

Boots in the Forest

DISTRICT RANGER

Hi, I'm Jon Stansfield, District Ranger of the Pleasant Grove Ranger District, which is one of seven ranger districts on the Uinta-Wasatch-Cache National Forest. I'm proud to be a district ranger and fill the boots of a position that's had a long and historic legacy in the US Forest Service.

Where were you when this photo was taken?

I was at Tibble Fork Reservoir on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.



What is a district ranger?

A district ranger is a leader within the Forest Service and local communities who is responsible for providing the goods and services that result from the multiple uses of National Forests for current and future generations. As one of the first jobs in the Forest Service, it has a long legacy.

What are the primary uses on your district?

The primary use on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District is recreation. Each year, nearly 1.5 million visitors utilize the American Fork Canyon area for hiking, biking, horseback riding, off-highway vehicle use, picnicking, and developed/dispersed camping.

What do you do?

First and foremost, I stay engaged with my employees to ensure that they have the guidance and support they need to successfully manage natural resources. I am responsible for representing my District as well as providing forest-wide leadership as a member of the Forest Leadership Team. I also spend a large amount of time meeting with members of the community and local, county, and state representatives who have an interest in the management of National Forests.

What kind of boots are you wearing?

I'm wearing my field boots and when I lace them up, they remind me of where the work gets done for the US Forest Service.

Why do you like being a district ranger?

I like it because it allows me to be involved with all aspects of managing the National Forests, which includes wildland fire, wildlife, recreation, and timber management. I also enjoy building safe, inclusive, and multi-faceted teams that build internal and external relationships, embrace change, and push through adversity as we manage public lands. I'm proud to represent the US Forest Service and the work that our employees do in



Jon wears field boots while working outdoors on the Pleasant Grove Ranger District.

managing public lands for current and future generations. Working for the Forest Service means making a difference. Working for the Forest Service means serving people.

What is a highlight of your job?

The highlight of my job is building relationships and friendships with my employees, my peers, and the public that I serve.

If you had to pick another occupation, what would it be?

I'm currently doing the job that I love and dreamed of doing as a forestry student at Colorado State University. I can't imagine any other occupation other than working for the finest land management agency in the world.



Check out this [video](#) to learn more about

District Ranger Jon Stansfield.

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PLEASANT GROVE RANGER DISTRICT

The Pleasant Grove Ranger District was renamed in 1925 to the American Fork Ranger District. At that time, it was part of the Wasatch National Forest. In 1954, the Forest Service transferred it to the Uinta National Forest and changed its name back to the Pleasant Grove Ranger District. Check out the District's [home page](#) for current news and information about recreational opportunities.

The Civilian Conservation Corps was active on the District. They built the South Fork and Timpooneke Guard Stations, improved the Mutual Dell recreation area, and built numerous trails including one to Hansen Cave.

[Click here](#) to learn more about the CCC's work on the District.



South Fork Guard Station, 1938



Timpooneke Guard Station, 1937