

CUSTER NATIONAL FOREST RANGER ROLL CALL

The Custer National Forest is spread out from the Beartooth Mountains of Montana to South Dakota. It is made up of a number of earlier Forest Reserves, none of which was named Custer. The early reserves were the Ekalaka established 1906, Cave Hills established 1904, Long Pine established 1906, the Short Pine established 1905, Slim Buttes established 1904. These were consolidated into the Sioux National Forest in 1908 as districts and eventually combined to make up the Sioux district. They became part of the Custer in 1920. The Pryor Mountains Reserve was established in 1906 and consolidate with the Beartooth in 1908. The Beartooth established 1908, the Otter established in 1907 with a name change to Custer in 1908. In 1932 these areas were all consolidated into the Custer National Forest. For some time the grasslands of North and South Dakota were part of this forest but in 1998 they became the Dakota Prairie Grasslands

Ranger lists come mostly from Forest Service directories (1920 through the 1990s, but missing a number of years) as well as an old Custer Forest history, "History of the Custer Forest Prior to 1946" which provided early day personnel information that was not always detailed. It indicated that a number of the early districts were manned by Forest Guards (indicted below as "FG") or as an Assistant Forest Ranger ("AFR")

Sioux District (These early reserves, later to become districts were originally administered as part of the Black Hills Reserve)

Cave Hills

C. A. Ballinger (AFR)	1904 – 1907
D.F. McGill (FG)	1909
A. F. McDuffie	1909
W. L. Gooch	1914 - 1915
Otto E. York	1920 – 1921
Glen L. Dodge	1922 – 1926
Glen Flathers	1927
Not listed	1928 combined with Slim Buttes

Slim Buttes

C.A. Ballinger (AFR)	1904 – 1908?
Samuel J. Emswiler (FG)	1909 – 1911
W. L. Gooch	1915 – 1917
G. R. Bickel (FG)	1918
L. E. Lee (FG)	1917 - 1919
C. M. Hubbard(FG)	1911 - 1915
Glen Flathers	1920 – 1921
Minor G. Harvey	1921 – 1922
Robert L. Harris	1923 – 1925
Bernard Lee	1926
Glen Flathers	1927
Robert B. Rolfe	1928 (Slim Buttes & Cave Hills)

Short Pine

C.A. Ballinger (AFR)	190?
Lou W. Shevling	1920 – 1941 (cooperative guard)
Not listed	1944

Long Pine (name changed to **Sioux** about 1930)

E. S. Divine	1908-1909
A.F. McDuffie (FG)	1908 - ?
A. T. McNab (FG)	1908 - 1910
C.A. Ballinger (AFR)	190?
D. F. McGill (FG)	1909?
James N. Templer	1915 – 1921
Otto E. York	1923 – 1924
Vacant	1925
J. W. Stanton	1926 - 1927
Glen Flathers	1928 – 1950
Vacant	1951
Chester L. Hagerdorn	1952 – 1954
William L. Evans	1958
Bernard Alt	1958 – 1961 (& John S. Uivery)
Monte N. Supola	1966 - 1968
Timothy S. Burns	1970 – 1971
Richard McElfresh	1972
Darrol L. Harrison	1973 – 1975
Richard W. Hamner	1977 –
Ronald J. Nordberg	1978 – 1980
David P. Aicher	1981 – 1989
G. James Dague	1990 - 1994

Ekalaka

E. S. Divine (FG)	1908
E. R. Clark(FG)	1907 – 1910
Samuel J. Emswiler	1910 – 1913
H. H. Halverson (FG)	1911 – 1912
H. B. Campbell (FG)	1912 - 1919
H. H. Halverson FG)	1918
Jacob O. Thompson	1920 – 1925
Robert B. Rolfe	1926 - 1927
E. A. Hupe	1928 – 1929
Thomas A. Clapp	1931 – 1933
C. A. Butler	1934 – 1942
Stacy E. Eckert	1943 – 1949
Stanley M. Lukins	1950
Melvin C. Aaberg	1951 – 1952
Billy K. Muldowney	1953
Not listed	1958

Beartooth District

Rock Creek (called Beartooth District in 1966)

H. B. Yerkes	? – 1911
Clyde Blake	1918
Robert C. Simms	? - 1920
John S. Bowen	1920 – 1921
Floyd I. Dewald	1921 – 1923
W. H. Zeh & William H. Larson also listed 1922	
William H. Larson & Arthur L. Olson listed as rangers 1923	
William H. Larson	1924 - 1925
Edwin J. Jost & Arthur L. Olson listed as rangers	1924
L. H. McLean	1926 – 1932
Warren Akers	1933 – 1952
Melvin C. Aaberg	1953 – 1954
George N. Engler	1958 – 1960
Jack H. Royle	1961 – 1964 (& Howard C. Chillinor)
John P. McArdle	1965 – 1967
Gary P. Wetzstem*	1968 – 1977
Philip H. Jacquith	1978 – 1989
Linda Ward-Williams	1990 – 1994
Rand Herzberg	1997 - ?

Stillwater

George E. McKinsey	1920 – 1921
Jay J. McGlynch	1921 – 1923
Guy O' Neil	1924 – 1925
Arthur L. Olson	1926 – 1933
Robert L. Harris	1934
R. F. Cooney	1935 – 1936
Carl S. Walker	1937 – 1938
Richard G. Gallup	1939 – 1943
Carl W. Simpson	1944 – 1948
Ronald A. Watters	1949 – 1951
Edward C. Slusher	1952 – 1954
Glen H. Mueller	1958 – 1962
Henry A. Rate	1963 (& William Gambs)
Henry A. Rate	1964

Rosebud

Thomas J. Carney	1917
Harold E. Worsley	1918
Ira N. Goss	1919 - 1920
Ernest R. Vick	1920 – 1923

Byron F. Thomas	1924
Raymond A Coster	1925 - 1929

Cooke

Arthur L. Olson	1925
D. W. Kissinger	1926 - 1929

Pryor

Sid Armitage	1916 – 1917
Guy O’Neil	1919 – 1923
C. O. Williamson	1924 – 1928
Vacant	1929-
Vacant	1931
Jacob O. Thompson	1932 – 1933
Thomas A. Clapp	1934 – 1942
Vacant	1943
Not listed	1944

Ashland District

Whitetail District

Charles N. Newman	1911 - 1913
James D. Shy(FG)	1907 - 1912
C. M. Hubbard	1916 - 1917
Minor G. Harvey	1920 – 1921
Glen L. Dodge	1921
James N. Templer	1922 – 1924
Otto E. York	1925 – 1929
Robert L. Harris	1931 – 1933
J. W. Fox	1934
D. C. Morrison	1935 – 1937
John T. Marsh	1938 – 1941
George F. Roskie	1941
Not listed	1942

Poker Jim District

Jim Humphrey (FG)	1907 – 1908
O. W. Mckinley	1908 – 1909
J. H. Fletcher (FG)	1910 - 1919
Glen L. Dodge	1920 – 1921
Glen Flathers	1921 – 1926
Bernard Lee	1927
Not listed	1928
Warren Akers	1931 – 1932
J. W. Fox	1933
Not listed	1934

20 Mile District (name changed to Ten Mile District in 1921)

J. H. Camp	1910 – 1915
Ralph Abbott	1911 - 1916
Warren Akers	1920 - 1929

Taylor Creek

Kirk Harris	1910
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Fort Howes District – (called Otter District in the mid 1921)

Robert B. Rolfe	1920 – 1925
Robert L. Harris	1927 – 1928
Lyman E. Laisy	1929 – 1933
Vacant	1934
C. W. Jackson	1935 – 1937
Frank C. Curtiss	1938 – 1942
Arthur Wirch	1943 – 1948
Carl W. Simpson	1949 – 1951
George N. Engler	1952 – 1954
Jack H. Royle	1958 – 1960
Gerhart H. Nelson	1961 – 1965***
James D. Kline	1966 – 1968
Ernest V. Kerrberg	1970 – 1972
Vacant	1973
Robert H. Meinrod	1975 - 1977

Ashland (Becomes Ashland Fort Howes 1980s)

John T. Marsh	1942 (also George Roskie)
Howard D. Halpin	1943 – 1951
Walter H Sundell	1952 – 1959
Ronald R Schulz	1958 – 1963
Edmund E. Bloedel JR	1964 – 1965
Vacant	1966
John S. Uirary	1967 – 1972
Charles E. McGlothlin	1973 – 1977
Delvin Mitchell	1978 – 1981
Frederick L. Dauber	1983 – 1987
John MacIvor	1989 – 1992
Bill Ott	1993 - 1997