to	1960
Walter E. Taylor	1961	to	1962
Robert M. Case	1963	to	1965

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Fredric B. Stillman	1966	to	1968
John P. Heaton	1968	to	1972

(Pole Mountain RD merged with Laramie RD in 1972)

Sevenmile RD (Ranger located in Centennial. Renamed Centennial RD in about 1931. Early on this was referred to as the fifth district of the forest)

Unknown			
Louis Coughlin	1910	to	1913
J.L. Chase	1913	to	unknown
Evan J. Williams	1921	to	1927
Elva A. Snow	1928	to	unknown

Centennial RD (Ranger located in Centennial)

John Reid	1903	to	unknown
W.F. Wills	1911	to	1918
Bly Dixon	1919	to	1920
John E. Krause	1920	to	1921
Carl E. Bode	1921	to	1925
Chalfan Stoddard	unknown	to	1921
R. A. Clark	1921	to	1924
James Saban	1924	to	1926
Maurice V. Dunmire	1926	to	1931
Howard R. Huges	1931	to	1934
Gilbert N. Hunter	1936	to	1938
Francis R. Sodolski	1939	to	unknown
C. Gordon Wyatt	1945	to	1950??++
Unknown			
Waldemar A. Winkler	1957	to	1959

Robert W. (Bob) Tice	1959	to	1960
Charles Barnes	1960	to	1963
Edward G. Heist	1964	to	1968
Alfred A. Braddock	1970	to	1975

(Centennial RD merged with Laramie RD after 1975)

Laramie RD *(Ranger located in Laramie, WY)*

Jerry D. Covault	1976	to	1978
Terry Hoffman	1979	to	1987
Ron Wilcox	1988	to	1994
Michael M. Sanders	1995	to	2004
Clint Kyhl	2004	to	2008
Larry Sandoval, Jr	2008	to	2012
Frank Romero	2012	to	---present

Snake River RD *(After merger between Hayden and Medicine Bow NFs Ranger located in Saratoga, Slater and Rawlins.)
(Prior to merger Ranger located in Savory, WY)*

Unknown	1906	to	1927
Richard Riggs	1928	to	19??++
Mark R. Ratliff	1934	to	1936
Wilfred F. Beals	1936	to	1939??++
Norman R. Tripp	1945	to	19??++
John C. Smith	1950	to	19??++
John Minow	1957	to	1961
Allen D. Morton	1961	to	1964
Dale Morris	1964	to	1968
Vernon C. Hoffman	1968	to	1976

*(Snake River RD merged with Encampment RD after 1976.
Ranger located in Encampment)*

Encampment RD *(Ranger located in Encampment)*

Unknown	1902	to	unknown
James Blackhall	1907	to	1921
James C. Jenson	1917	to	1920
John Delaney	1920	to	1927
George P. Lang	1923	to	19??++
Richard L. Clark	1927	to	1928
George A. Wadleigh	1928	to	1931
Evan J. Williams	1934	to	1950++
Unknown			
Albert B. Hovey	1957	to	1959
Robert J. Mulvaney	1959	to	1962
Charles L. Simon	1962	to	1965
Gerald W. Nyborg	1966	to	1975

Brush Creek RD *(Ranger located in Saratoga)*

W. R. Bradford	1902	to	1902
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Shellie Wood	1902	to	1906
George H. Mullison	1906	to	1913
Milton D. Ames	1911	to	1922
Gifford Chamberlain	1922	to	1926
D.E. Harbison	1926	to	1927
Carl A. Bode	1927	to	1928
Bruce Torgney	1928	to	1934
Richard Riggs	1934	to	1936++
Unknown			unknown
Gordon L. Brown	1950	to	1961
William W. Strawn	1961	to	1963
Donald Bielefield	1964	to	1967
Charles S. Calkins	1968	to	1976
Wallace C. Chesbro	1978	to	1988
Don Carroll	1989	to	1994

Bow River RD and Bow River at North End RD

(Ranger District and Rangers located in Medicine Bow)

{Bow River RD and North End RD merged between 1928 and 1931}

Bow River RD (before merger)

H. L. Stutiz	unknown		
Frank F. Henry	1920	to	1923
Howard Hughes	1927	to	1928

Bow River at North End RD (Elk Mt?)

Bruce Torgney	1922	to	1926
Bernard F. Willshon	1926	to	1928

Bow River RD (after merger)

Howard R. Hughes	1928	to	1931
Unknown			
C. Gordon Wyatt	1949	to	Unknown
Unknown			
Ken Lancaster	1968	to	1975

(Bow River RD was merged with Brush Creek RD in 1977. Ranger located in Saratoga)

Hayden RD *(In about 1975 district name changed from Encampment to Hayden Ranger District located in Encampment)*

Jerry P. Lynch	1976	to	1977
Larry Thoney	1978	to	1986
Mike Murphy	1987	to	1993
Don Carroll	1994	to	1995

Brush Creek Hayden RD *(Ranger Station located in Saratoga)*

Don Carroll	1995	to	2000
Scott Armentrout	2000	to	2008
Steve Best	2008	to	2012
Melanie Fullman	2012	to	2017
Jason Armbruster	2018	to	---present

La Bonte RD (*Esterbrook, WY*)

(La Bonte RD and La Prele RDs combined in August 1955 and renamed Laramie Peak RD)

Harry P. Gaylor	1936	to	1939
C.Arthur Fawcett	1939	to	1949
George S Gorsuch	1945	to	1949
Jess W. Smith	1950	to	1955
William Kelso	195?	to	195?

La Prele RD (*Cold Springs, WY*)

Daniel Gibson	1936	to	1939 ?? ++
Gordon L. Brown	1945	to	1949 ?? ++
James L. Wenban	1949	to	195?

Unknown

Andrew C. Wright	1957	to	19??
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Laramie Peak RD (*Ranger located in Douglas, WY*)

Unknown	1955	to	1959
Sam W. Van Doran	1959	to	1963
Lloyd D. Todd	1964	to	1968
Irvin V. Case	1970	to	1974
Kenneth H. Lancaster	1975	to	1976
David M. Nichol	1977	to	1978
Gerald D. Widhalm	1979	to	1986

Thunder Basin National Grassland

(Douglas, WY) (In 1958 the Grassland management responsibility was moved from the Soil Conservation Service to the FS. The first Forest Service Ranger on the Thunder Basin Grassland was Edward Heller (came from the SCS in 1958).

Edward Heller	1958	to	1962
William W. Bradshaw	1962	to	1964
Douglas P. Fuller	1965	to	1971 ?? ++
Raymond L. Tikka	1973	to	1977
Jack Cameron	1978	to	1986

(In approximately 1987 Laramie Peak RD coordinated with Thunder Basin National Grassland and named Douglas RD with Thunder Basin National Grassland)

Douglas RD with Thunder Basin National Grassland

(Ranger located in Douglas, WY)

Jack Cameron	1988	to	1990
Don Heiser	1991	to	1993

(Douglas RD merged with Thunder Basin National Grassland RD in 1995)

Douglas and Thunder Basin National Grassland RD (*Ranger located in Douglas*)

Malcom Edwards	1993	to	1999
Norman Wagoner	2000	to	2004
Misty Hays - Deputy District Ranger	2004	to	2004
Bob Sprental	2004	to	2012
Tom Whitford	2012	to	2016
Shane Walker	2016	to	2018
Robert Robertson	2018	to	--present

Hayden National Forest Ranger Districts

(*Supervisors Office located in Encampment, WY*)

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Big Creek RD (*Ranger located in Encampment, WY*)

Alva A. Simpson	1909	to	1916
Unknown	1906	to	1922
Wallace Pearce	1916	to	1918
Reed A. Higby	1918	to	1929

Encampment RD (*Ranger located in Encampment, WY*)

A.L. Richey	1908	to	1915 Victoria RS ? burned in 1915
Ray Riggs	1915	to	1920
P.L.-Goodly	1921	to	1921
George P. Lang	1921	to	1927
George A. Wadleigh	1928	to	1929

North End RD (*Ranger located in Saratoga, WY*) Victoria RS ? burned in 1915 (AL Richey was occupant)

Albert B. Walker	1906	to	unknown
A.L. Richey	unknown	to	unknown
Richard R. Riggs	1921	to	1929 2+

Snake River RD (*Ranger located in Savery, WY*)

G.H. Mullison	1907	to	unknown
Unknown	unknown	to	unknown
Grover Starks	1923	to	1928

James Sabin	1926	to	1928
Donald W. Shaw	1928	to	1929

Routt National Forests Ranger Districts

Supervisor's office located in Steamboat Springs, CO

By 1907 Ranger Districts had been set up and manned as follows:

District # 1, Known as the Kremmling District, ran from Base Line to Muddy Creek Divide east of Gore Summit;

District #2, The Grizzly Creek Area, included the forest area in North Park from Muddy Creek Divide to the Wyoming State line;

District #3, Known as the Yampa District, extended from the Base Line to Service Creek on the Yampa River side;

District #4, The Steamboat District, extended from Service Creek to Mad Creek;

District #5, The Hahns Peak District, included the country north of Mad Creek to the head of the Encampment River, west through Columbine to California Park and south to the Forest Boundary;

District #6, Included the Bears Ears country south of the Snake River Divide and west of California Park;

District #7, District 7, The Counting Station District, included the Snake River slope west of Columbus Mountain;

District #8, District 8, Included the head of the South Fork of Snake River. The Encampment River area, originally part of District #8, was transferred to the Hayden National Forest in 1908.)

(The south and east fringes of North Park were in Arapaho and Colorado forests, respectfully, until 1930.

According to Ray Peck many of the early Rangers were assigned to districts to establish their position and grades but were actually used as project men on timber surveys, boundary surveys, land classification, improvement construction, etc.)

By approximately a decade later additional Ranger Station's were constructed. The 1921 Routt Forest map shows twelve ranger stations located on the forest. Starting with the old, numbered districts, the stations names, and locations were as follows:

District 1: Pass Creek Ranger Station. Section 21, T2N, R82W; near the forest boundary just north of Pass Creek. Location was on Kremmling District, Arapaho NF, and Middle Park now Parks District. This station no longer exists.

District 2: Grizzly Creek Ranger Station. Section 28, T7N, R82W; near the forest boundary just south of Jackson County Road 24. Location was on North Park, now Parks District.

District 3: Eagle Rock Ranger Station. Section 18, T2N, R84W; west of Eagle Rock near the section center. Location was on Yampa, then Gore, and now Yampa again. This station no longer exists.

District 4: Five Spruce Ranger Station. Section 20, T5N, R83W; north of highway 40 near the head of the Bear Creek drainage was initially in the Steamboat District. By 1957 the name had changed to Rabbit Ears Guard Station. Location was on the Gore, now Hahns Peak Bears Ears. This station no longer exists.

District 4: Buffalo Pass Ranger Station. Section 27, T7N, R83W; near Forest Road 60, just west of Buffalo Pass was originally in the Steamboat District. By 1957 the name had changed to Summit Guard Station. Location was on the Gore, then Hahns Peak, and now Hahns Peak Bears Ears. This station no longer exists.

District 5: Seed House Ranger Station. Section 2, T9N, R84W; near Forest Road 400. Location was on Hahns Peak, and now Hahns Peak Bears Ears. It is now a guard station.

*District 5: Hahns Peak Ranger Station. Section 26, T10N, R86W;
This location is now under water in Steamboat Lake.*

District 5: Summit Creek Ranger Station. Section 25, T11N, R86W; just west of Forest Road 129. Location was on Hahns Peak, and now on Hahns Peak Bears Ears. It is now a guard station.

District 5: Whisky Park Ranger Station. Section 27, T12N, R86W; in Whisky Park near road Junction of Forest Roads 508 and 550. This station no longer exists.

District 5: California Park Ranger Station. Section 3, T9N, R87W; in California Park immediately west of Routt County Road 80. Location was on Hahns Peak and Bears Ears Districts. It is now on Hahns Peak Bears Ears. It is now a guard station

District 6: Bears Ears Ranger Station. Section 28, T9N, R88W; about a mile inside the forest boundary along the North Fork Elk Head Creek. Location was on Bears Ears and now on Hahns Peak Bears Ears. This station no longer exists.

District 7: Counting Ranger Station. Section 3, T10N, R90W; about three miles west of the forest boundary. This station no longer exists.

The Mad Creek Guard Station did not show on the 1921 Routt Forest map, though it was apparently built in about 1907 by Ranger James Harry Ratliff.

Gore Ranger District (*Ranger located in Yampa, CO until relocated to Steamboat Springs around 1931*)

District #4 (*old Steamboat District*)

George W. Nay	1906	to	1907
James L. Blackburn	1908	to	1909
Ray Peck	1909	to	1911
William M. Darley	1911	to	1912
Oliver E. Taylor	1913	to	1915
A. L. Richey	1915	to	1918
James Monson	1919	to	1920
L. L. Segur	1920	to	1921
Dewy S. Wright	1922	to	1926
George P. Lang	1926	to	1929

District #3 (*Yampa District*)

Albert Whitney	1906	to	1907
Arthur Stanley	1907	to	1909
Edward A. Parks	1910	to	1912
John B. Lansing	1912	to	1913
Charles W. Euler	1913	to	1925
George W. Howard	1925	to	1929

District #2 (*Combined Gore District*)

George P. Lang	1929	to	1930
Charles E. Seymour	1931	to	1935
Frank W. Woody	1935	to	1936
William J. Cochran	1936	to	1937
John C. Miller	1937	to	1943
John F. Douglas	1944	to	1950
R. J. Greffenius	1950	to	1955
Raymond C. Urbom	1955	to	1958
Carl Henderson	1958	to	1964
James R. Schoenbaum	1964	to	1969
David R. W. Hoefer	1969	to	1972

District abolished June 30, 1972 and combined with Hahns Peak and Yampa Districts

Yampa RD Districts #2, #3, #4 combined (*Ranger located in Yampa, CO*)
(This Yampa District was created on May 1, 1954. It is composed of parts of the old Burns Hole and Williams Fork Districts on the White River National Forest transferred to the Routt National Forest)

Gordon (Tex) Harp	1954	to	1958
Raymond L. Brown	1958	to	1962
E. Allen Crozer	1963	to	1965
Jack Carter	1965	to	1969
Lee W Jensen	1970	to	1982
Raymond D Brown	1982	to	1991

Kathy Kurtz	1991	to	1997
Norm Wagoner	1998	to	2000
Howard Sargent	2000	to	2007
Oscar Martinez	2007	to	2012
Jack Lewis	2012	to	2015
Basia Trout	2015	to	2018
James Statezny	2018	to	---present

Bears Ears RD (*Ranger located in Craig, CO until 1934 when located to Hayden, CO*)(*Relocated back to Craig in 1962*)

District #6 (1904-1919)

H. C. Hurd	1906	to	1908
Ray Peck	1908	to	1909
Ed Peck	1909	to	1919

District #7 (1906 – 1918)

John O'Conner*	1906	to	died
<i>*O'Conner died suddenly in July 1906 – replaced temporarily by Harry Ratliff. Ratliff intimates that O'Conner was murdered.</i>			
Harry Ratliff	1906	to	1906
James A. Oliphant	1906	to	1910
H.C. Hurd	1911	to	1913
L.L. Segur	1913	to	1917
Marcy Meaden	1917	to	1918??++

District #6 (1919 – 1923)

Charles Lancaster	1920	to	1921
Percy Ray	1921	to	1923

Consolidated Bears Ears District (Districts 6, 7, and 8)

Percy Ray	1924	to	1929
Owen B. Hurley	1929	to	1934
Marvin Klemme	1934	to	1936
Reuben J. Greffenius	1936	to	1940
John Douglas	1941	to	1943
Frank J. Smith	1943	to	1945
Roan Anderson	1945	to	1957
William M. Fenner	1957	to	1963
LaVern A. Shultz	1964	to	1971
John Heaton	1972	to	1974
Sam Scanga	1975	to	1983
Alan Green	1984	to	1990
Chris Comstock	1990	to	1993
Sherry Reed	1993	to	1994

Snake River RD (*Initially Snake River RD, Routt NF Ranger located in Columbine, CO.*)

(*In WY on the Hayden NF Snake River RD Ranger located in Savory, WY*)
 William F. Cochran 1923 to 1927

Hahns Peak RD (*Initially the Ranger was located in Clark, CO.*)

Sometime prior to 1931 Ranger relocated to Steamboat Springs. CO)

District #8 (Three Forks 1906-1924)

(*During organization change transitions there may have been some overlap of Ranger roles and responsibilities.*)

Harry Ratliff 1906 to 1907

(*Ratliff spent most of his time as Ranger working on the Carbon County timber trespass in Hog Park*)

P. L. Gooldy 1907 to 1911

Earl Salisbury ??? to 19??

Lewis Cadwallader 1908 to 19??

Stanley Brock 1910 to 1914

William H. McCormick 1912 to 1914

(*McCormick also supervised sheep grazing on "High Trail"*)

William F. Cochran 1915 to 1924

District #5 (old Hahns Peak District 1906-1924)

Samuel Coleman 1906 to 1907

James L. Blackburn 1909 to 1913

Pleasant H. Sallee 1914 to 1915

Frank Rose 1915 to 1921

Dean H. Leonard 1921 to 1924

Combined Hahns Peak Districts #4, #5, #8 (1924 – 1994)

Dean H. Leonard 1924 to 1932

Lawrence H. Carr 1933 to 1936

Samuel W. Orr 1937 to 1943

Daniel E. Gibson 1942 to 1951

Raymond Bennett 1951 to 1959

Robert J. Miller 1959 to 1963

Warren P. Hartman 1964 to 1972

Bill Conklin 1973 to 1983

Jim Carson 1983 to 1989

Sherry Reed 1990 to 1994

Hahns Peak Bears Ears RD (*Hahns Peak District combined with Bears Ears District in 1995 with Ranger located in Steamboat Springs, CO.*)

Sherry Reed 1994 to 1999

Kim Vogel 1999 to 2007

Jamie Kingsbury 2007 to 2013

Chad Stewart 2013 to 2018

Tara Umphries 2018 to 2020

Michael Woodbridge 2021 to present

Park Range RD *(Initially part of the RD was located within the Park Range National Forest, Rand, and Walden. Sometime prior to 1931 Ranger was relocated to Walden, CO & name was changed to North Park RD) (Tour of duty for some of the Rangers listed below shows overlap, probably because some lived in the same town but worked on separate North Park RDs; some may have been assistant rangers; and some people had two different roles – one on a district and one in a resource or project function covering more than one District area.)*

W.H. Merriam	1920	to	1921
Richard Clark	1921	to	1921
L.H. Carr	1921	to	1925
Howard Beehler	1923	to	19??
John W. Delaney	1924	to	????

North Park RD *(Initially the east part of this RD was within the Park Range NF, then the Colorado NF and a short time later the Arapaho NF. In about 1930 the east part of the North Park RD was transferred to the Routt NF and merged with District #2 Grizzly Creek)*

East Side District *(Colorado National Forest until 1930)*

N.G. Bellairs	1906	to	1910
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Rand Ranger District *(Arapaho National Forest until 1930)*

J. A. McNamara	1906	to	1910
C. C. White	1911	to	1912
John Stephens	1912	to	1915
Cleve Langston	1916	to	1917
Frank Poley	1918	to	1919
E. M. Davis	1919	to	1920
J.C. McCallister	1920	to	1921
Frank Crow	1921	to	1923
Albert Straub	1924	to	1925
Carl Sward	1926	to	1927
Paul Lundell	1928	to	1929
Charles Kutzleb	1929	to	1930

District #2 Grizzly Creek *(Routt National Forest 1906-1929)*

W. L. Galpin	1907	to	1909
Angus H. Taylor	1909	to	1914
Austin Russel	1914	to	1915
E. J. Davis	1916	to	1918
C. P. McClanahan	1919	to	1923
H. G. Belcher	1923	to	1924
C. A. Kutzleb	1924	to	1929

North Park District *(Routt National Forest with Ranger located in Walden, CO The North Park District listed previously, beginning in 1906, is not the same as the North Park District area listed here beginning in 1929.*

The North Park District listed here includes areas of land added to the 1906 version and realigned from what was previously called North Park District.)

C. A. Kutzleb	1929	to	1930
Henry(Harry)C.Parks	1931	to	1932
Dean H. Leonard	1933	to	1934
Samuel W. Orr	1934	to	1936
Lawrence H. Carr	1937	to	1938
Frank Blankenship	1938	to	1942
Gordon Van Buren	1943	to	1945
Stratton H. Van	1946	to	1956
Gerald D. Wadlow	1956	to	1959
George H. Gorsuch	1959	to	1961
Robert J.Scofield	1962	to	1964
E. Allen Crozer	1965	to	1966
Jack A. Wolf	1966	to	1971
Wayne S. Shuttleworth,Jr.	1971	to	1972
Norbert Milanowski	1972	to	1974
Donald Bielefield	1975	to	1976
Donald W. Foth	1977	to	1978
George Edwards	1979	to	1988
Craig Yancy	1988	to	1990
Larry Ross	1991	to	1994

Middle Park RD - Also called the **Kremmling RD**

*(In mid-1973 the Kremmling District was transferred from the Arapaho National Forest to the Routt National Forest and renamed Middle Park RD.In addition to the transfer the **Disrtict #1** area of the Routt NF administered by the Gore and the North Park Districts was added the Middle RD)*

Robert Joslin	1973	to	1974
Berwyn Brown	1975	to	1978
Roger Corner	1979	to	1990
Paul Momper	1990	to	1994

Parks RD (North Park District combined with north part of Middle Park District in 1995 with name changed to Parks RD and ranger located in Walden, CO. The south and east part of the Middle Park District merged with the Sulphur RD of the Arapahoe Roosevelt NF.)

Larry Ross	1994	to	1999
Chuck Oliver	2000	to	2004
Anne Kiser	2004	to	2006
Michael Wright	2006	to	2012
Jason Brey	2013	to	2015
Jeremiah Zamora	2015	to	2020
Chris Olds	2021	to	present

Medicine Bow Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland

*Officially combined in 1995 with Supervisor's office in Laramie, Wyoming.
(Below is the current status of Rangers and Ranger Districts along with the
history since the combination became official*

Medicine Bow National Forest with Thunder Basin National Grassland side

Laramie RD *(Ranger located in Laramie, WY)*

Michael M. Sanders	1995	to	2004
Clint Kyhl	2004	to	2008
Larry Sandoval, Jr	2008	to	2012
Frank Romero	2012	to	---present

Brush Creek Hayden RD *(Ranger Station located in Saratoga)*

Don Carroll	1995	to	2000
Scott Armentrout	2000	to	2008
Steve Best	2008	to	2012
Melanie Fullman	2012	to	2017
Jason Armbruster	2018	to	---present

Douglas and Thunder Basin National Grassland RD

*(Ranger located in Douglas. Management responsibility includes Medicine
Bow NF land and Thunder Basin National Grassland)*

Malcom Edwards	1993	to	1999
Norman Wagoner	2000	to	2004
Misty Hays - Deputy District Ranger	2004	to	2004
Bob Sprental	2004	to	2012?
Tom Whitford	2012	to	2016
Shane Walker	2016	to	2018
Robert Robertson	2018	to	---present

Routt National Forest side

(The Routt side of the Medicine Bow Routt National Forest includes 129,325 acres of the Arapaho/Roosevelt National Forest. This Arapaho/Roosevelt NF acreage is not all in one chunk of land but it occurs in pockets and segments around the edges of the Parks and Yampa districts.)

Yampa RD

Kathy Kurtz	1991	to	1997
Norm Wagoner	1998	to	2000
Howard Sargent	2000	to	2007
Oscar Martinez	2007	to	2012
Jack Lewis	2012	to	2015
Basia Trout	2015	to	2018
James Statezny	2018	to	---present

Hahns Peak Bears Ears RD *(Hahns Peak District combined with Bears Ears District in 1995 with Ranger located in Steamboat Springs, CO.)*

Sherry Reed	1994	to	1999
Kim Vogel	1999	to	2007
Jamie Kingsbury	2007	to	2013
Chad Stewart	2013	to	2018
Tara Umphries	2018	to	2020
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Jerry Schmidt Mary Peterson
Phil Cruz Dennis Jaeger

Notes and phone conversations from a few people who spent the majority of their career within or near the Medicine Bow Routt National Forests.
John Heaton (*third generation Forest Service within or near this area*)
Don Heiser, Dan Nolan, Larry Thoney, Frank Romero

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