

Pike and San Isabel National Forests Ranger Roll Call & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands

History – Pike and San Isabel National Forests are located in central Colorado and were administratively combined in 1973. Pike National Forest is named after the American explorer Zebulon Pike and known for its pink- to orange-colored granite bedrock. Together with San Isabel National Forest, they cover a little more than two million acres and are comprised of six ranger districts: Leadville, Pikes Peak, Salida, San Carlos, South Park, and South Platte.

Pike National Forest

South Park District - Fairplay, CO

South Park District (1905 - Present)

William H. Hazzard	1905 - 1905
Edward "Ed" Hepburn	1906 - 1906
R. A. Bowen	1907 - 1907
Merle F. Frey	1908 - 1908
William H. Hazzard	1908 - 1910
Ed Brown	1910 - 1911
Ben Carter	1911 - 1912
J. F. Low	1912 - 1913
Samuel H. Clay	1913 - 1918
Guy Wallace	1918 - 1919
Dewey S. Wright	1919 - 1923
R. C. Prater	1922 - 1923
Raymond O. Taylor	1922 - 1928
Charles R. Towne	1928 - 1931
John C. Leadbeater	1930 - 1936
Wendell R. Becton	1935 - 1939
Francis J. Smith	1939 - 1958
Ray E. Johnson	1957 - 1971
Kaye R. Luebchoiw	1970 - 1975
Edward D. Lockhart	1974 - 1978
Robert D. Lillie	1977 - 1982
Duane D. Kick	1981 - 1984
Nick S. Greear	1983 - 1989
Patrick Harrison	1988 - 1990
Johnny Hodges	1989 - 1996
Daniel J. Jiron	1995 - 1999
Donald Cosby	1999 - 2001
Sara Mayben	2001 - 2009
Kris Sexton	2010 - 2013
Josh Voorhis	2014 - Present

Lake George District (1907 - 1976)

[Merged with South Park R.D. in 1976.]

Lemul D. Crandell	1907 - 1909
D. C. Montgomery, Jr.	1910 - 1911
Fred C. Parrett	1911 - 1913
Homer E. Smelser	1913 - 1914
Edmund "Ed" Couch	1914 - 1915
K. J. Helmick	1915 - 1915
Clarence A. Mack	1915 - 1920
Jacob Roeser, Jr.	1921 - 1921
K. H. Trempel	1921 - 1922
David Basham	1923 - 1924
Ray M. Bradshaw	1925 - 1934
Grant Morse	1935 - 1938
Wendell R. Becton	1939 - 1941
Frank Sodolski	1942 - 1950
James Wenban	1951 - 1955
Carl Fiebelkorn	1956 - 1960
Melvin Mitts	1960 - 1964
Jack Swisher	1964 - 1964
Tom Dix	1964 - 1964
Rodney D. "Rod" Lewis	1965 - 1973
William H. Zimmer	1973 - 1976

South Platte District - Conifer, CO

South Platte District (1888 - Present)

William R. Kreutzer	1888 - 1901
Lew Busher	1899 - 1901
James D. Jamison	1900 - 1901
W. D. Edmonston	1901 - 1904
S. P. Ackerman	? - ?
Keith Urquhart	1910 - 1912
F. P. Sobey	1911 - 1913
S. Howard Wright	1912
Fred C. Parrett	1912
Oscar Lorenz	1913
Homer E. Smelser	1914
Fred Still	1920 - 1924
M. L. Samahan	1925 - 1927
S. L. Mahan	1927 - 1935
R. M. B. Wald	1935 - 1939
Ray M. Bradshaw	? - 1942
C. Leslie Burton	1939 - 1943
Everett A. Shippek	1941
Ray E. Johnson	1941 - 1945
W. H. Maxwell	1949 - 1951
Nelson Watson	? - 1954

Keith Knudson	1951 - 1955
Gordon A. Ince	1955 - 1956
John Grover	1956 - 1958
Joe Zylinski	1958 - 1964
Wallace Longsinger	1964 - 1969
Tom Dix	1969 - 1972
Wayne Shuttleworth	1972 - 1974
R. M. Nelson	1974 - 1975
Jack D. Cameron	1975 - 1977
Larry O. Gadt	1977 - 1981
M. M. Underwood	1981 - 1985
Randle G. Phillips	1985 - 1988
Edward M. Ryberg	1988 - 1994
Pamela DeVore	1994 - 1998
Randy Hickenbottom	1999 - 2015
Brian Banks	2015 - Present

Bailey District (1899 - 1969)

[Merged with South Platte R.D. in 1969.]

C. L. Fitzsimmons	1899 - 1901
W. W. Hooper	1902 - 1904
Albert Hooper	1905 - 1906
Edward "Ed" Hepburn	1907 - 1909
Edmund "Ed" Couch	1909 - 1913
Roy M. Truman	1913 - 1917
W. E. Jackson	1918 - 1919
P. V. Woodhead	1919 - 1921
J. B. Fitzsimmons	1921 - 1936
E. S. Erickson	1936 - 1944
John A. Rundgren	1944 - 1956
Bruce Merrill	1956 - 1960
Bob Lake	1960 - 1963
John P. Burke	1963 - 1969

Pikes Peak District - Colorado Springs, CO

L. A. Dark	1904 - 1905
John H. Patterson	1905 - 1928
William F. Cochran	1930 - 1946
Ray M. Bradshaw	1946 - 1949
Floyd A. Phillips	1952 - 1956
Gordon A. Ince	1956 - 1957
Warren Walters	1957 - 1958
Elmer Miller	1958
John D. Graves	1958 - 1961
Roan C. Anderson	1961 - 1967
Richard T. "Dick" Hauff	1967 - 1969
Dennis L. Lynch	1969 - 1972

Kenneth H. Wood	1972 - 1973
Ladd G. Frary	1973 - 1975
Bob Wagner	1975 - 1976
Steve Deitemeyer	1976 - 1980
Vern Schmidt	1980 - 1988
Gary Edson	1988 - 1989
James R. Montoya	1989 - 1994
William R. Nelson	1994 - 2005
Brent O. Botts	2005 - 2012
Allen D. Hahn	2012 - 2014
Oscar Martinez	2014 - Present

San Isabel National Forest

Salida District - Salida, CO

Bassam District (1905 - ?)

[Originally part of the Leadville Forest until it was added to the Cochetopa Forest in 1930. In 1945, it became part of the San Isabel Forest and was combined with Buena Vista R.D.]

Samuel E. Clay	1905 - 1918
James L. Frame	1918 - 1920

Cottonwood District (1905 - ?)

[Originally part of the Leadville Forest until it was added to the Cochetopa Forest in 1930. In 1945, it became part of the San Isabel Forest and was combined with Buena Vista R.D.]

Clarence A. Mack	1906 - 1914
Merle F. Frey	1915 - 1921

Buena Vista District (1905 -)

[Originally part of the Leadville Forest until it was added to the Cochetopa Forest in 1930. In 1942, it became part of the San Isabel Forest. Later, it was absorbed by Salida R.D.]

James L. Frame	1921 - 1939
Grant A. Morris	1939 - 1941
Stanley A. Mahan	1942 - 1945
Gordon Van Buren	1946 - ?

Poncha District (1907 - ?)

[Originally part of the Cochetopa Forest until it was incorporated in San Isabel Forest's Salida R.D.]

Lewis A. Surallow	1905 - 1906
Charley N. Miller	1907 - 1911
Joseph N. Cuenin	1911 - 1934
Frank W. Woody	1934 - 1935
Hugh Martin	1935 - 1943
Manford R. Hickel	1943 - 1944

Bonanza District (1907 - ?)

[Originally part of the Cochetopa Forest until it was incorporated in San Isabel Forest's Salida R.D.]

Winne E. Shropshire	1920 - 1921
Flor C. Corbit	1922 - 1924
Leonard H. England	1924 - 1925
Frank W. Woody	1925 - 1933

Salida District (1907 - Present)

[Originally part of the Cochetopa Forest until it was added to the San Isabel Forest.]

Manford R. Hickel	1944 - 1950
Gordon Van Buren	1950 - 1952
Jacob Jauch	1952 - 1962
Jack A. Wolfe	1962 - 1966
Ross E. Mosier	1966 - 1972
Warren L. Hartman	1972 - 1977
James C. Free	1977 - 1979
Bernard G. Lyons	1979 - 1989
Charles E. "Charlie" Medina	1989 - 2006
William A. Schukert	2006 - 2013
Jim Pitts	2013 - Present

San Carlos District - Canon City, CO

Greenhorn District (1905 - 1929)

[Combined with Hardscrabble R.D. in 1929.]

Oscar S. Mackelfresh	1905 - 1909
Leonard Hawkins	1910 - 1911
Lewis D. Miller	1912 - 1913
Holland Coleman	1914 - 1916
Jesse C. Russell	1917 - 1918
Harry Friend	1919 - 1922
Earl Nolen	1923 - 1927
Karl Gilbert	1928 - 1929
R. E. Wilson	1929 - 1929

Hardscrabble District (1907 - 1934)

[Renamed to Custer R.D. in 1934.]

Frank H. Wagner	1907 - 1908
Lee C. Newport	1908 - 1909
J. J. Lowell	1910 - 1932
Henry A. Payson	1933 - 1934

Spanish Peaks District (1907 - 1977)

[Originally part of Las Animas N.F. before Las Animas N.F. was combined with San Isabel N.F. in 1910. The district was combined with San Carlos R.D. in 1978.]

Asa Arnold	1907 - 1910
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Charles A. Whitney	1910 - 1911
John W. Boyd	1911 - 1919
Eugene S. Vories	1919 - 1921
Karl Gilbert	1921 - 1924
Paul Gilbert	1924 - 1925
Walter Oaks	1925 - 1928
Karl Gilbert	1928 - 1937
Ralph C. Bryant, Jr.	1937 - 1942
Lewis A. Cummings	1942 - 1959
Ray Russell	1959 - 1961
Ross E. Mosier	1961 - 1966
John Nepp	1966 - 1972
Elbert O. Reed	1973 - 1975
Donald Musso	1975 - 1977

Malachite-Blanca-Huerfano District (1908 - 1952)
 [Combined with San Carlos R.D. in 1952.]

Ralph W. Shellabarger	1908 - 1909
Oscar S. Mackelfresh	1909 - 1910
John W. Boyd	1910 - 1911
John W. Wright	1912 - 1917
Karl Gilbert	1918 - 1920
Paul Gilbert	1921 - 1945
J. William Vinacke	1946 - 1948
Cliff Van Doren	1949 - 1951
Manford R. Hickel	1951 - 1952

Westcliffe District (1908 - 1958)
 [Combined with San Carlos R.D. in 1958.]

Frank H. Wagner	1908 - 1914
Charles L. Dickson	1915 - 1916
Neal O. McKinley	1917 - 1919
Paul Gilbert	1919 - 1920
Neal O. McKinley	1921 - 1923
Charles E. Seymour	1924 - 1925
Roy M. Truman	1926 - 1944
Ralph K. Geirish	1945 - 1952
J. Leo Spatziani	1953 - 1955

Custer District (1934 - 1943)
 [Renamed to San Carlos R.D. in 1943.]

Henry A. Payson	1934 - 1935
Ralph V. Minges	1936 - 1937
Alan A. McCready	1938 - 1940
Charles E. Fifield	1941 - 1943

San Carlos District (1943 – Present)

Charles E. Fifield	1943 – 1945
George K. Brown	1946 – 1948
Manford R. Hickel	1949 – 1952
James T. Sykes, Jr.	1953 – 1960
Walter J. Litwicki	1960 – 1965
John F. Butruille	1966 – 1969
Bruce J. Thomas	1970 – 1972
Erlin R. Trekell	1973 – 1974
James C. Free	1975 – 1976
Edward D. Lockhart	1977 – 1981
Roger M. Williams	1982 - 1983
Murry Hartshorn	1984 - 1985
Sally Edwards	1986 – 1989
Cindy Rivera	1990 – 1997
Paul Crespin	1998 – 2018
Destiny Chapman	2019 – Present

Leadville District – Leadville, CO

William H. Hopper	1905 – 1906
James A. Blair	1906 – 1907
William H. Hazzard	1907 – 1908
Merle F. Frey	1908 – 1913
Edward F. Heaton	1913 – 1919
Harry J. Smith	1919 – 1927
Raymond O. Taylor	1928 – 1929
Donald W. Shaw	1929 – 1930
Samuel W. Orr	1930 – 1933
C. Lester Burton	1934 – 1936
Charles E. Fox	1937 – 1938
Joseph T. Radel	1938 – 1943
John P. Burke	1944 – 1945
Jack Graw	1946 – 1951
John Mattoon	1951 – 1953
Warren Walters	1954 – 1956
Eldon G. Lucas	1957 – 1960
G. Doyne Mayberry	1960 – 1966
James E. Ficke	1966 – 1974
Dan C. Heinz	1974 – 1979
Gene Eide	1979 – 1988
Les Russell	1988 – 1995
Rich Phelps	1995 – 1997
Kathy Hardy	1998 – 1999
Rick Newton	2000 – 2003
Jim Zornes	2003 – 2006
Jon Morrissey	2007 – 2013
Tamera Conner	2013 – 2016

Mary Moore	2016 - 2018
Patrick Mercer	2020 - Present

Cimarron National Grassland -

The Grassland is located in southwestern Kansas and contains 108,175 acres with Headquarters in Elkhart, KS.

George Atwood	1938 - 1962
Jace Devore	1962 - 1965
Floyd A. Osborne	1965 - 1966
Steward J. Adams	1966 - 1973
Morris Snider	1973 - 1974
Don Mecklenberg	1974 - 1986
Joe Hartman	1986 - 2011
Dale Fife	2011 - 2013
Lane Brown	2013 - 2017
Kevin Taylor	2018 - Present

Comanche National Grassland

The Grassland includes over 440, 000 acres in southeastern Colorado. Grassland Headquarters, in Springfield, CO. The Timpas Unit was operational for a brief time.

Carrizo Unit, Springfield, CO

Elmer E. Miller	1961 - 1965
James M. Mayo	1966
Robert E. Wagner	1967 - 1971
William B. Roberts	1972 - 1975
Erlin R. Trekell	1976 - 1984
Geoffrey Huse	1984 - 1989
Charles Richmond	1990 - 1992
David Pieper	1993 - 1997
Tom Peters	2000 - 2004
Vacant	2008

Timpas Unit, La Junta, CO

J. Leo Spatziani	1961 - 1963
Stewart J. Adams	1964 - 1966