

# Ouachita National Forest Ranger Roll Call

**History** – The Ouachita National Forest was established in December 1907 and is recognized as the oldest National Forest in the southern United States. It was initially called the Arkansas National Forest but later renamed to Ouachita National Forest in 1926 after a Native American word meaning “good hunting grounds”. It occupies more than one million acres in western Arkansas and eastern Oklahoma and is currently comprised of five ranger districts: Jessieville-Winona-Fourche, Poteau-Cold Springs, Oklahoma, Mina-Oden, and Caddo-Womble.

## **Jessieville-Winona-Fourche District - Jessieville, AR**

### Jessieville District (1907 - 1996)

Edgar V. Biles	1907 - 1910
Charles A. Plymale	1910 - 1916
Monroe N. Plemmons	1916 - 1918
Jim Wait	1918 - 1918
George Howell	1918 - 1922
George W. Casey	1922 - 1928
Charles G. Geltz	1928 - 1929
William P. Dale	1929 - 1938
Wilfred L. Keene	1938 - 1941
Guy M. Wilkinson	1942 - 1943
N. Wesley Sentell	1943 - 1944
John N. Crowl	1944 - 1946
Harry R. Tomlinson	1946 - 1946
Del W. Thorsen	1946 - 1949
Alva B. Williams	1949 - 1956
Jack W. Hambrick	1956 - 1959
Donald C. Hughes	1959 - 1961
Carl F. Hoover	1961 - 1965
Zelvert F. Palmer	1965 - 1966
David V. Rosdahl	1966 - 1968
Glen W. Kile	1968 - 1970
John M. Archer	1970 - 1996

### Winona District (1956 - 1996)

Edward M. Howell	1956 - 1957
Merlin J. Dixon	1957 - 1958
H. G. Armstrong	1958 - 1963
James A. Helms	1963 - 1967
Bobby G. Young	1967 - 1974
James E. Hutchins	1974 - 1977
Michael C. Vinson	1977 - 1985
Norman L. Alley	1985 - 1994
John C. Bisbee	1994 - 1996

Jessieville-Winona-Fourche District (1996 - Present)

[The Jessieville and Winona Districts were combined into one in 1996.]

John M. Archer	1996 - 1997
Samuel Larry	1997 - 1999
Stephen Cannell	2000 - 2004
Eugene R. Hayes	2005 - 2006
Karen K. Tinkle	2006 - 2009
Ron Bush	2009 - 2010
Megan M. Moynihan	2011 - Present

**Poteau-Cold Springs District - Waldron, AR & Booneville, AR**

J. L. B. Taylor	1908 - 1910
Clayton M. Howells	1910 - ?
Robert W. Armitage	? - ?
George Oscar	? - ?
Guy Brewster	1912 - ?
J. L. B. Taylor	1912 - 1914
Leslie Chappell	1914 - 1917
Kocker	1917 - 1920
Joe Bateman	1920 - 1922
George W. Casey	1922 - 1924
Dave Younger	1924 - 1926
W. C. Hammerlie	1926 - 1927
Harold Dody	1927 - 1929
W. R. Paddock	1929 - 1930
Floyd M. Cossitt	1930 - 1931
A. A. Anderson	1932 - 1935
V. E. Taylor	1935 - 1936
Gerald W. Grisworld	1936 - 1939
T. S. Seely	1939 - 1943
J. B. Cartwright	1943 - 1944
Harry R. Wright	1944 - 1951
Berkely J. Spilsbury	1951 - 1952
Harold A. Bergmann	1952 - 1957
Robert G. Raymund	1957 - 1960
Douglas W. Shenkyr	1960 - 1963
James D. Cooper	1963 - 1966
Bobby G. Young	1966 - 1967
Lee E. Poague	1967 - 1971
Roy J. Smith	1971 - 1976
John B. McClendon	1976 - 1986
Kenneth McLaughlin	1986 - 1989
H. Douglas Webb	1989 - 2007
Steve Cole	2007 - 2011
Howard Freerksen	2012 - 2014
Audie "AJ" Brigance	2014 - 2017
Benny H. South	2018 - Present

## **Oklahoma District - Hodgen, OK**

### Kiamichi District (1931 - 2002)

P. F. W. Prater	1931 - 1935
Schleoer	1935 - 1935
N. F. Rogers	1936 - 1936
Norman R. Hawley	1936 - 1936
Guy M. Wilkinson	1937 - 1941
Knoxie M. Kunze	1941 - 1942
Harold M. Stratton	1942 - 1947
James W. Owens	1947 - 1948
David D. Devet	1948 - 1957
Robert M. Baker	1958 - 1962
Clarence M. Krause	1962 - 1965
David A. Rodgers	1965 - 1971
Karl E. Stoneking	1971 - 1972
William H. Gilder	1973 - 1975
Robert D. James	1976 - 1976
David A. Rodgers	1976 - 1979
Ivan S. Cupp	1979 - 1991
Frank M. Yerby	1991 - 1999
Orland Sutton	1999 - 2002

### Oklahoma District (2002 - Present)

[The Kiamichi, Choctaw, and Tiak Districts combined to form the Oklahoma District in 2002.]

Kelly Russell	2002 - 2008
John Baldwin	2009 - 2016
Michelle Caviness	2017 - Present

## **Mena-Oden District - Mena, AR**

[Information to be added at a later date.]

## **Caddo-Womble District - Mount Ida, AR**

[Information to be added at a later date.]