

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST

### Ranger Role Call

#### **FOREST HISTORY**

On December 20, 1892, the San Gabriel Timberland Reserve was created by President Harrison. The creation of the Reserve, which was the forerunner of the Angeles National Forest, was in response to public concern about watershed values as early as 1883. Floods resulting from fire denuded slopes were causing problems with the lowland populations. In 1905, the Reserves were transferred from the Department of the Interior to the Department of Agriculture, and renamed San Gabriel National Forest in 1907. The San Gabriel National Forest consisted of the southern part of the current Angeles and part of the current San Bernardino National Forest. In 1908, the name was changed to Angeles National Forest. In 1926, the eastern area was divided and San Bernardino National Forest was created. At this time, the Saugus Ranger District (part of the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District) was detached from the Santa Barbara Reserve and joined with the Angeles National Forest.

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument was created from the San Gabriel River Ranger District by Executive Order on Oct. 10, 2014. This area is the consolidation of the historic Mt Baldy and Valyermo Ranger Districts.

The [John D. Dingell Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act](#) of 2019 established the Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Memorial and Saint Francis Dam Disaster National Monument at and around the ruins of the [St. Francis Dam](#) in the Forest's [San Francisquito Canyon](#).

#### **Wilderness areas**

The Angeles National Forest contains five nationally designated wilderness areas. Two of these also extend into neighboring San Bernardino National Forest:

- Cucamonga Wilderness — *mostly in San Bernardino NF*
- Magic Mountain Wilderness
- Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness
- San Gabriel Wilderness
- Sheep Mountain Wilderness — *partially in San Bernardino NF*

#### **FOREST SUPERVISORS – ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST**

R.A. Charlton	1909 - 1923
Thomas W. Sloan	1924 - 1925
George H Cecil	1926 - 1928
William V. Mendenhall	1929 - 1956
Richard F. Droege	1957 - 1958
Simeri E. Jarvi	1959 – 1964
William T. Dresser	1965 - 1980
Gray F. Reynolds	1981 - 1982
Paul Sweetland	1983 - 1986
George A. Roby	1987 - 1989
Michael J. Rogers	1990 - 1999
Jody Cook/Noiron	2000 - 2010
Tom Contreras	2009 - 2015
Jeffrey Vail	2015 - 2018
Jerome Perez	2018 - 2022
Roman Torres	2022 - present

## **NAME AND TENURE OF DISTRICT RANGERS AND MONUMENT MANAGERS**

The Angeles National Forest presently has two administrative units, the Los Angeles Gateway District and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. In the most recent administrative consolidation, the Los Angeles Gateway District was created from the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District and the Los Angeles River Ranger District. It includes the historic Arroyo Seco Ranger District, Tujunga Ranger District and Saugus Ranger District.

The Los Angeles Gateway District covers most of the western part of the forest as well as much of the heavily used front range of the San Gabriel Mountains. Comprising 147,871 acres, elevations in the District range from 1,200 to 8,700 feet. The higher area includes the upper reaches of the San Gabriel River canyons and the 5,700-foot Mount Wilson. The lower elevations are covered with chaparral, oak, sycamore, and alders, while elevations above 5,000 feet feature pine, cedar, and fir.

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument was created from the San Gabriel River Ranger District by Executive Order on Oct. 10, 2014 under the authority of the [Antiquities Act](#). The San Gabriel River Ranger District, and now the Monument, was the consolidation of the historic Mt Baldy and Valyermo Ranger Districts.

The San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, protecting 346,177 acres of public lands in the [San Gabriel Mountains](#) is one of the most heavily visited areas among national forests with more than 1.5 million visitors each year. The Monument is the eastern part of the Angeles National Forest providing a scenic backdrop for Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties. The Monument includes the Sheep Mountain and San Gabriel Wilderness, and a small portion of the Cucamonga Wilderness administered by the neighboring San Bernardino National Forest. These two wilderness areas offer rushing rivers, rocky gorges, deep canyons, and spectacular vistas. Hikers and campers can see a range of flora and fauna, and can experience a natural retreat without leaving Los Angeles County.

### **1. LOS ANGELES GATEWAY DISTRICT (formerly named the Los Angeles River District)**

Terry Ellis	1998 - 2000
Don Cosby	2002 - 2005
Mike McIntyre	2007 - 2015
Wilburn Blount	2016 - 2017
Jamahl Butler	2018 - present

**The following Historic Districts were consolidated to create the Los Angeles River District:**

**A. Arroyo Seco Ranger District**

A. J. Mueller	1924 - 1925
B.L. Coulter	1926 - 1934
M.W. Durham	1935 - 1946
K.K. Knutson	1950 - 1951
Carl C. Wilson	1952 - 1960
Edsel L. Corpe	1961 - 1963
Hugh R. McLean	1964 - 1965
Joseph H. Harn	1966 - 1969
Erwin N. Ward	1970 - 1974
George Roby	1975 - 1976
Richard N. Ober	1977 - 1980
Terry Ellis	1981 - 1997

**B. Tujunga Ranger District (No known history of the Tujunga Ranger District prior to 1964)**

Jesse J. Barton	1964 - 1970
Samuel G. Mauk	1971 - 1973
Benjamin B Beal	1975 - 1981
David W. Haney	1983 - 1984
Christine Rose	1985 - 1989
Clara Johnson	1991- 1997

**C. Saugus Ranger District**

N.E. Peterson	1926 - 1928
Guerdon Ellis	1929 - 1930
M.W. Durham	1931 - 1934
George Armstrong	1935 - 1939
Ray McCormick	1940 - 1946
Leland E. Berriman	1950 - 1960
C. Bentley Lyon	1961 - 1964
Lynn J. Horton	1965 - 1969
James C. Bates	1970 - 1973
Samuel G. Mauk	1975 - 1976
David J. Kohut	1977 - 1982
Gary Sayer	1983 - 1984
Don Winslow	1985 - 1986
Mike Wickman	1986 - 1997

**D. Big Santa Anita Ranger District (Historic District dissolved in 1944 to both the Arroyo Seco District and the Mt Baldy District)**

V.P. Vetter	1926 - 1930
George Armstrong	1931 - 1934

John P. Kaye	1935 - 1938
C.E. Harlan	1939 - 1942
Frederick A. Meyer	1943 - 1944
H.D. Grace	1944 -----

## 2. **SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT (The former San Gabriel River Ranger District)**

John Thornton	2013 -2015
Matthew Bokach	2016 - present

### **District Rangers for the San Gabriel River Ranger District**

Marty Dumpis	2001 - 2008
L'Tanga Watson	2008 - 2011
O'Dell Tucker	2011 - 2013

**The following Historic Districts were consolidated to create the San Gabriel River Ranger District in 2014:**

#### **A. Mount Baldy Ranger District**

I. Kiermeyer	1924 - 1925
A.T. Shay	1926 - 1928
N.E. Peterson	1929 - 1938
Gordon B. Vance	1939 - 1940
William H. Maxwell	1940 - 1941
Glen E. Sindel	1942 - 1945
Anselmo Lewis	1946 - 1974
Robert Solari	1975 - 1976
Steven A. Fitch	1976 - 1979
Don E. Stikkers	1981 - 1991
Peggy Hernandez	1993 - 1999

#### **B. Valyermo Ranger District**

L.H. Dorr	1924 - 1933
John P. Kaye	1934 - 1935
Harold C. Ames	1935 - 1936
Gordon B. Vance	1937 - 1938
William H. Maxwell	1939 - 1940
Glen E. Sindel	1940 - 1941
George I. Ramstad	1942 - 1944
Charles C. Beardsley	1945 - 1966
Glenn L. Hampton	1968 - 1976
Arthur L. Smith	1977 - 1982
Ronald Bassett	1983 - 1988
Gloria Silva	1990 - 1996
William Helin	1997 - 2000