

# Fishlake National Forest Ranger Roll Call

**History** – The Fishlake National Forest in central Utah features majestic stands of aspen encircling open mountain meadows that are lush with a diverse community of forbs and grasses. Fish Lake, from which the forest takes its name, is considered by many to be the gem of Utah. The largest natural mountain lake in the state, it offers trophy fishing and bird watching. The mountains of the Fishlake are a source of water for many of the neighboring communities and agricultural valleys in the region. Elk, deer, black bear, cougar and moose can be found on the Forest, as well as wild turkey and mountain goats.

The Pando Aspen Clone is located on the Fishlake National Forest and believed to be the largest, most dense organism ever found at nearly 13 million pounds. The clone spreads over 106 acres, consisting of over 40,000 individual trees. The exact age of the clone and its root system is difficult to calculate, but it is estimated to have started at the end of the last ice age. Some of the trees are over 130 years old. It was first recognized by researchers in the 1970s and more recently proven by geneticists. Its massive size, weight, and prehistoric age have caused worldwide fame.

The current Fishlake National Forest consists of all, or portions of earlier Forest Reserves and National Forests as follows. Fishlake National Forest (1899-Present), Glenwood National Forest (1907-1908), Beaver National Forest (1906-1908), Fillmore National Forest (1906-1923).

The following lists of District Rangers are gleaned from Forest Service directories, appointment records, alumni bulletins, correspondence, reports, newspapers, and other documents. It was difficult to identify the earliest rangers assigned to certain districts. Some districts did not have definitive names and boundaries during the early years but references to the first rangers and their work locations provide some clues about the areas for which they were responsible. Dates may not always be exact for several reasons. Some references provide fiscal years rather than calendar years. Others may reflect “effective” dates rather than the officers’ reporting dates. By the 1920s, Forest Service directories listed Rangers and Districts but these were printed sporadically and sometimes carried slightly outdated information. Much of the following information is the result of the excellent History of the Fishlake National Forest being compiled by Richa Wilson, Region Four, Regional Office.

## DISTRICT RANGERS

It is often difficult to determine who was assigned to specific districts before the 1920s when Forest Service directories began to include rangers. The earliest districts were often grazing districts rather than ranger districts, and some men were assigned to more than one district or to a broad area.

James DeLong recalled early (c.1906) rangers on the Beaver Reserve as:<sup>1</sup>

- James DeLong
- Tom Burk [Thomas J. Burke]
- Sam Henrie

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<sup>1</sup> James H. DeLong to S. L. Cuskelly, Forest Supervisor, April 27, 1961 [in my personnel folder]

- James Baldwin
- Dode Harris (served a little while and then was sent to the Kaibab) [could this be Sheldon Harris?]
- Burt [Bert] Robins and Ernest Herbert came along later and served on the Fillmore Division.
- Clark Callester [Callister] from Fillmore came

In the earliest days, rangers under Supervisor Hurst (1906-13) included:<sup>2</sup>

- James DeLong – Circleville Ranger District [DeLong recalled, "I had the Circleville District from the South Boundary north to Big Cottonwood. All of the Big Cottonwood watershed, south along water pipe line, Puffer Lake, Big Flat, Drury Flat, Circleville Mountain, Little Dog Valley to the south boundary." Correspondence in 1916 about painting Big Flat Ranger Station was to DeLong in Circleville. In 1917, correspondence about paint was to the ranger in Beaver, which suggests a boundary adjustment between districts. C.1920 improvement record states Big Flat Ranger Station was for District 5. (letters are in Big Flat folder)
- Thomas J. Burke – Beaver Ranger District
- Samuel Henrie – Baldy Ranger District
- James Baldwin – Hurst doesn't remember district
- James Jensen – Dog Valley Ranger District
- Bert Robins – Kanosh Ranger District

**1911 Supervisors and Rangers Meeting photo.** Lists include the following people: Samuel Henrie; James DeLong; Thomas Burke; John Barnard "ranger at Loa"; Ernest Herbert; James Jensen; Bert Robins; George P. Low-Beaver Forest; and Willard Oldroyd

**1916 Winkler Diaries:** Miss Baker, McGregor (clerk), Hitchcock(?)

<u>Ranger</u>	<u>Associated Locations</u>
Henrie	Elsinore, maybe Belknap
Robins	Oak City, Scipio – district may have been D8
Callister	Fillmore
Jensen	Fillmore, Kanosh
Burke	
DeLong	
Low	Joseph(?), Beaver, Aurora
Herbert	Aurora

**1917 Winkler Diaries:** Gurr (SO?), Foster (SO?), Miss Perucca(?), Miss Baker

<u>Ranger</u>	<u>Associated Locations</u>
Robins	"entire north"
Jensen	Kanosh-Clear Creek Rd
Baldwin	
Tangren	Beaver Cyn Road

1919: When Hanmer Christensen arrived in 1919 to take over the Redview RD, other rangers were Bert Robins, Jim Jensen, George Low, and Jim Baldwin.

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<sup>2</sup> William M. Hurst to Forest Supervisor Cuskelly, March 20, 1961 (in my personnel folder)

## Beaver Ranger District – Beaver, UT

Dog Valley District (c. 1906 – c 1916?)

James Jensen	? - ?
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Baldy District (c. 1906 – ?)

[Also referred to as Belknap R.D.]

Samuel “Sam” Henrie	1906 – 1916
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Circleville District (1906 – 1917)

James DeLong	1906 – 1917
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Belknap District (1906 – 1936)

[Renamed to Clear Creek R.D. in 1936.]

Chester J. Olsen	1921 – 1923
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Rex N. Barnard	1923 – 1923
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Hanmer M. Christensen	1924 – 1931
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Clear Creek District (1936 – 1953)

[North half absorbed by Kanosh R.D. and south half by Beaver R.D. in 1953.]

Charles H. McDonald	1937 – 1940
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Bert Mahoney	1937 – 1940
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Lewis Clark	1940 – 1940
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Jack M. Buckhouse	1940 – 1940
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John “Jay” Lowe Sevy	1941 – 1942
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Jack M. Buckhouse	1942 – 1943
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Harmel M. Peterson	1943 – 1952
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Beaver District (1906 – 1921, 1936 – Present)

[Renamed to Tushar R.D. in 1921 but reestablished in 1936.]

According to one source, the first rangers in Beaver County were Sheldon Harris, Thomas Burke, George P. Low, Loren Shurtz, Blaine Betensen, W. E Tangren, A. L. Taylor, E. L. Cox, and H. M. Christensen.<sup>3</sup> Most of these names are consistent with other sources for the Beaver/Tushar Ranger District.

Sheldon Harris	1906 – 1907
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Thomas J. Burke	1907 – 1916
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George P. Low	1916 – 1919
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Loren Shurtz	1919 – 1921
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*(Renamed to Tusher R.D. (1921 – 1923) and Big Flat R.D. (1923 – 1936))*

Hanmer M. Christensen	1936 – 1956
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Don D. Seaman	1956 – 1958
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H. Grant Seaman	1958 – 1962
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Dee R. Ritchie	1962 – 1965
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Boyd H. Carpenter	1966 – 1970
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<sup>3</sup> *Monuments to Courage, a History of Beaver County*, 63 (online, SUU Digital Collections).

Dale B. Harris	1970 – 1971
Boyd H. Carpenter	1971 – 1972
Floyd H. Bartlett	1973 – 1978
Darwin R. Jensen	1979 – 1989
Bennett W. Black	1989 – 1996
Dayle Flanigan	1996 – 2004
Terry Krasko	? - ?
Amy Barker	2010 – 2014
Kathleen Johnson	2014 – Present

Tushar District (1921 – 1923)  
[Renamed to Big Flat R.D. in 1923.]

Blaine Betenson	1921 – 1923
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Big Flat District (1923 – 1936)  
[Renamed to Beaver R.D. in 1936.]

Wilford E. Tangren	1923 – 1925
Blaine Betenson	1925 – 1928
A. L. Taylor	1928 – 1929
Elbert L. Cox	1929 – 1931
Hanmer M. Christensen	1931 – 1936

### **Fillmore Ranger District – Fillmore, UT**

Kanosh District (? – 1973)  
[Consolidated with Fillmore R.D. in 1973.]

Bert L. Robins	? - ?
James Jensen	1916 – 1940
T. Carl Haycock	1940 – 1951
Burt F. Rouse	1951 – 1957
L. Glen Quigley	1957 – 1973

Scipio District (c. 1908 – 1952)  
[Renamed to Fillmore R.D. in 1952.]

Bert L. Robins	? – 1908
Matt Bowers	1913 - ?
Bert L. Robins	1914 – 1916, 1919 – 1939
Ivan Christensen	1939 – 1945
Victor N. Stokes	1946 – 1950
Kenneth Bower	1950 – 1952

Fillmore District (1952 – Present)

Kenneth Bower	1952 – 1953
C. Douglas Wadsworth	1953 – 1961
H. Ames Harrison	1961 – 1964
Blaine G. Molyneaux	1964 – 1966

Ronald S. Lisonbee	1966 – 1970
Bennett W. Black	1970 – 1971
William Little	1971 – 1973
L. Glen Quigley	1973 – 1977
Ronald S. Wilson	1977 – 1987
Douglas P. Reid	1987 – 1988
Robert Gardner	2004 - ?
Mel Bolling	? - ?
Del Barnhurst	2010 – 2016
Brian Monroe	2016 – Present

### **Fremont River Ranger District - Loa, UT**

Elkhorn District (c. 1920 – 1926)

[Renamed to Loa R.D. in 1926.]

Dagbert “Bert” Adair	1915 – 1918
Albert Albertson	1920 – 1926

Fish Lake District (c. 1920 – 1973)

[Combined with Loa R.D. in 1973 to form Fremont River R.D.]

Rex N. Barnard	1920 – 1921
Chester J. Olsen	1922 – 1924
Blaine Betenson	1924 – 1924
Chester J. Olsen	1925 – 1927
Lewis T. Quigley	1927 – 1927
William M. Mace	1927 – 1929
A. L. Taylor	1929 – 1931
Charles H. McDonald	1931 – 1931
Elbert L. Cox	1931 – 1965
Rose E. Butler	1966 – 1973

Loa District (1926 – 1936, 1952 – 1973)

[Renamed to Thousand Lake Mountain R.D. in 1936 but reestablished in 1952.]

Albert Albertson	1926 – 1928
Curtis E. Price	1929 – 1929
Harmel M. Peterson	1930 – 1935
Ivan L. Dyreng	1936 – 1936
<i>(Renamed to Thousand Lake Mountain R.D. (1936 – 1952))</i>	
James W. “Wally” Lancaster	1952 – 1954
Q. David Hansen	1956 – 1964
S. Ronald Lisonbee	1964 – 1965
Larry M. Weeks	1965 – 1971
Roderick R. Howard	1971 – 1973

Thousand Lake Mountain District (1936 – 1952)

[Renamed to Loa R.D. in 1952.]

Ivan L. Dyreng	1936 – 1938
George C. Whitlock	1938 – 1943

Everett R. Doman	1944 - 1945
George C. Whitlock	1946 - 1948
Q. David Hansen	1948 - 1938
Hal L. Mickelson	1948 - 1950
James W. "Wally" Lancaster	1951 - 1952

Fremont River District (1973 - Present)

Roderick R. Howard	1973 - 1979
Coy G. Jemmett	1980 - 1983
Robert L. Day	1983 - 1985
Gary O. Laing	1985 - 1997
Marvin R. Turner	1999 - 2004
Kurt Robins	2010 - Present

**Richfield Ranger District - Richfield, UT**

Redview District (c. 1908 - 1924)

[Renamed to Pahvant R.D. in 1924.]

Ernest Herbert	1908 - 1919
Hanmer M. Christensen	1919 - 1924
Milo T. Dyches	1924 - 1924

Pahvant District (1924 - 1925)

[Discontinued in 1925.]

James H. Baldwin	1925 - 1925
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Mountain Ranch District (c. 1920 - 1927)

[Combined with Gooseberry R.D. in 1927.]

Joseph L. Thorpe	1920 - 1924
John Barnard	1924 - 1927

Gooseberry District (c. 1913 - 1936)

[Renamed to Salina R.D. in 1936.]

Carl Mattsson	1913 - 1914
John Barnard	1920 - 1924
Allen C. Folster	1924 - 1925
Wilford Emer Tangren	1925 - 1926
John Barnard	1927 - 1927
Albert Albertson	1928 - 1936

Salina District (1936 - 1973)

[Combined with Monroe R.D. in 1973 to form Richfield R.D.]

Albert Albertson	1936 - 1937
Robert H. Park	1937 - 1938
Ivan L. Dyreng	1938 - 1944
Orval E. Winkler	1944 - 1950
Kenneth D. Roberts	1950 - 1957
William C. Hill	1957 - 1965

James L. Mower	1966 – 1970
Wayne G. Foltz	1970 – 1973

Monroe District (? – 1921, 1952 – 1973)

[Renamed to Koosharem R.D. in 1921 but reestablished in 1952.]

Ferguson	? - ?
Albert H. Tuft	1907 – 1910
Willard Oldroyd	1914 – 1918
Jess Shurtz	? - ?
Allen C. Foster	1920 – 1921
<i>(Renamed to Koosharem R.D. (1921 – 1939) and Glenwood Mountain R.D. (1939 – 1952))</i>	
T. Carl Haycock	1952 – 1960
William C. Price	1960 – 1969
Floyd H. Bartlett	1969 – 1973

Koosharem District (1921 – 1939)

[Renamed to Glenwood Mountain R.D. in 1939.]

James H. Baldwin	1921 – 1924
Milo T. Dyches	1924 – 1939

Glenwood Mountain District (1939 – 1952)

[Renamed to Monroe R.D. in 1952.]

Milo T. Dyches	1939 – 1952
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Richfield District (1973 – Present)

Rose E. Butler	1973 – 1976
Charles R. “Dick” Allred	1977 – 1989
Rance L. Rollins	1990 – 1996
Ted V. Fitzgerald	1996 – 1999
Jeanne Higgins	1999 – 2002
Fred Houston	2002 – 2010
Jason Kling	2010 – Present