

Sawtooth National Forest Supervisors Roll Call¹

May 3, 2022

History– The Sawtooth National Forest’s vast landscape spans over 2.1 million acres of diverse forest and grassland in central and south-central Idaho (96%), and north-west Utah (4%). The current Sawtooth NF is comprised of the former Minidoka NF (1908-1953) and Sawtooth NF (1905-953), which were combined July 1, 1953. From 1908-1972, substantial land adjustments occurred between the Sawtooth NF, Boise NF, and former Challis NF; while the Minidoka NF saw significant consolidation of ranger districts. The Sawtooth National Recreation Area was created in 1972; absorbing the Sawtooth Valley RD, northern portion of Ketchum RD, parts of the former Stanley/Valley Creek RD and Clayton RD of the old Challis NF, and parts of the Lowman RD and former Atlanta RD of the Boise NF. Significant reorganization, reconfiguration, and consolidation of ranger districts, has occurred since 1905; with the evolution of three forest reserves, to two national forests, with eleven ranger districts to present day Sawtooth NF with four units.

The Sawtooth NF is currently managed by the U.S. Forest Service as four units: the Minidoka RD, Ketchum RD, and Fairfield RD, plus the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Sawtooth NF: The expansive Sawtooth Forest Reserve was established in 1905 encompassing much of the present Boise, Salmon-Challis, and Sawtooth NF’s; and renamed as a National Forest in 1907. Prior to 1908, there is no record of ranger districts being established. In 1908, portions of the Sawtooth NF were transferred to create the Boise NF and Challis NF; with the remaining lands forming the reconfigured Sawtooth NF. In 1953, the Sawtooth NF and Minidoka NF combined to create the current Sawtooth NF. Ranger District configurations experienced the most significant changes in mid 1950’s and 1972, with establishment of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Minidoka NF: The Cassia and Raft River Forest Reserves, were established in 1905 and 1906, and renamed as NF’s in 1907. The Minidoka NF was created in 1908 from consolidation of the Cassia NF and Raft River NF, located in south-central Idaho and north-east Utah. 1953, all the Minidoka NF lands were transferred to the Sawtooth NF. Ranger district configurations experienced the most significant changes in 1908, 1926, 1953, and 2002; with the evolution of two forest reserves, to one national forest with six ranger districts, to the present-day Minidoka RD.

¹ Resources: Most of the names and dates were gleaned from Forest Service directories and Forest history documents. Including, [A Sudden Influx of Ample Funds, Administrative Facilities of the Sawtooth NF, 1905-1960, Appendix B: Personnel, Forest Service Report No. SW-09-2443, August 2009](#)

Sawtooth Forest Reserve / Sawtooth National Forest – Boise, ID (1906 - 1907), Hailey, ID (1907 - 1953), Twin Falls, ID (1953 - 2018), Jerome, ID (2018 - 20___)

Frank A. Fenn	1906-1907	(Boise, ID)
Emil Grandjean	1907	(Boise, ID)
Emil Grandjean	1908	(Sawtooth West Division – Boise, ID)
Clarence N. Woods	1907	(Sawtooth East Division) – Hailey, ID
Clarence N. Woods	1908-1914	(Reconfigured Sawtooth – Hailey, ID)
Miller S. Benedict	1914-1917	
Herbert G. McPheters	1917-1919	
Miller S. Benedict	1919-1935	
Frank S. Moore	1935-1940	
Charles Daugherty	1940-1944	
Frank S. Moore	1944-1950	
Charles Daugherty	1950-1957	
John Lowe Sevy	1957-1963	
P. Max Rees	1963-1969	
Edwin A. Fournier	1969-1979	
Paul Barker	1979-1982	
Ronald M. “Ron” Stoleson	1982-1991	
Jack Bills	1991-1995	
William P. “Bill” LeVere	1995-2002	
Ruth M. Monahan	2002-2006	
Jane Kollmeyer	2006-2010	
Becky Nourse	2010-2014	
Kit Mullen	2014-2018	
James “Jim” DeMaagd	2018-2022	

Minidoka National Forest – Oakley, ID (1908-1917), Burley, ID (1917-1953)

William McCoy	1908-1914
Walter H. Campbell	1914-1920
Raymond D. Garver	1920-1923
Sidney S. Stewart	1924-1935
Blain Betenson	1935-1937
Carl B. Arentson	1937-1937
Curtis E. Price	1937-1942
John T. Mathews	1942-1945
Alonzo E. Briggs	1945-1953

Cassia Forest Reserve / Cassia National Forest – Pocatello, ID (1905 - 1907), Oakley, ID (1907 – 1908)

Peter T. Wrensted	1905-1908
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Raft River Forest Reserve / Raft River National Forest – Pocatello, ID (1906-1907), Oakley, ID (1907- 1908)

Peter T. Wrensted	1906-1908
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