

Caribou-Targhee National Forest Ranger Roll Call

History – The Caribou-Targhee National Forest occupies nearly 3 million acres located in the states of Idaho and Wyoming, with a small section in Utah, and stretches across southeastern Idaho, from the Montana, Utah, and Wyoming borders.

President Theodore Roosevelt established the Caribou Forest in 1903 with the designation of the Pocatello Forest Reserve. The Pocatello Reserve was created at the request of the local residents to protect their watershed from over grazing. Other forerunners of the Caribou National Forest include the Port Neuf (1907-1908) forest reserves along with parts of the Bear River (1906-1908) and Cache National Forests.

The Caribou National Forest was named for an early miner nicknamed Cariboo Jack, who along with two friends, discovered the first gold in the area in 1870 near what is now called Caribou Mountain.

President Theodore Roosevelt also established the Targhee National Forest in 1908. The Targhee National Forest encompasses land from the former Yellowstone, Henry's Lake, and Beaverhead Forest Reserves. In 1905, all Forest Reserves were converted to National Forests and moved from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture.

The Targhee Forest is named in honor of a Bannock Indian warrior. The Shoshone-Bannock Tribe has ancestral Treaty Rights to use of the Forest. Timber cutting and grazing have remained important uses of Forest lands, and in recent years recreation has assumed a prominent place among Forest functions. In 2000, the Targhee and Caribou National Forests were merged.

Caribou National Forest:

Montpelier Ranger District (1920 – present)- The Montpelier Ranger District encompasses more than 400,000 acres and includes lands on part of the Cache National Forest as well as the Caribou-Targhee National Forest. The District Office is currently located in Montpelier, ID.

Camas Nelson	1920-1924
James B. Bruce	1924-1944
Oliver Cliff	1944-1950
James B. Bruce	1950-1952
P. Max Rees	1953-1955
Jay B. Hann	1955-1959
Neil A. Deets	1959-1966
Tatterson W. Smith	1966-1973
Wendell J. Johnson	1973-1987
Mark Johnson	1988-2000
John Newcom	2000
Dennis Duehren	2001-2008
Mike Duncan	

Bear Lake County Ranger District (1920s-c.1925), PARIS RANGER DISTRICT (c.1925-1973)

William B. Hoge	1906-1908
Charles E. Hess	1909-1911
Andrew Romero	1912-1920
Wallace S. Averill	1920-1932
Josiah A. Libby	1932-1933
Henry C. Hoffman	1933-1936
J. Deloy Hansen	1936-1937
Orval E. Winkler	1937-1938
Jay B. Hann	1938-1955
Robert B. Allison	1955-1957
Vaughan E. Tippetts	1957-1973

Georgetown Ranger District (1907-1927)

James H. Johnson	1907-1910
John A. Ferguson	1910-1916
Robert E. Gordon	1916-1920
Arthur Peterson	1920-1927

Cub River District (1905?-1936), Mink Creek District (1936-c.1942), Preston District (c.1942-1973)

James S. Hite	1905-1910
James S. Hite	1916-1917
S. Bryson Cook	1919
Leroy Lindsay	1922-1925
S. Bryson Cook	1925-1929
Josiah H. Libby	1929-1931
S. Bryson Cook	1931-1936
Christian E. Jensen	1936-1939
E. Frederick Sargent	1939-1943
John J. "Jack" Albano	1944-1950
Mickelson or Michaelson	1951
Thomas H. Sevy	1952-1957
Franklin R. Jensen	1958-1963
Ralph B. Roberts	1963-1968
Donnel J. Ward	1968-1973

Soda Springs Ranger District -The Soda Springs Ranger District headquarters is located in Soda Springs, Idaho. This district offers over 360,000 acres of recreational opportunities and it is an excellent example of the Multiple Use Management Concept that is the trademark of the Forest Service. The District Office is currently located in Soda Springs, ID.

Arthur Peterson	1923-1945
Elmer P. Boyle	1946-1952
Bruce W. Reese	1952-1957
Neil A. Deets	1957-1959
Darrel C. Hoffman	1959-1961
Roy H. Daniels	1961-1971
Glade Quilter	1971-1973
Walter E. Hanks	1973-1974
Anthony Varilone	1995-2000
Dave Whittekiend	2001-2006
Jeff Jones	2006
Jack Isaacs	2006-2008
Bryan Fuell	

Grays Lake District, Wayan, ID:

Frank M. Butler	1907-1918
Lewis C. Mathews	1918-1922
Robert E. Gordon	1922-1923
Jesse E. Draney	1923
J.E Erby	1923-1924
Alonzo E. Briggs	1924-1927
Charles A. Spackman	1928-1933

Freedom District, Freedom, WY (1914 – 1973):

Charles A. Spackman	1914-1927
Jesse E. Draney	1927-1950
Foyer Olwen	1954-1955
Melvin Hyatt	1955-1956
Phillmer D. Grimes	1957-1962
Max R. Keetch	1964-1966
Michael L. Hanson	1968-1973

Auburn District, Auburn, WY (1907 – 1927): Combined with the Freedom District after 1923.

Joseph H. Kennington	1907-1909
Ernest P. Joice	1909-1913
Alfred C. Toland	1913-1916
James B. Bruce	1916-1923
Jesse E. Draney	1924-1927

Sherman Peak District (up to 1924)

Information about this district, also referred to as the Mt. Sherman Ranger District, is sketchy. It is not clear which if the following men actually worked as ranger on the district.

Andrew Romero	1912-1921
Irvin M. Varner?	1916-1919
Floyd O. Rowen	1921-1923
Ray M. Poorman	1923
Lewis C. Smith	1923
Arnold R. Standing	1924
Dale M. Rustay	1924

Westside Ranger District & Curlew National Grassland - The Curlew National Grassland comprises 47,000 acres of public land. It was originally established to improve the soils and vegetation. The Curlew National Grassland is managed to promote and demonstrate grassland agriculture and sustained-yield management of forage, fish and wildlife, water and recreation resources. The District Office is currently located in Pocatello, ID.

Westside District: (1998-present)

Jerald Tower	1998-2008
Kim Obele	

Pocatello District, Pocatello, ID: (1908-1998) District transferred from the Cache NF to the Caribou NF.

Arthur P. Say	1908
Sterling R. Justice	1909
Alexander McQueen	1910-1911
George G. Henderson	1912-1915
Alexander McQueen	1916-1918
Sterling R. Justice	1918-1936
Wilford L. "Slim" Hansen	1936-1941
Earl S. Morganroth	1941-1943
James B. Bruce	1944-1950
Glenn S. Bradley	1951-1965?
Gilbert L. Farr	1966-1971
Richard P. Kline	1971-1983
Jerald Tower	1983-1998

Port Neuf District (1905-1923)

It was supposedly a district on the Cassia from 1905 to 1907, then its own forest reserve from 1907 to 1908. Although technically it remained a separate district, one ranger managed it and the Pocatello Ranger District beginning in 1923.

Arthur P. Say	1905-1907
Sterling R. Justice	1908
Alexander McQueen	1909-1910

Arthur P. Say	1910-1912
Barton	1913-1915
William H. Campbell	1916-1923

Malad District, Malad, ID: District transferred from the Cache NF. Oxford-Elkhorn District (1920s until 1935), Malad District (1935-1998)

Hyrum Rose & Moses Christensen	1909
[Moses?] Christensen & [Wm. H.?] Campbell	1916
Irvin M. Varner	1915-1919
Moses Christensen	1920-1923
William H. Campbell	1923-1926
Harmel M. Peterson	1926-1929
Sterling R. Justice	1929-1932
Wallace R. Averill	1932-1933
Robert E. Clabby	1933-1942
Oliver Cliff	1942-1944
Ivan Christensen	1945-1953
Ivan L. Dyreng	1954-1959
John F. Niebergall	1960-1962
Jarrell Kent Taylor	1962-1965
Marcus A. Kary	1966
Wendell J. Johnson	1966-1973
Donnel J. Ward	1973-1981
Frank Gunnell	1981-1991
Rick Brazzel	1991-1994
Jerald Tower	1994-1998

Snake River District (1907 – 1961), Idaho Falls District (1961 – 1976), Antelope & Idaho Falls, ID:

Charles A. Spackman	1907-1914
Camas Nelson	1914-1920
Jesse L. Bidwell	1920-1922
Jesse E. Draney	1922-1924
Camas Nelson	1924-1927
Alonzo E. Briggs	1928-1932
Chas. T. Gray	1932-1937
James L. Jacobs	1937-1943
Vaughan E. Tippetts	1943-1945
Victor O. Goodwin	1946-1951
Ivan L. Dyreng	1951-1952
Ivan Christensen	1953-1959
Bruce W. Reese	1959-1965
Rollo H. Brunson	1966-1972
Ben R. Albrechtsen	1973-1976

Targhee National Forest:

Ashton/Island Park Ranger District - (1908-present)

Recreation opportunities abound on the 700,000-acre Ashton/Island Park Ranger District. Fishing, camping, floating, sightseeing, hiking, hunting, cross country skiing and snowmobiling are the most popular activities. The District Offices are currently located in Ashton and Island Park, ID.

Ernest A. Renner	1910-1918
Arthur G. Nord	1919
Lemuel Steele, Jr.	1920-1936
Melvin A. Coonrod	1936-1937
Rufus H. Hall	1937-1943
Otis W. Slavin	1944-1954
E. Rex Naanes	1955-1957
Bruce W. Reese	1957-1959
Robert K. Patee	1960
Clyde P. Maycock	1960-1970
Peter J. Walker	1970-1973
Bert F. Webster	1975-1979
Dan Schindler	1980-1986
Bruce L. Fox	1986-1987
Lou Woltering	1987-1992
Dave Dillard	1992-1996
Adrienne Keller	1996-2008
Bill Davis	

Big Springs District, Ashton, ID: (c.1908-1962),

Samuel W. Stoddard	1908
Walter C. Mellenthin	1909-1914
David L. Enteman	1918-1924
Ira Latham	1924-1927
Leo J. Hutson	1927-1936
John G. Kooch	1936
Paul J. Shank	1936-1940
Ned D. Millard	1940-1951
Henry L. Ketchie	1951-1957
E. Rex Naanes	1957-1962

Island Park District: (1962-1993), Also referred to as the Buffalo Ranger District beginning circa 1934.

Robert M. Cole	1962-1969
Thomas L. Griffith	1970-1971
E. Lynn Mitchell	1971-1976
Ned N. Pence	1976-1980

Robert C. Hammond	1980-1983
Bruce L. Fox	1984-1986
Rod Richardson	1986-1988
Hal Gibbs	1988
Walt Grows	1989-1993
Adrienne Keller	1993-

Hallie Park District, Ashton, ID: (1908-c.1920)

Walter C. Mellenthin	1915-1917
Lemuel Steele, Jr.	1917-1920

Porcupine District, Ashton ID: (1908-1970)

Ira Latham	1916-1924
Leo J. Hutson	1924-1928
G. D. Pickford	1928-1930
Murle J. Markham	1930-1931
Ira Latham	1931-1935
Rufus H. Hall	1935-1937
Melvin A. Coonrod	1937-1941
Lorin N. Wellman	1941-1947
Burt F. Rouse	1947-1951
Wilmer Dale Carringer	1951-1956
Robert K. Patee	1957-1959
Gordon A. Colby	1960-1964
Frank G. Beitia	1964-1969
Peter J. Walker	1970

Dubois Ranger District - The Dubois Ranger District on the Caribou-Targhee National Forest offers over 460,000 acres of opportunity to experience the great outdoors. Diamond Peak, the third highest point in Idaho, towers above the landscape at 12,197 feet. The District Office is currently located in Dubois, ID.

Medicine Lodge District, Winsper, ID (1948-c.1957); Dubois District, Dubois, ID: (c.1957-present)

Robert Johnson	1920-1924
H. H. Van Winkle	1927, 1935
L. H. Garner	1939
C. H. McDonald	1941-1944
E. W. Gutzman	1946-1947
Edward C. Maw	1948-1950
Dan H. Levan	1950-1954
John P. Tucker	1954-1956
Philip S. Moffett	1957-1960
Wendell J. Johnson	1960-1966

Val R. Gibbs	1967-1970
Waldemar Mueller	1970-1974
Donis Owen	1974-1985
Rod Richardson	1985-1986
Grant Thorson	1986-1989
Clarence "Mack" Murdock	1989-2002
Robbert Mickelsen	2002-2006
Richard Newton	2006-2008
Blake Dory	

Beaver District (c.1908-1917); Spencer District, Spencer, ID: (1917-1970)

Samuel W. Stoddard	1910
Charles A. Bean	1912
Ralph W. Thompson	1912-1913
Samuel W. Stoddard	1915-1916
Foster Steele	1916-1923
Ray Pickett	1924-1937
Lyman L. Richwine	1937-1956
Gordon A. Hutton	1956-1957
George B. Fry	1957-1960
Robert K. Patee	1960-1964
Waldemar Mueller	1964-1970

Camas District, Kilgore, ID: (1914-1924)

K.C. Alan	1916-1924
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Palisades Ranger District - The Palisades Ranger District has the Snake River running through it. The District Office is currently located in Idaho Falls, ID.

Palisades District: (1970 to present)

Ervin C. Burrows	1972-1973
Wendell E. Frisby	1975-1976
Ben R. Albrechtsen	1976
Norman Huntsman	1977-1986
Ron Dickemore	1986-2008
Tracy Hollingshead	

Hawley Gulch District (c.1908-c.1938), Heise District, Rigby & Heise, ID Rigby & Heise, ID (c.1938-c.1959), Rexburg District (c.1959-1970), Also known as Moody Ranger District in its early years.

Christopher W. F. Pfost	1912-1917
David L. Enteman	1917
Walter C. Mellenthin	1918-1919
Francis Moss	1919-1920

Arthur G. Nord	1920-1923
Thornton G. Taylor	1924-1926
John G. Kooch	1926-1934
Paul J. Shank	1934-1936
Ned D. Millard	1936-1941
Donald E. Cox	1941-1943
Howard R. Foulger	1944-1949
Simon L. Cuskelly	1949-1953
Joseph D. Peters	1953-1956
H. Reid Jackson	1956-1958
Alfred W. Walker	1959-1961
Roy S. Verner	1961-1966
James J. Conner	1968-1970

Swan Valley District, Irwin & Ririe, ID: (c.1908-1970)

Ernest Stone	1916-1920
Talmadge D. Cowen	1920-1927
Lyman L. Richwine	1927-1937
Ray Pickett	1937-1943
Donald E. Cox	1944-1946
Leo E. Fest	1946-1954
Max C. Green	1955-1956
John P. Tucker	1957-1958
Wendell E. Frisby	1958-1970

Teton Basin Ranger District - The Teton Basin Ranger District lies on the west slope of the Teton Range in western Wyoming and eastern Idaho. It stretches from Yellowstone National Park south to the Teton Pass. The District Office is currently located in Driggs, ID.

Carl J. Baird	1951-1957
Joseph D. Peters	1957-1961
Harvey W. Gissel	1961-1962
Dennis B. Jensen	1962-1964
Richard D. Henninger	1964-1971
Wendell E. Frisby	1971-1975
Wayne G. Foltz	1975-1985
Clarence "Mack" Murdock	1985-1990
Brad Exton	1990-1996
Patricia Bates	1997-2001
Jay Pence	2001-

Rapid Creek District, Driggs, ID: Combined into the Teton Basin District 1952.

Lorrin A. Loomis	1912-1916
Ray Pickett	1916-1923

Francis Moss	1924-1942
Ernest H. Taylor	1944-1948
Waldemar Mueller	1948-1950

Victor District, Victor, ID: (1910-1951) Combined into the Teton Basin District 1951.

Lucas W. Hastings	1910-1913
Robert A. Tempest	1913-1917
Arthur G. Nord	1917
Joshua A. Brower	1918-1920
Claude C. Shannon	1920-1934
John G. Kooch	1934-1935
Leo J. Hutson	1935-1943
Ernest H. Taylor	1944-1950
Carl J. Baird	1950-1951

Grandview District, Tetonia, ID (c.1908-1924): May have also been known as the Canyon Creek Ranger District. Directories suggest it was informally consolidated in 1917 with the Victor Ranger District. Combined with the Rapid River District after 1923.

Robert Johnson	1915-1916
Ray Pickett	1917
Claude C. Shannon	1918-1920
Francis Moss	1920-1923

Indian Creek District: (c.1910-c.1917) May have also been known as the Blowout Ranger District.

John J. "Jack" Albano	1916-1917
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Early Rangers in Teton Valley: Includes Yellowstone Forest Reserve and Henry's Lake Forest Reserve.

Roland W. Brown	1898
1905 John Raphael	1905
Lucas W. Hastings	1905-1907