

Okanogan Forest Ranger Roll Call & Forest Supervisors

History – The Okanogan National Forest was first established in 1908 when the eastern Washington forest reserve was cut in half to become the Chelan National Forest. In 1911 a portion of the Chelan was designated the Okanogan National Forest. The Okanogan Forest was added to the Chelan National Forest in 1917. The Chelan National Forest in 1955 was renamed the Okanogan National Forest. In 2000, the Okanogan and Wenatchee forests were combined for administration. Then, in 2021 the Tonasket Ranger District was transferred to the Colville National Forest.

FOREST SUPERVISORS

Okanogan National Forest

H. M. Hale	1911 - 1917
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Chelan National Forest

Philip T. Harris	1918 - 1942
Norman J. Penick	1943 - 1946
J. Malcolm Loring	1948 - 1953
Chester A. Bennett	1954 - 1955

Okanogan National Forest

Chester A. Bennett	1955 - 1959
Walfred J. Moisio	1959 - 1965
Andrew C. Wright	1965 - 1967
Don R. Campbell	1967 - 1970
Gerhart H. Nelson	1970 - 1975
William D. McLaughlin	1976 - 1989
Samuel Gehr	1990 - 1999

Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest

Administratively combined in 2000

Sonny J. O'Neal	2000 - 2003
Jim Boynton	2003 - 2007
Rebecca "Becki" Lockett Heath	2007 - 2013
Michael Balboni	2013 - 2015
Michael Williams	2016 - 2019
Kristin Bail	2019 - 2024
Tara Umphries	2024 - Present

WINTHROP RANGER DISTRICT

First structure used was the Eight Mile Ranger Station built in 1908. District headquarters were moved to Winthrop in 1918.

Robert W. Flourney	1909 -1918
Alfred R. Tyler	1918 -1924
Frank Burge	1925 -1947
Charles M. Darling	1948 -1951
John Ayers	1952 -1958
William R. Boring	1958 -1961
Paul G. Schaulfler	1963 -1970
Niles A. Arneson	1970 -1977
Elton Thomas	1977 -1988
Dale Hom	1988 -1993
Laurie Thorpe	1994 -2000
John Newcom	2000 -2008
Michael Liu	2009 -2019
Chris Furr	2019 - Present

EARLY WINTERS/PASAYTEN RANGER DISTRICT

In 1967 the Pasayten District was consolidated with Winthrop District.

George R. Wright	1936 -1949
Justin E. "Jud" Longmoor	1949 -1957
Don Garvick	1957 -1959
Robert W. Metlen	1959 - 1966

TWISP RANGER DISTRICT

The first Twisp Ranger District office was at Alder Creek. The site was withdrawn 23 June, 1906. A 1½ story log station house was completed in 1909. In 1948 this structure was leased to the Twisp Boy Scouts as a scout cabin.

Twisp Ranger District combined with Winthrop to form the Methow Valley Ranger District end of March 1994.

Newton A. Wilcox	1909 - 1917
Jack G. Burghardt	1917 - 1930
L. E. Griffiths	1930 -- 1945
Jack E. Handy	1945 - 1946
Lloyd L. Bernhard	1946 - 1950
George Kansky	1950 - 1953
Sherwood C. "Johnny" Trotter	1954 - 1957
Justin E. "Jud" Longmoor	1957 -1960
Jack Graw	1961 -1970

Dave Anderson	1970 -1973
Dave Yates	1973 -1981
James Hulbert	1982 -1988
Al Garr	1988 - 1994

SQUAW CREEK RANGER DISTRICT

Administrative site established 11 Jan. 1907. Ranger Station was completed in 1909. Squaw Creek R. D. was operational from 1910 to 1930.

In 1930 the Squaw Creek District was transferred to Twisp.

N. C. Faulkner	1910 -1911
Clayton Diver	1911 - 1914
Glen E. Mitchell	1914 - 1918
Fred F. Wehmeyer	1918 - 1920
Richard E. Grantham	1920 - 1930

CONCONULLY RANGER DISTRICT

The original Ranger District office was at the Spikeman Ranger Station with Russell Pierpont in charge. William McDaniel ranch east of Conconully was used. The old Conconully creamery building purchased in 1928 from W. A. Cope was used. In 1936-37 CCC era buildings were occupied once completed.

Thomas R. Pinkerton	?
Russell B. Pierpont	1906 -1923
Fred F. Wehmeyer	1923 -1926
Samuel R. Woods	1926 -1930
Richard E. Grantham	1930 -1942
Lloyd L. Bernhard	1943 -1945

The Conconully district was re-named Okanogan District 1944. In about 1957 Conconully R. D. was re-established and in 1982 was absorbed by the Tonasket Ranger Dist.

Okanogan District

Henry F. McCormick	1946 - 1949
Orville B. Cary	1952 - 1955
Neland Kissinger	1956

Conconully District

Leo D. "Don" Caron	1957 -1961
Zane Grey Smith Jr.	1961 -1965
Robert S. "Bob" Snoich	1965 -1970
Cecil A. Dewing	1971 - 1979
Charles W. "Chip" Cartwright Jr.	1979 - 1982

TONASKET RANGER DISTRICT

Tonasket Ranger District was transferred from the Colville Forest in 1942. In 2021 The Tonasket District was added to the Colville National Forest.

Everett Lynch	1940 - 1954
Otis W. "Pete" Foiles	1955 - 1956
John L. "Les" Wahrgren	1957 - 1966
Frank G. Dougherty	1966 - 1970
Bruce Mcmillan	1970 - 1973
Charles W. Spoon	1973 - 1975
Jim Webb	1975 - 1979
Doyle V. Ward	1980 - 1988
Elaine Zieroth	1989 - 1994
Craig Bobzien	1995 - 1999
Mark Morris	2000 -2010
Dale Olson	2010 - 2014
Matthew Reidy	2014 - 2019
Kathy Johnson	2019 - Present

LOOMIS RANGER DISTRICT

Loomis District was established in 1915. In 1925 the State of Washington took over this area.

Jack G. Burghardt	1915 -1917
Alfred R. Tyler	1917--1918
Harvey Albertson	1918 -1921
William H. Price	1921--1922

SWEAT CREEK RANGER DISTRICT

Sweat Creek Ranger District (86 acres) was established in Dec. 1907. The buildings were constructed in 1911. In 1925 the State of Washington took over this area. NOTE: The administrative site, Sweat Creek Ranger Station, remained in Forest Service ownership.

Clayton Diver	1911
Glen E. Mitchell	1911--1914
Jack G. Burghardt	1914 -1915
Ernest Jameson	1915 - 1918
Frank Burge	1918--1919
Richard E. Grantham	1919 -1920
Edward Brengman	1920 - 1925

SAWTOOTH/CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT

Eastside of Lake Chelan, headquarters at Chelan and Deer Point

Harry Coulter	1910 -1916
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Paul S. Heaton	1916 -1922
Asher Ireland	1924 -1926
George R. Wright	1926 -1936
Horace G. Cooper	1936 -1939
Robert E. "Bob" Foote	1939 -1946

LAKE CHELAN RANGER DISTRICT

Westside of Lake & Stehekin, headquarters at 25-Mile-Creek. March of 1941 Chelan Dist. moves into new office on lake. In 1955, Chelan District is added to the Wenatchee National Forest

Edward O. Blakenship	1910 -1921
George R. Wright	1921 -1927
Roy L. Weeman	1926 -1935
Horace G. Cooper	1936 -1936
Richard P. Bottcher	1936 -1937
Willis O. Shambaugh	1937 -1940
Robert E. "Bob" Foote	1942 -1946
Leonard H. Rampton	1946 -1959

ENTIAT RANGER DISTRICT

Headquarters at Stelico. Entiat District was transferred to the Wenatchee National Forest Oct. 1919.

James H. Baldwin	?
James Mckenzie	1912--1922

Based on Forest Service Organizational Directories located in the National Museum of Forest Service History Collection. 1947, 1959 and 1992 Directory not in National Museum of Forest Service History Collection or may not have been published. 1910 to 1919 Field Programs were used to identify Forest Supervisors.

Volunteer Barry George, USFS retiree from the Okanogan prepared this ranger and supervisor history.