

Gallatin National Forest Ranger and Forest Supervisors Roll Call

The Gallatin National Forest covers an area of 2.2 million acres in south central Montana. Most of the Gallatin borders Yellowstone National Park. The Gallatin Forest Reserve was proclaimed in 1899 and renamed the Gallatin National Forest in 1907. Sections of the Absaroka and Madison National Forests have been added to the Gallatin national Forest.

Big Belt National Forest (1905-1908)

Big Belt National Forest was established as the Big Belt Forest Reserve on October 3, 1905 with 630,260 acres. It became a National Forest on March 4, 1907. On July 1, 1908 part of Big Belt was combined with Gallatin National Forest and the remainder with Helena National Forest. The name was discontinued.

Forest Supervisors

Robert J. Moore	1906	Ranger in Charge
R. W. Stuart	1907	
D. W. Maryott	1908	Acting

Absaroka National Forest (1908-1945)

Absaroka Forest Reserve was established September 4, 1902 with a total area of 1,311,600 acres. On January 29, 1903, it was combined with the Yellowstone Forest Reserve, but it was reinstated as a National Forest under the U.S. Forest Service on July 1, 1908, with 980,400 acres, including portions of Yellowstone National Forest and all of Crazy Mountain National Forest. On July 1, 1945, the entire forest was divided between Lewis and Clark and Gallatin National Forests.

Forest Supervisors

Yellowstone National Forest, Absaroka Division

E. C. Russell	1905 - 1908
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Absaroka National Forest

V. Grifford Lantry	1908	Acting
V. Grifford Lantry	1909 - 1911	
Joseph D. Warner	1912 - 1915	
Ernes W. Shaw	1915 - 1923	
George E. Martin	1924 - 1944	

District Rangers

Deer Creek District	Reed Point
District dropped 1931	

Lewis E. Ewan, Jr.	1920 – 1923
H. M. Crane	1923 – 1928
K. P. Davis	1929 - 1930

Main Boulder District	Exp thru Big Timber
Renamed Boulder District	
Harry S. Kaufman	1920 – 1941
Reginald M. DeNio	1942 – 1945

Livingston District also named West Boulder	Livingston
Sheldon Alexander	1920 – 1921
Louis C. Regan	1922 – 1925
R. G. Wheaton	1925
Harry S. Kaufman	1926 – 1929

Yellowstone District	at Carbella
Harold B. Yerkes	1920 - 1921
Eric P. White	1921 – 1922
Arthur D. Moir, Jr.	1923 – 1925
Louis C. Regan	1925 – 1926
C. A. Butler	1926 - 1930
Arthur Cramer	1930 – 1934
J. Hinman	1935 – 1937
Emery E. Wilson	1938 – 1943
Donald W. Nelson	1944 - 1945

Park District	at Gardiner
Renamed Gardiner District in 1941	
Fred W. Johnson	1920
H. M. Crane	1921 – 1922
C. H. Johnson	1923 – 1926
C. H. Gabbraith	1926
Vacant	1927
L. P. McKnight	1928 – 1929
A. A. Roemer	1929 – 1930
Kenneth P. Davis	1930 – 1931
R. A. Coster	1931 – 1933
Arthur L. Olson	1934 – 1942
Elmer E. Luer	1943 - 1945

Big Timber District	at Big Timber
Consolidated with Shields and Main Boulder Districts about 1930	
George W. Parks	1920
Louis Dodge	1921
Harold B. Yerkes	1921

L. P. McKnight	1922 - 1927
Louis C. Regan	1927
Vacant	1928
Not Listed	1929
E. A. Schilling	1930

Cottonwood District at Lebo

District was consolidated with another District after 1923

Jonathan S. Winder	1920 – 1921
Vacant	1922
Clive Galbraith	1922 – 1923

Shields District at Wilsall

At Porcupine Ranger Station in the Crazy Mountains – originally within the Crazy Mountains Forest Reserve as established in 1906, then rolled into the Absaroka NF in 1908. Absaroka NF eliminated in 1945 and lands transferred into Gallatin NF.]

Cassius H. Hurst	1914 - ?
Arthur D. Moir	1920 – 1922
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Eric P. White	1923 - 1923
Clive H. Galbraith	1924 - 1926
E. A. Schilling	1925 – 1929
Carter V. Rubottom	1931 – 1950
Frank T. Bailey, Jr.	1951 – 1951
Frederick B. Haller	1952 – 1954
Earl M. Welton	1958 – 1958
George E. Foremen	1958 – 1958
George F. McLaughlin	1960 – 1962
Phil G. Schlamp	1963 – 1965
Vacant	1966

Yellowstone District at Carbella

Not to be confused with Yellowstone District on the Gallatin

Harold B. Yerkes	1920 – 1921
Eric P. White	1922
Arthur D. Moir, Jr.	1923 – 1925
C. A. Butler	1926 – 1929
Arthur Crammer	1931 – 1934
J. Hinman	1935 – 1937
Emery E. Wilson	1938 – 1943
Donald W. Nelson	1944 – 1945

Big Timber District (, added to Gallatin Forest 1945)

George W. Parks	1920
Louis Dodge	1921
Harold B. Yerkes	1922
Lyle P. McKnight	1923 – 1927
Louis C. Regan	1928

Cottonwood District

N. end of the Crazy's Address listed as Martinsdale and Lebo; Now part of the Lewis and Clark

Eyman rented a cabin below the FS boundary, to avoid deep snow, which stopped wagon access in the winter time. This cabin is noted on old maps as "Groveland Station"

Walter Eyman, Assistant	1909
Harrison Crane, Assistant	1914
J. S. Paddock	1916
W. S. Johns	1917
Jonathan S. Winder	1920 – 1921
Vacant	1922
Clive H. Galbraith	1923
Not listed	1922
Clive H. Galbraith	1923
Not listed	1924
Clive H. Galbraith	1925

Madison National Forest (1907-1931)

The Madison Forest Reserve on August 16, 1902, with 736,000 acres. In 1905 management was transferred to the U.S. Forest Service and on March 4, 1907 it became a National Forest. On December 16, 1931, Madison was divided between Beaverhead, Gallatin and Deerlodge National Forests and the name was discontinued.

Forest Supervisors

Jasper B. Seely	1905 – 1908	
Clifton W. Hudson	1908	Acting
George E. Hurniston	1909	Acting
Clifton W. Hudson	1909 – 1913	
B. W. Clark	1914	Acting
Roscoe G. Willson	1914 – 1919	
W. J. Derrick	1919 - 1931	

District Rangers

Basin District	at West Yellowstone
William A. Schowe	1920 – 1921
G. E. Martin	1922
W. A. Donaldson	1922 – 1924
Frank D. Riggle	1924 - 1926
Verne J. Edwards	1927 – 1931
Bear Creek District	at Ennis
Homer C. Bosworth	1920 – 1923
Not Listed	1924 - 1925
L. A. Merryfield	1926 - 1927
Not Listed	1928
Ennis District	at Ennis
Established 1924	
E. H. Billsborough	1924 - 1928
L. A. Merryfield	1928 – 1930
Vacant	1931
Sheridan District	at Sheridan
Claget Sanders	1920 – 1921
Harvey B. Rust	1921 - 1929
W. E. Frey	1929 - 1931
Pony District	at Pony
Harvey B. Rust	1920
Claget Sanders	1921 - 1927
Not Listed	1928
Ruby District	at Alder
Ben P. Martin	1920 - 1925
W. E. Frey	1926 - 1928
C. V. Rubottom	1929 – 1930
H. E. Schwan	1930 - 1931
Lyon District	at Lyon
Arthur T. Smith	1920 - 1923
C. A. Joy	1924 – 1929
Not Listed	1930
Wall Creek District	at Abe
Frank D. Riggle	1920 - 1924
V. T. Linthacum	1925 – 1928

Arthur Jacobson	1928 - 1929
C. A. Joy	1930 - 1931

Gallatin National Forest (1907-Present)

The Gallatin Forest Reserve was proclaimed in 1899 and became a National Forest in 1907. The Gallatin added parts of the Absaroka National Forest in 1945, the south section of the Big Belts Reserve in 1908, and the areas of the Madison National Forest in 1931.

Forest Supervisors

Michael Langohr	1905	
David Conkling	1906 – 1914	
Arthur H. Abbott	1914 – 1915	Acting
Ralph E. Bodley	1915 – 1920	Acting
Burr W. Clark	1920 – 1927	
Arthur H. Abbott	1927 -1930	
C. B. Swim	1931	Acting
James C. Whitman	1931 – 1939	
Arthur Cramer	1940	Acting
Albert N. Cochrell	1940 – 1941	
Arthur H. Abbott	1942 - 1943	
Bernard A. Anderson	1944 – 1945	
James C. Urquhart	1946 – 1954	
Directories Missing		
George H. Duvendack	1958 – 1964	
Alan J. Lamb	1965 – 1968	
No Directory	1969	
Paul D. Weingart	1970 – 1973	
Lewis E. "Gene" Hawkes	1975 – 1980	
John T. Drake	1981 - 1984	
Rober E. Breazeale	1985 - 1987	
Robert S. Gibson	1988 - 1990	
David P. Garber	1991 – 2000	
Becky Heath	2004	
Vacant	2008	
Mary Erickson	2024	

District Rangers

Upper Gallatin District	at Cinnamon
Joseph E. Callahan	1920 – 1923
Eric P. White	1924 – 1938
Merlin R. Stock	1938
Not listed	1939

Lower Gallatin

Called Squaw Creek in 1921 – then Lower Gallatin in 1929

W. A. Chippenfield	1920 – 1925
J. B. Thompson	1926 – 1928
Robert K. Gray	1929 – 1931
Not listed	1932

Gallatin District at Gallatin Gateway combined Lower & Upper Gallatin?

Verne Edwards	1940 – 1942
Llewellyn O. Peck	1943 – 1965
Charles Joy	1958
John Bennett	1958
Charles Joy	1960
Sam Wakefield	1962 – 1963
Edmond E. Bloedel Jr	1967 – 1971
Robert M. Cron	1972 – 1979

Middle Creek District

Called Hyalite in 1929, becomes the Bozeman District in 1932)

Albert H. Nee	1920 – 1929
W. W. Wetzel	1931 – 1932
Robert K. Gray	1933 – 1934

Bozeman District

Shared Ranger: Bozeman/ Gallatin District 1978) 1983 becomes Bozeman District

R. K. Gray	1933 - 1934
Darrel D. Weaver	1935
A. B. Gunderson	1936 - 1938
Lewis Edward Ewan	1946 – 1950
Vacant	1951
Howard D. Halpin	1952 – 1958
Evan D. White	1958
Howard D. Halpin	1960 – 1964
Ronald Christianson	1962 – 1963
Robert S. Gibson	1965
Philip P. Butt	1966 – 1968
Ross J. McPherson	1970 – 1976
Robert M. Cron	1976 - 1980
John Dolan	1980 – 1988
Robert S. Donnee	1989 – 1992
Gene L. Gibson	1993 – 1997
Jose Castro	2004 & 2008

Big Timber District	at Big Timber
Alban A. Roemer	1946 – 1954
Donald E. McNiven	1958 - 1963
Theo N. Counter	1958 – 1960
Joe Thomas Helle	1964 – 1965
Thomas G. Ellis	1966 – 1970
Frank E. Salomonsen	1971
John P. Inman	1972 – 1976
Roger M Siemens	1978 – 1980
John F. McCulloch	1981 – 1986
Bill Timko	1987- 1990
Stephen J. Brady	1992 – 1994
Deborah Johnson	1997
Bill Avey	2004 & 2008

Shields District	at Livingston
Carter V. Rubottom	1946 - 1950
Frank T. Bailey Jr	1951
Frederick B. Haller	1951 – 1954
Earl M. Welton	1958
George E. Foremen	1958
George F. McLaughlin	1960 – 1962
Phil G. Schlamp	1963 – 1965
Not listed in 1966	

Gardiner District	at Gardiner	Acting
John A. McDonald	1946	
George R. Fahnestock	1948 – 1950	
John Morrison	1951 – 1954	
Edward J. Eggen	1958	
Carl L. Marsh	1958 – 1960	
Charles Joy	1961 – 1968	
Jerry Vern Adelblue	1971	
David N. Morton	1972 – 1976	
David E. Poncin	1977 – 1978	
Larry N. Lewis	1979 – 1989	
John Logan	1990 – 1997	
Ken Britton	2004 & 2008	

Yellowstone District	at Big Creek
Not to be confused with Yellowstone District on the Absaroka) in 1967 name changed to Livingston	
Lester H. McLean	1920 – 1925
Lewis E. Ewan	1926

W. W. Wetzel	1927 – 1929
Donald W. Nelson	1946 – 1958
Ralph Cox	1958
Verne Thompson	1960 – 1961
Clement L. Kalitowski	1962 – 1967
Livingston District	at Livingston
Clement L. Kalitowski	1967 – 1971
Richard Ellison	1962 - 1971
Ralph O. Meyer	1972 – 1977
Geoffery F. Wilson	1978 – 1980
Howard A. Zeman	1981 – 1988
Fred Salinas	1989 – 1994
Teresa R. Marceron	1997
Ron Archuleta	2004 & 2008
Bridger District	
Edward F. Foreman	1920 – 1926
Lewis E. Ewan	1927 – 1945
Flathead District	
Fred E. Ainger	1921 – 1929
Basin District	
Renamed Hebgen in 1941, Hebgen Lake in 1942	
Verne J. Edwards	1931 – 1935
D. B. McGregor	1936 – 1937
Lyle P. McKnight	1938 - 1941
Hebgen Lake District	at West Yellowstone
Lyle P. McKnight	1941 - 1942
Earl McConnell	1943 – 1946
Frank Foltz	1948 – 1953
Frank T. Bailey Jr	1954
Edward C. Slusher	1958
Gary Wetzsteon	1958
Craig W. Silvernale	1960 – 1962
Gary Wetzsteon	1960
Frederick A. Dorell	1963 – 1964
Leonard Hendzel	1963
Clyde D. Blake	1966 – 1968
Paul A. Hoskins	1970 – 1978
Ralph O. Meyer	1978 – 1992
Gary (Stan) Benes	1993 – 2000
Bill Queen	2004 & 2008

Note: Ranger list here has been compiled from FS directories from 1920 – 2008. However, some years directories are missing particularly those from the 1950s, the last half of the 1990s and the 2000s except for 2004 & 2008. Early lists of rangers from pre 1920 for the Gallatin or Absaroka were not found. This list is incomplete.