

Ozark-St. Francis National Forests Ranger Roll Call

History – The Ozark-St. Francis National Forests are distinct in their own topographical, geological, biological, cultural, and social differences, yet each makes up a part of the overall National Forest system. The Ozark National Forest covers 1.2 million acres, mostly in the Ozark mountains of northern Arkansas. There, you will find the tallest mountain in the state, Mt. Magazine, and Blanchard Springs Caverns. The St. Francis National Forest covers 22,600 acres in eastern Arkansas, one of the smallest and most diverse forests in the nation.

Ozark National Forest

Pleasant Hill District – Clarksville, AR

Wesley B. Harrison	1906 – 1917
Robert M. Evans	1917 – 1919
Hugh R. Moore	1919 – 1920
Grover C. Page	1919 – 1920
James A. Mason	1920 – 1922
James W. McPherson	1921 – 1925
Guy Cox	1926 – 1929
Frank W. Rasor	1929 – 1931
Fred J. Jones	1931 – 1933
Ralph Brown	1934 – 1935
Laurence O. Barrett	1936 – 1941
Fred J. Harris	1941 – 1942
Norman B. Alter	1942 – 1944
Harley W. Janelle	1944 – 1951
Burdette F. Seizert	1951 – 1958
Cecil R. Brooks	1958 – 1959
Ralph H. Kunz	1959 – 1964
James R. Hughes	1965 – 1971
Edward H. Harris	1971 – 1985
John T. Strojan	1985 – 1988
Leonard R. Bollman	1988 – 2001
Patricia Kowalewycz	2001 – 2017
Jason A. Engle	2017 – Present

Big Piney District – Hector, AR and Jasper, AR

Bayou District (1908 – 2005)

Ben F. Vaughan	1908 – 1913
James M. Wait	1909 – 1911
Hugh R. Moore	1912 – 1913
William P. Dale	1913 – 1919
Will A. Garner	1914 – 1915
Robert M. Evans	1914 – 1918
James D. Prior	1916 – 1917
James A. Mason	1918 – 1920

George D. Russell	1919
William P. Dale	1921 – 1923
James M. Wait	1924 – 1928
Knoxie M. Kunze	1925 – 1937
Fayette M. Meade	1937 – 1943
James S. Long	1943
Carl E. Benson	1943 – 1947
Norman B. Alter	1947 – 1952
Berkeley J. Spilsbury	1952 – 1956
Paul A. Timko	1956 – 1957
William J. Bryan	1957 – 1961
Bobby J. Larkey	1961 – 1965
Rufus D. Launius	1965 – 1985
Frank Lewis	1985 – 1995
George T. Rogers	1995 – 1999
Lew Purcell	1999 – 2005

Buffalo District (1952 – 2005)

Mark C. Hopson	1952 – 1956
Cecil R. Brooks	1956 – 1958
J. L. Connell	1958 – 1961
J. F. Welsh	1961 – 1965
Mack L. Little	1965 – 1970
Jack S. Kelley	1970 – 1971
Tim M. Smith	1971 – 1979
George W. Leighton	1979 – 1985
Mark A. Warren	1985 – 1987
George T. Rogers	1987 – 1995

Big Piney District (2005 – Present)

[Bayou R.D. and Buffalo R.D. combined in 2005 to form Big Piney R.D.]

Lew Purcell	2005 – 2009
Bruce Davenport	2009 – 2013
Tim Jones	2013 – Present

Boston Mountain District – Ozark, AR

Cass District (1908 – 1910)

Elbert E. Turner	1908 – 1910
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White Rock District (1910 – 1969)

Elbert E. Turner	1910 – 1917
Wesley B. Harrison	1917 – 1918
Henry R. Koen	1918 – 1919
Charles W. Fritts	1919 – 1922
James A. Mason	1922 – 1926
Ralph J. Bell	1926 – 1928
Troy D. Curtis	1928 – 1929

Daniel O. Todd	1929 – 1930
Troy D. Curtis	1930 – 1962
Thomas Q. Dix	1962 – 1964
Jack Swisher	1964 – 1969

Boston Mountain District (1958 – Present)

Burdette F. Seizert	1958 – 1962
Duane C. Routh	1962 – 1966
Gene S. Jackson	1966 – 1969
Jack Swisher	1969 – 1970
William D. Walker	1970 – 1974
Bobby G. Young	1974 – 1981
Jack R. McCormick	1981 – 1989
Kristine E. England	1990 – 1995
Gary E. Williams	1995 – 2010
William M. Dunk, Jr.	2011 – 2018
William A. Smith	2019 – Present

Magazine Mountain District – Paris, AR

William P. Dale	1938 – 1946
Fayette M. Meade	1946
Norman B. Alter	1946 – 1947
John I. Christensen	1947 – 1954
Donald E. Bylsma	1954 – 1956
Robert B. Emery	1956 – 1957
James R. Padgett	1957 – 1960
Edward A. Edgette	1960 – 1965
John A. Derks	1965 – 1969
Bobby Roberson	1969 – 1994
Rob Kopack	1994 – 2016
William M. Dunk, Jr.	2011 – 2018
William A. Smith	2019 – Present

St. Francis National Forest

Sylamore District – Mountain View, AR

Boone Hinkle	1907 – 1910
Ralph C. Huey	1907 – 1910
Jennings D. McLeod	1911 – 1912
James D. Ruble	1911 – 1912
Charles Christian	1913 – 1914
Thomas A. Wilson	1914 – 1916
Henry R. Koen	1916 – 1918
Hugh R. Moore	1916 – 1928
Guy Cox	1929 – 1937
E. D. Potter	1937 – 1938

Fred Ames	1939 – 1942
Philip A. Newton	1942
Fayette M. Meade	1943 – 1946
Philip A. Newton	1946 – 1951
Mark C. Hopson	1951 – 1952
William V. Cranston	1952 – 1956
Ivan J. Nicholas	1956 – 1957
Lewis J. Smith	1957 – 1963
Wayne Shuttleworth	1963 – 1970
Jack Griswold	1970 – 1977
Richard Mills	1977 – 1994
Joe Dabney	1994 – 2003
Cindy Snow Kopack	2004 – 2010
James R. “Jim” McCoy	2012 – Present

St. Francis District – Marianna, AR

William A. Jackson	1960 – 1966
William “Bill” Bustin	1966 – 1968
Roger Dennington	1968 – 1972
Tom Fair	1972 – 1975
Lynn Young	1975 – 1978
James “Jim” Watson	1978 – 1984
Carl Minehart	1984 – 1987
Jesse James	1987 – 1995
Larry Sears	1996 – 1998
Joe Bonnette	1999 – 2003
DeVela Clark	2003 – 2005
Benjamin Battle	2010 – 2011
Mary Maercklein	2012 – 2017
James R. “Jim” McCoy	2012 – Present