

Dixie National Forest Ranger Roll Call

The 2.0-million-acre **Dixie National Forest**, established in 1904, today is comprised of the acreage of three original National Forests—the **Dixie**, the **Aquarius (later Powell)**, and the **Sevier**. Very early in its existence, the Dixie National Forest also included acreage in Nevada and Arizona until new National Forests in those states absorbed those acreages.

The Dixie today is comprised of four Ranger Districts located in Cedar City (Cedar City District), St. George (Pine Valley District), Panguitch (Powell District), and Escalante (Escalante District), Utah. The Forest Headquarters are also located in Cedar City. A fifth District, located in Teasdale (Teasdale District), was administratively transferred to the **Fishlake National Forest** in 2005 and combined with the Loa District to form the new Fremont River Ranger District.

The **Aquarius National Forest** was renamed shortly after its designation (1908) as the **Powell National Forest** after John Wesley Powell. It was originally named for the Aquarius Plateau, north of Escalante, Utah (one of the four high elevation forested plateaus that today make up the bulk of the acreage of the Dixie National Forest). In the 1920's, lands were transferred from the Powell National Forest to the National Park Service for the creation of **Bryce Canyon National Park**. In 1933, additional lands were transferred to the Park Service for **Cedar Breaks National Monument**.

The **Sevier National Forest** (1903) was divided (east-west) between the Dixie and the Powell National Forests in 1922. The **Powell National Forest** was then combined with the **Dixie National Forest** in October 1944, thus merging all three original National Forests into one, today carrying the name **Dixie National Forest**. The John Wesley Powell namesake is now carried by the **Powell Ranger District** in Panguitch, UT.

1904-1944

Dixie National Forest, West Division Sevier NF

(before consolidation of the Dixie and Powell National Forests)

Enterprise District - (Early Rangers on this District included Angus M. Woodbury, John C. Benson, and Parley P. Peterson). Note: * signifies early Districts that do not show up in the records again after the late 1920s-presumably combined with others by the early 1930s.

John H. Kroeneke (1923-1925)
James H. Baldwin (1926-1934)
Benjamin Swapp (1934-1941))
Robert A. Williams (1942-1944)

Pine Valley District - (Early Rangers on this District include Sheldon Harris, Joseph M. Moody, and Angus Woodbury)

Samuel A. McFarlane (1916-1926)
Benjamin Swapp (1927-1934)
James H. Baldwin (1935-1939)
Irwin H. Johnson (1940- 1944)

***Leeds District-**

Joseph Will Humphrey (early)
Martin I. McAllister (1910-1921)
Earl V. Storm (1922-1925)
Samuel A. McFarlane (1926-?)

Little Valley District – (Edmund Fotheringham, Albert DeLong, Elbert D. Cox, James E. Gurr were among the early Rangers on this District). This District renamed the Panguitch Lake District sometime in the 1930s.

Keith A. Dodge (1923-1924)
Earl V. Storm (?-?)
Frank Seaman (?-?)
William Miller Hurst (1934-1944)

***Diamond Valley District -**

John C. Benson, James E. Gurr, and D.V. Station were early Rangers on this District

Lowder District - This District renamed “Cedar Breaks” by 1936, “Navajo Lake” by 1939

Frank Seaman (1923- 1936)
David A. Arrivee (1937-1939)
Wilford Bentley (1940- 1944)

***Harris Flat District**

James G. Houston (1905-1916)
William M. Hurst (1923-1934)

Aquarius/Powell National Forest, East Division Sevier NF

Rabbit Valley District

Jess Shurtz (1904-1907)
Walter E. Hanks (1904-1918)
Josiah Shurtz (1907-1916)
James Wells Robins (1916-1917)
J. Eugene Hickman Jr. (1917-1922)
Wilford Bentley (1923-1939)
Robert S. Dalley (1940-1944)

Escalante (Boulder) District - The Boulder and Escalante Districts were consolidated sometime before 1934. The records are not clear on which District the early Rangers worked or when the consolidation occurred.

Ambrose Shurtz (1904)
Rufus F. Liston (1904-1908)
Robert F. Hall (1908-1916)
Wallace Roundy (1918-24)
Joseph J. Porter (1920-1924)
Elbert Cox (1924-1927)
Thomas (Carl) Haycock (1928--1932)
J.D. Hansen (1933-1935)
Walter S. Astlee (1936-1941)
Rodney B. Leonard (1942-1944)

Johns Valley District-

Joseph J. Porter (1904-?)
Benjamin Swapp (?)
Albert L. DeLong (1907-1910?)
Wallace H. Adair (1920?-1922)
Milo T. Dyches (1923)
Thomas Carl Haycock (1924-1926)
Ernest Jorgensen (1927-1931)
T.D. Phinney(1932-1934)
James L Jacobs (1935-1937)
Donald E. Cox (1938-1940)
Lowell J. Farmer (1941- 1944)

East Fork District - The East Fork, Adams Head, and Cottwood Districts were combined as the East Fork District by 1925:

Elias H. Smith (1907-1915)
James G. Houston (1916-1918)
Leland Heywood (1919-1935)
S.Bryson Cook (1936-1944)

***Adams Head District-**

Wilford Bentley (1920-1922)
Ed Cox (1923)
J. Leo Keller (1924-1925)

***Cottonwood District -**

Early Rangers on this District include Will Funk, Frank Seaman, and Zell Skougaard
Elias H. Smith (1907-1915)
James G. Houston (1916-1918)

1944+
Dixie National Forest
(After Forest Combination)

Panguitch Lake District – This District was consolidated with the Cedar City District in about 1974

Hank Shank (1944)
William M. Hurst (1945-1948)
P. Max Rees (1950-1953)
Grant G. Williams (1954-1957)
Adrian E. Dalton (1957-19580)
Henry M. Shanks, Jr. (1959)
Mark F. Jones (1964-1970)
Norman L. Huntsman (1971- 1973)

Navajo Lake District – This District apparently renamed Cedar City District by 1961

Wilford Bentley (1945-1957)

Cedar City District-

Foyer Olsen, (1955--1972)
Rollo H. Brunson (1973-1986)
Ronald Wilson (1987-2004)
Dayle Flannigan (2005-2010)
Veronica Magnuson (2011-

East Fork District – This District apparently renamed Powell District by 1954

S. Bryson Cook (1945-1946)
Bert H. Tucker (1947-1950)
Max Reese (1950-1953)

Powell District –

Simon L. Cuskelly (1954-1955)
Grant G. Williams (1955-1957)
Jackson D. Large (1958-1959)
Orville L. Daniels (1960-1964)
Bruce B. Hronek (1965-1968)
James F. Rathman (1969-1972)
Walter W. Pierson (1973-1978)
A. Clair Baldwin (1979-1988)

Carlton P. Guillette (1988-2002)
Donna Owens (2003-2011)
Karen Schroyer (2011-2014)
Paul Hancock (2014-2018)
Chris Wehrli (2018-

Johns Valley District - This District apparently renamed Widsoe by 1954

Lowell J. Farmer (1944-1945)
Kenneth G. Bower (1946-1950)
Thomas A. Phillips (1951-1954)

Widsoe District - This District apparently renamed Circleville by 1961

Jackson D. Large (1954- 1958)

Circleville District- This District was split between the Powell and Escalante Districts in 1973

Robert W. Williams (1959-1962)
Joe L. Frazier (1963-1967)
Bryant L. Christensen (1968- 1972)

Escalante District –

Rodney Boyd Leonard (1945-1947)
R. Reed Thomson (1948-1958)
John S. Strang (1959-1964)
Ernest C. Burrows (1965-1970)
Sonny O’Neal (1971- 1975)
Charles P. Birkemeyer (1976-1978)
Phillip Bayles (1979-1983)
Douglas W. Austin (1984-1987)
Kevin Schulkoski (1988-2006)
Gina Lampman (2007-2010)
Terry Delay (2010)

Rabbit Valley District – This District apparently renamed “Teasdale” by 1954

Robert S. Dalley (1944-1952)

Teasdale District – This District was administratively transferred to the **Fishlake National Forest** in 2005 and subsequently combined with the **Loa District** to form the new **Fremont River District**.

Don Seaman (1952-1956)
Hoyle L. Sorenson (1956-1959)
Richard F. Sanders (1960- 1963)
Delmer C. Stott (1964-1968)
Jack K. Adams (1969-1971)
Ted A. Knowles (1972 -1977)
Dan W. Baird (1978- 1980)
Jerald B. Shaw (1981-1988)
Marvin Turner (1989-2002)

Enterprise District – This District was apparently consolidated into the Pine Valley District in 1974.

Edson J. Adair (1944-1946)
S. Bryson Cook(1947-1959)
Ward F. Savage (1960-1962)
Ted E. Cox (1963-1966)
James F. Rathbun (1967-1969)
Charles D. Birkemeyer(1970-1974)

Pine Valley District –

Irwin H. Johnson (1944-1945)
Floyd Noel (1946-1956)
H. Grant Seaman (1957-1959)
Orville L. Daniels (1959-1960)
Don T. Nebeker (1960-1961)
Ross E. Butler (1962-1965)
Robert R. Davies (1965-1973)
Charles D. Birkemeyer (1973-1974)
James W. Padden (1975-1976)
Rance L. Rolliins (1977-1990)
Thomas Contraras (1991-1997)
Bevan Killpack (1998-?)
Nick Glidden