

Dakota Prairie Grasslands Ranger Roll Call & Grassland Supervisors

History – The lands of the Dakota National Grasslands were acquired by the United States in 1937 as a Land Utilization Program (LUP). Administration of the lands were transferred to the Forest Service in 1954. The LUP lands were formally designated as National Grasslands by the Secretary of Agriculture in 1960. The Denbigh Experimental Forest dates to the 1930's. The Dakota Prairie Grasslands, over 1.2 million acres, in North and South Dakota.

The Dakota National Grasslands is an administrative unit established in 1998 to manage the four National Grasslands. Headquarters is in Bismarck, North Dakota. Previously the Custer National Forest administered these grasslands.

- Little Missouri National Grassland
- Grand River National Grassland & Cedar River National Grassland
- Sheyenne National Grassland & Denbigh Experimental Forest

Dakota National Grasslands Supervisors

Larry J. Dawson,	2000
Dave Pieper	2004 - 2010

The following are the names and periods of District Rangers that have served on the Dakota Grasslands.

Sheyenne National Grassland & Denbigh Experimental Forest

Sheyenne Ranger District, Lisbon, ND

Carl Fredrickson	1954 – 1962
Harold Simpson	1962 – 1967
Robert M. Richmond	1967 – 1969
Donald W. Nelson	1970 – 1973
Robert L. Storch	1975 – 1976
Dale H. Shanholtzer	1977 – 1978
Robert L. Riddle	1979 – 1983
Michael McNeill (Acting)	1983 - 1984
William A. Fortune	1984 - 1990
Larry Potts	1990 – 1995
Bryan Stotts	1995 – 2015
Bernadette Braun (Acting)	2015 – 2016
Casey D. Johnson	2016 - 2020

Grand River National Grassland & Cedar River National Grassland

Grand River Ranger District, Lemmon, SD

Leslie R. Albee (District Conservationist)	1942 – 1944
Carl T. Carlson (District Conservationist)	1944 – 1947
Forrest Sorensen (District Conservationist)	1948 – 1953
Clarence A. Dyson (Range Manager)	1953 -1959

Orian J. Cusker	1959 - 1966
Bob Graves	1966 - 1967
Samuel D. Halverson	1967 - 1972
Joe Pogue	1972 – 1976
Williard John Padden	1976 – 1978
Ronald Stellingwerf	1978 – 1984
Tom Heintz	1984 – 1990
Forest Morin	1991 – 1998
Jane D. Darnell	1998 – 2001
Jack Isaacs	2001 – 2006
Joby P. Timm	2007 – 2012
Paul Hancock	2012 – 2014
Alex Michalek	2015 - 2019

Little Missouri National Grassland

Medora Ranger District, Dickinson, ND

Lloyd R Good	1960 - 1961
Bernard W. Alt	1962 - 1965
Orian J. Cusker	1966 – 1969
Richard A. Ellison	1970 – 1975
Darrol L. Harrison	1975 – 1977
R. (Bob) Hamner	1978 – 1980
Jerry B. Reese	1980 – 1985
Richard W. Farrar	1986 – 1991
Samuel Redfern	1992 – 1994
Larry j. Dawson	1995 – 1998
Scott Fitzwilliams	1999 – 2001
Ron Jablonski	2001 – 2014
Shannon Boehm	2015 - 2019

McKenzie Ranger District, Watford City, ND

Arnold Winsness	1960 – 1967
Deen Boe	1967 – 1972
Samuel D. Halverson	1973 – 1976
Darrol L. Harrison	1976 - 1977
Robert (Joe) Pogue	1977 – 1979
Robert W. Hamner	1979 - 1980
James R. Fishburn	1980 – 1986
Wayne W. Paintner	1987 – 1991
Leslie W. “Spike” Thompson	1992 – 2001
Ron Hecker	2007 – 2011
Jay Frederick	2012 – 2015
Toni Strauss	2015 – 2016
Nancy Veres	2016 – 2019
Lucas Graf	2020 - 2022