

Willamette National Forest Roll Call

History – The Willamette National Forest stretches for 110 miles along the western slopes of the Cascade Mountain Range in western Oregon. The Forest was established in 1933 by merging the Cascade and Santiam National Forests, which were previously formed out of three other Forests established soon after the Forest Service was founded in 1905. The five original Districts were kept intact: Detroit, Cascadia, McKenzie, West Boundary, and Oakridge.

The heavily timbered Forest encompasses nearly 1.7 million acres. It provided significant amounts of timber to support the post-WWII housing boom in the country. Later, it became embroiled in the prominent environmental issues of the latter part of the Twentieth Century. It continues to support sound forest management practices. The Forest has also strongly supported forestry research and is home to the well-known H.J. Andrews Experimental Forest. A very detailed book, History of the Willamette National Forest by Lawrence and Mary Rakestraw, published by the Forest in 1991 is currently out of print but is available on loan from several Oregon libraries and on-line thanks to the Forest History Society.

Detroit District – Mill City, OR

Detroit District (? - Present)

?	1905 - 1907
Elmer Gribble	1908 - 1911
Fred W. Stahlman	1911 - 1915
Henry G. White	1915 - 1922
Roy A. Elliott	1922 - 1935
George P. McClanahan	1935 - 1937
Glenn C. Charlton	1937 - 1942
Boyd Rasmussen	1942 - 1943
Edwin Loners	1943 - 1944
Spencer T. "Tenny" Moore	1944 - 1955
Alvin L. Sorseth	1955 - 1959
Edwin D. Graham	1959 - 1963
Wendall L. Jones	1963 - 1966
Lee L. Boeckstiegel	1966 - 1974
Dalton D. Dulac	1974 - 1978
Joe. Ragsdale	1977 - 1980
David F. Alexander	1981 - 1989
William Funk	1989 - 1998
Stephanie Phillips	1998 - 2003
Paul Matter	2003 - 2009
Grady McMahan	2009 - 2018
Dave Halemeier	2018 - 2020
Shawn Rivera	2020 - 2023
Michelle D. King	2023 - Present

Mill City District (1959 - 1968)

[Split off from the Detroit District and then reconnected.]

Alvin L. Sorseth	1959 - 1961
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Ralph E. McCurdy	1961 - 1966
Paul J. Brady	1966 - 1968

Sweet Home District – Sweet Home, OR

Cascadia District (? – 1963)

[Renamed Sweet Home District in 1963.]

?	1905 - 1907
Archie Knowles	1908 - 1912
Ed Clark	1912 - 1913
Jesse M. Mann	1913 - 1918
Roy A. Elliott	1918 - 1920
John Thayer	1920 - 1921
Frank A. Davis	1921 - 1926
J. Roy Blake	1926 - 1934
Donald J. Stoner	1934 - 1936
Larry E. Frizzell	1936 - 1937
Roland C. Burgess	1937 - 1942
Donald J. Stoner	1942 - 1946
Jack D. Saubert	1946 - 1957
Orval E. Jess	1957 - 1963

Sweet Home District (1963 – Present)

Orval E. Jess	1963 - 1972
William V. Carpenter	1972 - 1978
Frederick O. Walk	1978 - 1982
Jim Pierce	1982 - 1985
Leonard L. Lucero	1985 - 1989
Karen Barnette	1989 - 1992
Rolf Anderson	1992 - 1999
Michael Rassback	1999 - 2008
Melany Glossa	2008 - 2010
Cindy Glick	2010 - 2016
Nikki Swanson	2016 - Present

McKenzie River District – McKenzie Bridge, OR

McKenzie District (1908 – 2002)

?	1905 - 1907
Smith L. Taylor	1908 - 1932
Raymond Engles	1932 - 1946
Brittain H. “Brit” Ash	1946 - 1955
Edward W. Anderson	1955 - 1956
Ray L. Hornbeck	1956 - 1959
Michael D. Lysne	1959 - 1963
Edwin D. Graham	1963 - 1975
Donald Pederson	1975 - 1980
Randy A. Dunbar	1980 - 1992
John P. Allen	1992 - 2002

Blue River District (1956 - 2002)

[Blue River District was formed from the western part of the McKenzie District.]

Edward W. Anderson	1956 - 1960
Robert H. Mealy	1960 - 1966
Gene W. Carlson	1966 - 1968
Michael A. Kerrick	1968 - 1970
Bill G. Onstott	1970 - 1972
Robert R. Burns	1972 - 1979
James L. Caswell	1979 - 1984
Steve Eubanks	1984 - 1989
Lynn Burditt	1989 - 2002

McKenzie River District (2002 - Present)

[The McKenzie and Blue River Districts were combined, and the District name changed to reflect the merger.]

John P. Allen	2002 - 2004
Mary Allison	2004 - 2011
Terry T. Baker	2011 - 2017
Darren M. Cross	2017 - Present

Middle Fork District - Westfir, OR

Oakridge District (? - 1997)

[Became part of the newly-formed Middle Fork District in 1997.]

?	1905 - 1907
John Will	1908 - 1909
Charles T. Beach	1909 - 1911
James L. Furnish	1911 - 1913
Claude Randall Jones	1913 - 1921
Roy O. Parks	1921 - 1923
Joe F. Campbell	1923 - 1924
Corley B. McFarland	1924 - 1946
William F. Cummins	1946 - 1958
Stanley I. Undi	1958 - 1961
Alvin L. Sorseth	1961 - 1965
Albert L. Warren	1965 - 1967
Ormond H. Doty	1967 - 1974
Wayne E. Orr	1974 - 1979
Robert L. Barstad	1979 - 1996
Rick Scott	1996 - 1997

Salt Creek District (1959 - 1962)

[Established for a short time from the Oakridge district and then reconnected.]

Ralph E. McCurdy	1959 - 1961
Emil M. Sabol	1961 - 1962

Rigdon District (1947 - 1997)

[Established from the southern part of what was then the Oakridge District.]

Robert Mealey	1947 - 1948
Ivan W. Crum	1948 - 1949
Otto B. Hanell	1949 - 1956
Gordon Sanford	1956 - 1959
W. David Kolb	1959 - 1963
Michael D. Lysne	1963 - 1976
Robert L. Barstad	1976 - 1979
B. Eric Morse	1979 - 1982
Herbert Wick	1982 - 1996
Rick Scott	1996 - 1997

West Boundary District (? - 1953)

[Name was changed to Lowell District in 1953.]

George Cottrell	1905 - 1908
M. Thurman Cannon	1908 - 1909
James L. Furnish	1909 - 1910
James Landin	1910 - 1912
Corley B. McFarland	1912 - 1924
Harold J. Engles	1924 - 1927
Harlane C. "Huck" Hiatt	1927 - 1929
Raymond Engles	1929 - 1932
Frank Lightfoot	1932 - 1935
Waldemar R. Anderson	1935 - 1937
Alfred J. "Fred" Briem	1937 - 1953

Lowell District (1953 - 1997)

[Became part of the Middle Fork District in 1997.]

Alfred J. "Fred" Briem	1953 - 1955
Ralph L. "Larry" Worstell	1955 - 1960
Albert L. Warren	1960 - 1965
Ralph E. McCurdy	1965 - 1974
Herbert Barth	1974 - 1978
Tom L. Thompson	1978 - 1983
Ronald R. Humphrey	1983 - 1986
Rick Scott	1986 - 1997

Middle Fork District (1997 - Present)

[Oakridge, Rigdon, and Lowell Districts were combined.]

Rick Scott	1997 - 2004
Chip Weber	2004 - 2010
Duane Bishop	2010 - 2019
Molly Juillerat	2019 - Present