

# Tongass National Forest Ranger Roll Call

The Tongass National Forest, located in southeastern Alaska, is the largest National Forest at 16.7 million acres. Most of its area is temperate rain forest, and is remote enough to be home to many species of endangered and rare flora and fauna. The forest is administered by the U.S. Forest Service with offices in Ketchikan. Ranger district offices are located in Craig, Hoonah, Juneau, Ketchikan, Petersburg, Sitka, Thorne Bay, Wrangell, and Yakutat.

**History** - The Alexander Archipelago Forest Reserve was created late in 1902 by presidential proclamation. In 1907, an additional 2 million acres between Portland Canal and Unuk River on the mainland was reserved as the Tongass National Forest. In 1908, the Alexander Archipelago and the Tongass were consolidated into one national forest, the Tongass, totaling nearly 6.7 million acres. In 1909, the remaining islands, the mainland south of Skagway to Icy Strait, and the area from Dry Bay to the south shore of Yakutat Bay were withdrawn by proclamation adding nearly 9 million acres to the Tongass. (Rakestraw, 1981)

In 1931, field divisions replaced ranger districts: Southern (headquarters, Ketchikan), Petersburg (Petersburg), Admiralty (Juneau).

Between 1973 and 1980, ranger districts were eliminated in favor of area supervisors. Ranger districts were re-established in 1980 to improve accountability (R. Coose, personal communication).

In 1999, the three administrative areas of the Tongass National Forest (Stikine, Chatham, and Ketchikan Areas) began the process of consolidation (also called "Unification"). One Forest Supervisor for the Tongass (in Ketchikan) supervised two "Assistant" Forest Supervisors, one each in Sitka and Petersburg. The two Assistant Supervisors were later replaced by a single Deputy Forest Supervisor co-located with the Forest Supervisor in Ketchikan in late 2003.

## **Ketchikan District (1923 - 1999)**

### **(Consolidated with Misty Fjords NM in 1999)**

J. M. Wyckoff	1923 - 1931
C. M. Archbold	1934 - 1936
Burton O. Clark	1957 - ?
Roy A. Johnson	? - 1961
Henry E. Hayes	1962 - 1964
Harold R. Howard	1965 - 1973
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980
Dick Coose	1980 - 1987
Logan Lee	1987 - 1990
Steve Segovia	1990 - 1997
Jimmy DeHerrera	1997 - 1998

## **Misty Fjords National Monument (1980 - 1999)**

James C. Kirschenman	1980 - 1984
Dave Barber	1984 - 1985
Bob Latham	1985 - 1987
Paul Brewster	1989 - 1992

Don Fisher	1992 - 1997
Steve Segovia	1990 - 1997
Jimmy DeHerrera	1997 - 1998

**Ketchikan-Misty Fiords District (1999 - present)**

Jerry Ingersoll	1999 - 2004
Lynn Kolund	2004 - 2009
Jeff DeFreest	2010 - 2017
Susan Howle	2017 - 2020
Shane Walker	2020 - present

**Craig District**

John A. Thayer	1923 - ?
W. A. Chipperfield	1928 - 1931
Kenneth W. Drayhos	1957 - ?
Lynn D. Trail	1962 - ?
Arnold W Johnson	1963 - 1966
Gene Chelstead	1967 - 1969
Robert B "Bob" Fish	1969 - 1973
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980
Ray Brown	1980 - 1982
Lee W Jensen	1982 - 1987
Gary Laver	1987 - 1990
Greg Griffith	1990 - 1995
Dale Kanen	1995 - 2003
Greg Killinger	2004 - 2010
Francisco Sanchez	2010 - 2012
Matthew Anderson	2013 - 2019
Scot Schuler	2019 - present

**Thorne Bay (aka Kasaan) (1961 - Present)**

**(North POW, Thorne Bay/Kasaan consolidated in 1982)**

David W. Molinaro	1961 - 1963	
Glenn M. Beckman	1964 - 1967	
John T. Standerwick	1968 - 1971	
Ronald C. Prichard	1971 - 1973	
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980	
Jim Wilson	1980 - 1982	(Thorne Bay)
Mike Novy	1980 - 1985	(North POW)
Peter L. Johnston	1985 - 1991	
Anne Archie	1991 - 1997	
Steve Kimball	1997 - 2001	
Dave Schmid	2001 - 2005	
Jason Anderson	2005 - 2011	
Kent Nicholson	2012 - 2012	

Rachael Huddleston-Lorton	2013 - 2015
Matthew Anderson	2015 - 2019
Scot Schuler	2019 - present

**Petersburg District (1923 - present)**

J. L. MacKechnie	1923 - ?
C. M. Archbold	1927 - 1931
J. M. Wyckoff	1934 - 1938
Malcom E. Hardy	1953 - 1957
Harry L. Simpson	1959 - 1962
Deen J. Weeden	1963 - 1968
Jimmie L. Hickman	1969 - 1970
Norman B. Schoonover	1970 - 1973
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980
Ned N. Pence	1980 - 1981
Joe Chiarella	1984 - 1986
Morris Huffman	1986 - 1988
Pete Tennis	1988 - 1991
Patty Grantham	1992 - 2006
Chris Savage	2007 - 2011
Jason Anderson	2012 - 2015
David Zimmerman	2016 - 2018
Ted Sandhofer	2019 - present

**Wrangell District (1961 - Present)**

Jack Swisher	1961 - 1962
S. R. Melvin Mitts	1963 - 1965
Norman B. Schoonover	1966 - 1970
Gary L. McCoy	1971 - 1973
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980
Keene Kohrt	1980 - 1996
Steve Brady	1997 - 2000
Chip Weber	2001 - 2004
Mark Hummel	2005 - 2009
Bob Dalrymple	2010 - 2019
Clint Kolarich	2019 - present

**Sitka District (1923 - Present)**

George H. Peterson	1923 - ?
Charles G. Burdick	1928 - 1931
Harold Stratton	1949 - ?
Vernon J. Joyer	1951 - 1957
Alan Crozer	1957 - 1962
Barney A. Coster	1962 - 1965
William "Bart" Roberts	1965 - 1971
Marcus W. Petty	1971 - 1973
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980

Robert B. "Bob" Fish	1980 - 1982
Craig Courtright	1982 - 1987
Cynthia Correll	1987 - 1988
Helen C. Clough	1988 - 1990
Jim Franzel	1990 - 2001
Carol Goularte	2001 - 2014
J. Perry Edwards	2014 - 2021

**Hoonah District (1980 - Present)**

Joe Chiarella	1980 - 1984
Joy Berg	1984 - 1985
Ronald Quilliam	1986 - 1988
Joe Chiarella	1989 - 1998
Paul Matter	1998 - 2002
John Baldwin	2002 - 2007
Rich Jennings	2007 - 2012
Art Burbank	2013 - 2016
Chad Van Ormer	2017 - 2019
Basia Trout	2019 - present

**Admiralty National Monument (1980 - Present)**

K. J. Metcalf	1980 - 1982
Helen (Castillo) Clough	1983 - 1987
Ken Mitchell	1987 - 1991
Vivian Hoffman	1991 - 2001
Susan Marthaller	2001 - 2005
Kathy Rodriguez	2005 - 2009
Marti Marshall	2009 - 2010
Chad Van Ormer	2011 - 2019
Basia Trout	2019 - present

**Juneau District (1909 - Present)**

**(Included Yakutat Work Center until 1991)**

Harold E. Smith	1923 - 1931
Charles G. Burdick	1934 - ?
W. A. Chipperfield	1936 - ?
A. Lacy Johnson	1957 - ?
Bernard Coster	1961 - 1962
Paul Beck	1962 - 1966
Lyle E. Jack	1967 - 1973
districts eliminated	1973 - 1980
Jack Blackwell	1980 - 1985
Steve Ambrose	1986 - 1990
Sally Edwards	1990 - 1991
Ken Mitchell	1991 - 1997
Karen Mollander	1997 - 1998

Pete Griffin	1999 - 2010
Marti Marshall	2010 - 2014
Brad Orr	2014 - 2020
Tristan Fluharty	2021 - present

**Yakutat District (1991 - present)**  
**(Partitioned from Juneau District 1991)**

Ken Holbrook	1991 - 1992
Don Stewart	1992 - 1994
Monte Fujishin	1994 - 1997
Meg Mitchell	1997 - 2000
Tricia O'Connor	2001 - 2006
Lee Benson	2006 - present