

ALBERTA FOREST SERVICE

Executive and Forest Superintendents
1930 to 2005

Alberta – Department of Lands and Mines Forests and Superintendents		Director	Chief Timber Inspector (EFRD)	Cypress Hills	Crowsnest	Bow River	Clearwater	Brazeau
	1930-31 ¹	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	H.A. Parker	J.P. Alexander	J.A. Hutchison/A.G. Smith	E.S. Huestis	C.E. White
	1931-32 ²	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	J.P. Alexander	A.G. Smith	E.S. Huestis	C.E. White/ F.G. Edgar

AFS Restructured. Forest Reserves and Eight Divisions ³		Director	Chief Timber Inspector (NAFD)	Cypress Hills Forest Reserve	Bow-Crow Forest	Clearwater Forest	Brazeau-Athabaska Forest (Coalspur)	Edmonton (Breton)
	1932-33	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson ⁴	G. Ambrose	A.G. Smith	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	R.S. Wyllie
	1933-34	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	A.G. Smith	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	R.S. Wyllie
	1934-35	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	A.G. Smith	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	R.S. Wyllie
	1935-36	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	R.S. Wyllie
	1936-37	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	A.G. Smith	J.R.H. Hall (Edmonton)
	1937-38	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	R.S. Wyllie	J.R.H. Hall
	1938-39	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	R.S. Wyllie (E. Huestis ⁶)	J.R.H. Hall

Department of Lands and Mines Forest Divisions combined, reduced to five		Director	Chief Timber Inspector	Cypress Hills Forest Reserve	Bow-Crow Forest Reserve	Clearwater Forest Reserve	Brazeau-Athabaska (Coalspur)	Western Division ⁷
	1939-40	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	J.P. Alexander	F.G. Edgar	C. McDiarmid (E.Huestis)	C. McDiarmid
	1940-41	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	G. Ambrose	F.G. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	C. McDiarmid	C. McDiarmid

Department of Lands and Mines Forest Districts restructured, expanded to nine		Director	Chief Timber Inspector (NAFD)	Cypress Hills	Bow-Crow	Clearwater	Brazeau-Athabaska	Edmonton/Breton
	1941-42	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	T.D. Best	F.G. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	H.E. Noble
	1942-43	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	T.D. Best	F.G. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	H.E. Noble
	1943-44	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	J.D. Champion	F.G. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	T.F. Somers
	1944-45	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	J.D. Champion	J.P. Alexander & F. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	T.F. Somers
	1945-46	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson	J.D. Champion	J.P. Alexander & F. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	T.F. Somers
	1946-47	T.F. Blefgen	F.W. Neilson/ J.L. Janssen	R. Mackey	J.P. Alexander & F. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck ¹⁰	J. Burleigh
	1947-48	Blefgen/Huestis	J.L. Janssen	R. Mackey	J.P. Alexander & F. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	J. Burleigh
1948-49	E.S. Huestis	J.L. Janssen ¹¹	R. Mackey	J.P. Alexander & F. Edgar	J.R.H. Hall	D. Buck	R. Smuland	

	Athabasca	Lesser Slave Forest Reserve
	T.C. Burrows	J.R.H. Hall
	T.C. Burrows	J.R.H. Hall

	Edson	Athabasca	Bonnyville	McMurray	Slave Lake⁴	Grande Prairie	Peace River
	J.R.H. Hall	Axsel Smith	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	C.H. MacDonald	D. Buck	D. Minchin
	J.R.H. Hall	C. Ranche	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	C.H. MacDonald	D. Buck	D. Minchin
	J.R.H. Hall	C. Ranche	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	C.H. MacDonald	F.S. Truby	C. Mc Diarmid
	J.R.H. Hall	C. Ranche	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	C.H. MacDonald	D. Buck	F.E. Smith
	R.S. Wyllie	C. Ranche	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	D. Buck	V. Mitchell	F.E. Smith
	R.S. Wyllie	C. Ranche	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	D. Buck	V. Mitchell	F.E. Smith
	R.S. Wyllie	F.E. Smith	D.A. McKay	H.D. McDonald	D. Buck	V. Mitchell	C. Ranche

	Edson Division	McMurray Division	Slave Lake Division	Peace River Division
	C. McDiarmid	H.D. McDonald*	D. Buck	V. Mitchell
	C. McDiarmid	H.D. McDonald*	J.L. Janssen	V. Mitchell*

	Edson	Carrot Creek/Entwistle	Athabasca/Westlock⁸	Athabasca/Calling Lake	McMurray (Lac La Biche HQ)	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River
	D. Buck	H. Morden	F.E. Smith	C. Carter	T.R. Hammer	J.L. Janssen	H.D. McDonald	L. West
	D. Buck	H. Morden	F.E. Smith	C. Carter	T.R. Hammer	J.L. Janssen	H.D. McDonald	V. Mitchell
	D. Buck	H.E. Noble	F.E. Smith	C. Carter	J.V. Logan	J.L. Janssen	T.R. Hammer	V. Mitchell
	D. Buck	H.E. Noble	F.E. Smith	C. Carter	J.V. Logan	J.L. Janssen	T.R. Hammer	V. Mitchell
	D. Buck	H.E. Noble	F.E. Smith ⁹	C. Carter	J.V. Logan	J.L. Janssen	T.R. Hammer	V. Mitchell
	H.E. Noble	J.D. Rogers	W.M. Wood/R.F. Krause	C. Carter	F.V. Keats/L.P. Gauthier	J.L. Janssen/ W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	V. Mitchell
	H.E. Noble	C.F. Platt	Whitcourt R.F. Krause	C. Carter	L.P. Gauthier	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	V. Mitchell
	H.E. Noble	C.F. Platt	R.F. Krause	C. Carter	L.P. Gauthier	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	V. Mitchell

Alberta – Department of Lands and Forests
Forest Reserves and Forest Superintendents¹²
& Forest Divisions and Timber Inspectors¹³

	Director	Crowsnest	Bow River	Clearwater	Rocky ¹⁴	Edson	Whitecourt
		J.P. Alexander – Sr. Supt. of Forest Reserves 1949-52 ¹⁵					
1949-50	E.S. Huestis	F. Edgar	L. West	J.R.H. Hall	R. Smuland	D. Buck & H. Parnall	R.F. Krause
1950-51	E.S. Huestis	N. Lind	L. West	F.V. Keats	R. Smuland	D. Buck & H. Parnall	R.F. Krause
1951-52	E.S. Huestis	N. Lind	L. West	F.V. Keats	R. Smuland	D. Buck & H. Parnall	R.F. Krause
1952-53	E.S. Huestis	N. Lind	L. West	F.V. Keats	R. Smuland	D. Buck & H. Parnall	R.F. Krause
1953-54	E.S. Huestis	N. Lind	S.R. Hughes	F.V. Keats	R. Smuland	D. Buck & H. Parnall	R.F. Krause

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Forest Reserves and Divisions & Forest Superintendents¹⁶

	Director	Crow	Bow	Clearwater	Rocky (Asst. Supt)	Edson	Whitecourt
1954-55	E.S. Huestis	N. Lind	S.R. Hughes	F.V. Keats	H.M. Ryhanen	D. Buck	R.F. Krause
1955-56	E.S. Huestis	N. Lind/J. Hogan	S.R. Hughes/ F.V. Keats	F.V. Keats / N. Lind	H.M. Ryhanen	D. Buck	R.F. Krause
1956-57	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	R.G. Steele	H.M. Ryhanen	D. Buck	R.F. Krause
1957-58	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	R.G. Steele	R. Sund	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause
1958-59	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	R.G. Steele	R.Sund/ N. Gilliat	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause
1959-60	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	Steele/ G.A. Longworth	N.W.W. Gilliat	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause
1960-61	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	G.A. Longworth	N.W.W. Gilliat	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause
1961-62	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	G.A. Longworth	N.W.W. Gilliat	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause
1962-63	E.S. Huestis	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	G.A. Longworth	N.W.W. Gilliat	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause

	Director	Crow	Bow	Rocky-Clearwater ¹⁷	Edson	Whitecourt	Lac La Biche
1963-64	R.G. Steele	J.F. Hogan	F.V. Keats	G.A. Longworth	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause	W. E. Coast
1964-65	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	F.V. Keats	F.E. Sutherland	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause	W. E. Coast
1965-66	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	F.V. Keats	F.E. Sutherland	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause	W. E. Coast
1966-67	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	F.V. Keats	F.E. Sutherland	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause	W. E. Coast
1967-68	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	L.P. Gauthier	F.E. Sutherland	H.M. Ryhanen	R.F. Krause	W. E. Coast
1968-69	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	L.P. Gauthier	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	D.H. Fregren (Oct. 1969)	W. E. Coast
1969-70	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	L.P. Gauthier	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	D.H. Fregren	W. E. Coast
1970-71	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	L.P. Gauthier	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	D.H. Fregren	W. E. Coast
1971-72	R.G. Steele	G.A. Longworth	L.P. Gauthier	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	D.H. Fregren	W. E. Coast
1972-73	R.G. Steele	Merged w/ Bow ²⁰	L.P. Gauthier	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	Dick Radke (Dec. 1, 1972)	W. E. Coast
1973-74	R.G. Steele	L.P. Gauthier		F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	Dick Radke	W. E. Coast

	Lac La Biche	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River	Edm - Breton	Edm - Entwistle	Calling Lake – Athabasca
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	L.P. Gauthier	R. Smuland	C.F. Platt	J.D. Champion
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	L.P. Gauthier	R. Smuland	C.F. Platt	J.D. Champion
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	L.P. Gauthier	R. Smuland	C.F. Platt	J.D. Champion
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	L.P. Gauthier	R. Smuland	C.F. Platt	J.D. Champion
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	T.R. Hammer	L.P. Gauthier	R. Smuland	H.M. Ryhanen	J.D. Champion

	Lac La Biche	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W.E. Coast	W.M. Wood	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W.E. Coast	W.J. MacGregor	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W.E. Coast	W.J. MacGregor	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W. E. Coast	W.J. MacGregor	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W. E. Coast	W.J. MacGregor	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W. E. Coast	W.J. MacGregor	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier
	W. E. Coast	W.J. MacGregor	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier

	Athabasca (Ft. McMurray) ¹⁸	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River	Footner Lake ¹⁹
		N.W. Gilliat	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier	
	L.G. Babcock	N.W. Gilliat	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier	
	L.G. Babcock	N.W. Gilliat	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier	
	L.G. Babcock	N.W. Gilliat	R. Smuland	L.P. Gauthier	H.R. Winn
	L.G. Babcock	N.W. Gilliat	R. Smuland	Dick Radke	H.R. Winn
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	R. Smuland	Dick Radke	H.R. Winn
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	R. Smuland	Dick Radke	C.H. Geale
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	R. Smuland	Dick Radke	C.H. Geale
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	R. Smuland	Dick Radke	C.H. Geale
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	D.H. Fregren (Jan. 1, 1972)	G.A. Longworth	C.H. Geale
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	D.H. Fregren	G.A. Longworth	C.A. Dermott

Department of Energy and Natural Resources Forests and Forest Superintendents	Director/ Asst. Deputy Minister ²¹	Bow-Crow	Rocky-Clearwater	Edson	Whitecourt	Lac La Biche	
	1974-75	F.W. McDougall	C.A. Dermott (Sept. 1974)	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	Dick Radke	W.E. Coast
	1975-76	F.W. McDougall	C.A. Dermott	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	Dick Radke	W.E. Coast
	1976-77	F.W. McDougall	C.A. Dermott	F.E. Sutherland	J.E. Benson	Dick Radke	W.E. Coast
	1977-78	F.W. McDougall	J.E. Benson	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth (May 1, 1977)	Dick Radke	L.G. Huberdeau (Oct. 1977)
	1978-79	ADM J.A. Brennan	J.E. Benson	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	Dick Radke	L.G. Huberdeau
	1979-80	J.A. Brennan	J.E. Benson	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	Dick Radke	L.G. Huberdeau
	1980-81	J.A. Brennan	A.J. Peter	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	C.J. Henderson (May 15, 1980)	L.G. Huberdeau
	1981-82	J.A. Brennan	A.J. Peter	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	C.J. Henderson	L.G. Huberdeau
	1982-83	J.A. Brennan	A.J. Peter	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	C.J. Henderson	L.G. Huberdeau
1983-84	J.A. Brennan	A.J. Peter	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	C.J. Henderson	L.G. Huberdeau	
1984-85	J.A. Brennan	A.J. Peter	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth	C.J. Henderson	L.G. Huberdeau	

Department of Forestry, Lands and Wildlife Forests and Forest Superintendents	ADM Forestry ²²	Bow-Crow	Rocky-Clearwater	Edson	Whitecourt	Lac La Biche	
	1985-86	C.B. Smith	A.J. Peter	F.E. Sutherland	N.R. Rodseth/ W. Fairless	C.J. Henderson	L.G. Huberdeau /B.Ward
	1986-87	C.B. Smith	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	C.J. Henderson	B. Ward
	1987-88	C.B. Smith	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	C.J. Henderson	B. Ward
	1988-89	C.B. Smith	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	C.J. Henderson	B. Ward
	1989-90	C.B. Smith	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	G. Bisgrove (Jan. 1989)	B. Ward
	1990-91	K.O. Higginbotham	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	G. Bisgrove	B. Ward
	1991-92	K.O. Higginbotham	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	G. Bisgrove	B. Ward
	1992-93	K.O. Higginbotham	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	W. Fairless	G. Bisgrove	B. Ward

Department of Environmental Protection ²³ Forests and Forest Superintendents	Assistant Deputy Minister Land & Forest Service	Bow-Crow	Rocky-Clw.	Edson	Whitecourt	Lac La Biche	
	1993-94	K.O. Higginbotham	A.J. Peter	Lorne Goff	Bill Fairless	Gordon Bisgrove	Brydon Ward
	1994-95	K.O. Higginbotham	Kelly O'Shea (April 94)	Lorne Goff	Bill Fairless	Gordon Bisgrove (April 95)	Brydon Ward

Department of Environmental Protection ²³ Forests and Forest Superintendents <i>Department Re-structuring²⁴</i>	Assistant Deputy Minister Land & Forest Service	Southern East Slopes Region (Rocky Mountain House)		Northern East Slopes Region (Whitecourt)	Northwest Boreal Region (Peace River)	
	1995-96	C.J. Henderson (July 95)	Lorne Goff/Patrick Guidera (Jan. 96)		Jerry Sunderland	Howard Gray (July 95)
	1996-97	C.J. Henderson	Patrick Guidera		Jerry Sunderland	Howard Gray
	1997-98	C.J. Henderson	Patrick Guidera		Jerry Sunderland	Howard Gray/Rory Thompson ²⁵
	1998-99	C.J. Henderson	Patrick Guidera Parkland/Bow/Prairie Region (Created Oct. 1, 1998)		Jerry Sunderland	Dan Wilkinson

Department of Alberta Environment ²⁶	Assistant Deputy Minister Land & Forest Service	Southern East Slopes Region (Rocky Mountain House)		Northern East Slopes Region (Whitecourt)	Northwest Boreal Region (Peace River)	
	1999-00	C.J. Henderson	Patrick Guidera		Michael Poscente (May 1999)	Dan Wilkinson/Ken McCrae
	2000-01	C.J. Henderson	Patrick Guidera		Michael Poscente	Ken McCrae

	Athabasca (Ft. McMurray)	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River	Footner Lake (High Level)	Pine Ridge Forest Nursery
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	C.B. Smith	G.A. Longworth	C.A. Dermott (Feb. 1, 1974)	
	L.G. Babcock	H.R. Winn	C.B. Smith	G.A. Longworth	N.R. Rodseth (Dec. 1974)	
	A.J. Peter (May 1, 1977)	H.R. Winn	C.B. Smith	G.A. Longworth	N.R. Rodseth	
	A.J. Peter	C.S. McDonald (May 1977)	C.B. Smith	L.G. Babcock (May 1, 1977)	C.J. Henderson	H.R. Winn
	A.J. Peter	C.S. McDonald	C.B. Smith	L.G. Babcock/ A.J. Peter	C.J. Henderson	H.R. Winn
	L.D. Goff	C.S. McDonald	C.B. Smith	A.J. Peter	C.J. Henderson	H.R. Winn
	L.D. Goff/J. Skrenek (Jan 1, 1981)	C.S. McDonald	C.B. Smith	L.D. Goff	C.W. Leary	H.R. Winn
	J. Skrenek	C.S. McDonald	D.M. Timanson (March 1981)	L.D. Goff	C.W. Leary	H.R. Winn
	J. Skrenek	C.S. McDonald	D.M. Timanson	L.D. Goff	C.W. Leary	H.R. Winn
	J. Skrenek (Sept. 1984)	C.S. McDonald	D.M. Timanson	L.D. Goff	C.W. Leary	H.R. Winn
	W. Fairless	C.S. McDonald	D.M. Timanson	L.D. Goff	C.W. Leary	H.R. Winn

	Athabasca	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River	Footner Lake	Pine Ridge Forest Nursery
	W. Fairless	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary (1986)	J. Johnston (1986)	C.S. McDonald (Dec 1985)
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald
	G. Armitage	H.W. Gray	D.M. Timanson	C.W. Leary	J. Johnston	C.S. McDonald

	Athabasca	Slave Lake	Grande Prairie	Peace River	Footner Lake	Pine Ridge Forest Nursery
	Gordon Armitage	Howard Gray	Mort Timanson	Carl Leary	Jorden Johnston (Aug. 1993)	C.S. McDonald
	Gordon Armitage	Howard Gray	Mort Timanson	Carl Leary (June 95)	Carl Leary	Neil Barker (May 1, 1995)

Northeast Boreal Region (Lac La Biche)
B. Ward/N. Barker (June 96)
Neil Barker
Neil Barker
Neil Barker

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Neil Barker
Neil Barker

Department of Sustainable Resource Development ⁷		ADM Forest Protection Division ADM Land & Forest Division	Prairie-Bow-Parkland Region (Rocky Mountain House)	Northern East Slopes Region (Whitecourt)	Northwest Boreal Region (Peace River)
	2001-02	C.J. Henderson; H.W. Gray	Patrick Guidera	Michael Poscente	Ken McCrae
		ADM Forest Protection Division ADM Land & Forest Division ADM Public Lands Division	Southwest Region (Rocky Mountain House)	Southeast Region (Calgary)	Northwest Region (Peace River)
	2002-03	C.J. Henderson; H.W. Gray; J.C. Quintilio	Patrick Guidera	Domenic Ruggieri	Ken McCrae
Department of Sustainable Resource Development		ADM Forest Protection Division ADM Strategic Forestry Initiatives ADM Public Lands and Forests Division	Southwest Region (Rocky Mountain House)	Southeast Region (Calgary)	Northwest Region (Peace River)
	2003-04	Cliff Henderson; Howard Gray; Craig Quintilio	Patrick Guidera	Domenic Ruggieri	Ken McCrae
	2004-05	Cliff Henderson; Howard Gray; Craig Quintilio	David Christensen (Acting)	Domenic Ruggieri	Ken McCrae

End Notes

- Alberta assumed responsibility for natural resources, including forests, on 1 October 1930. For the rest of the fiscal year 1930-31, the former Dominion Forestry Branch organization was continued. There were then four Forest Reserves and the Edmonton Fire Ranging District. The Forest Reserves included the Lesser Slave Forest Reserve and the Rocky Mountains Forest Reserve which comprised five Forests: Crowsnest, Bow River, Clearwater, Brazeau and Athabaska. Two smaller Forest Reserves, Cooking Lake and Cypress Hills were run as ranger districts. The rest of the forested area lay within the Edmonton Fire Ranging District (EFRD).
- In the spring of 1931 the Alberta Forest Service (AFS) took over responsibility for the *Prairie Fires Act* from the Department of Agriculture. The entire province was then declared a Fire District, and new fire regulations were passed. This was to try to effect more unified control over the fire program.
- In 1932 the administration and organization were restructured. Until this time, the AFS was responsible for all protection and timber on the Forest Reserves and protection on the EFRD. Timber berths were issued under authority of the *Public Land Act* and Timber Inspectors worked under the Lands Division to oversee timber sales and logging operations. Most Timber Inspectors were transferred to AFS in 1932 and AFS became responsible for timber as well. Under the new organization, the EFRD was renamed the Northern Alberta Forest District (NAFD), a title that would remain until 1956). The NAFD was divided into eight Divisions and a Timber Inspector was placed in charge of each. The Divisions were staffed by a sparse network of seasonal rangers. Administration of the Forest Reserves remained essentially the same.
- Forest Reserve status for Lesser Slave was dropped in 1932, the former forest reserve was combined with other NAFD lands to form the Slave Lake Division.
- Frank Neilson was Chief Timber Inspector, a position in which he continued to be responsible for the Northern Alberta Forest District. This position later evolved to head of forest protection. He worked through a network of 8 Timber Inspectors whose positions later evolved to Forest Superintendents. In addition to the ones listed, D.A McKay held the position of Timber Inspector at Bonnyville/Wasketanau from 1932 to 1954.
- E.S. (Eric) Huestis noted during his interview that in 1938 and 1939 he was appointed Supervisor of the Brazeau-Athabaska Forest and moved to Edson. At that time headquarters of the combined forests was at Coalspur so he arranged to have it changed to Edson, which enabled more effective train connection with both the Coal Branch and main line to Hinton-Entrance. He likely worked through the two listed "Inspectors" during these years. He moved to Edmonton to be acting assistant director under Ted Blefgen when J.A. Hutchison enlisted.
- The Western Division included Alder Flats, Winfield, Muldoon, Drayton Valley, Carrot Creek, Whitecourt and Fort Assiniboine. Peace River Division included the Grande Prairie area. The McMurray Division included Athabasca and Lac La Biche. McMurray was a forestry administrative centre during the pre-1930 Dominion days, so it was a logical site to choose in 1930 – headquarters changed to Lac La Biche in 1941.
- Westlock was a forestry administrative centre for the DFB, and AFS until 1947 when headquarters was moved to Whitecourt.
- F.E. Smith transferred to Bowden where he served as Timber Inspector until retirement in 1954.
- There were 2 senior positions in Edson – D. Buck as Forest Superintendent of the Brazeau-Athabaska Forest, and H.E. Noble, Timber Inspector for the Edson Division, the area that lay outside the Forest Reserve.
- J.L. (Jack) Janssen remained as Chief Timber Inspector in Edmonton, functioning as head of forest protection. His name is listed among the 'branch' heads on the separate list.
- The Eastern Rockies Forest Conservation Board (ERFCB) was set up in 1948 under federal and provincial acts to increase protection on the important watersheds of the South and North Saskatchewan Rivers. Policies and administration of the three southern Forests – Crowsnest, Bow River and Clearwater – were directed by a federal-provincial board. The previously combined Bow-Crow

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Forest was again split into its original parts. The three Forests were each led by a Forest Superintendent.

¹³ Forest areas in the NAFD were headed by Timber Inspectors located at the locations identified.

¹⁴ The forested lands to the east of the Clearwater Forest lay outside of the Forest Reserve so were not covered by the ERFCB. The Forest Superintendent at Rocky Mountain House also acted as head of what was called the Rocky Forest, for which an Assistant Timber Inspector, later Assistant Forest Superintendent was assigned.

¹⁵ When the three southern Forests were managed by the ERFCB, the Senior Forest Superintendent in Calgary supervised the three Forest Superintendents – in this case, J.P. (Jack) Alexander who was previously Superintendent of the combined Bow-Crow Forest held the position until he retired in 1952.

¹⁶ The new organization was explained by Huestis in a memo to all field personnel dated 2 November 1953. He described that there would be 6 Divisions, each to be led by a Forest Superintendent. It was understood that the three southern Forests continued under the policy arrangement with the ERFCB. In addition, the Rocky Forest would be run by the Forest Superintendent at Rocky Mountain House.

¹⁷ When the Eastern Rockies (ERFCB) agreement expired, administration of the Clearwater Forest was combined with the Rocky Forest into what became known as the Rocky-Clearwater Forest. Clearwater-Rocky was considered, but AFS wanted each forest name to start with a different letter, and Crowsnest already had the 'C'.

¹⁸ Athabasca Forest was created in 1964 by splitting off the northern portion of the Lac La Biche Forest. Consideration was given to naming the area the 'Fort McMurray' forest since historically the Athabasca forest was located in the Edson area. However, AFS wanted to save the letter 'F' for the proposed Footner Lake Forest.

¹⁹ Footner Lake Forest was created in 1966 by splitting off the northern portion of the Peace River Forest.

²⁰ Crowsnest Forest was combined with Bow River in 1973, called Bow-Crow Forest.

²¹ When Bob Steele retired in 1978, Fred McDougall was appointed Deputy Minister of Natural Resources to replace him. The position of Director of Forestry was re-named Assistant Deputy Minister for Forestry and J.A. (Al) Brennan was recruited to head the Alberta Forest Service.

²² In the new Department of Forestry Lands and Wildlife, Al Brennan was appointed to head the new Forest Industry Development Division (FIDD) to encourage investment in the sector. C.B. (Cliff) Smith was promoted to Assistant Deputy Minister for Forestry. Fred McDougall was named Deputy Minister of the new department.

²³ Department restructuring – Department of Environmental Protection created.

²⁴ Field organization for Environmental Protection for the province as a whole restructured to six Regions, of which four were predominantly in the forested areas. In December 1994 the division was renamed Land and Forest Service from Land and Forest Services (for a short period in December, the division was named Lands and Forests Services).

²⁵ Howard Gray went to Economic Development as the Executive Director of the Forest Products Branch. Ken McCrae was Acting Director until the appointment of Rory Thompson.

²⁶ Department and Regions re-named

²⁷ Department of Sustainable Resource Development was created March 15, 2001. Divisions of Forest Protection, Lands and Forests, Fish and Wildlife, and Strategic Corporate Services were created.

²⁸ Division of Strategic Forestry Initiatives was created.

²⁹ Provincial election held November 2004 and Minister Coutts appointed as new minister of Sustainable Resource Development.