

**Mono Meadow Ranger Station log cabin:** The November 1914 edition of *The Sierra Ranger, A Quarterly Bulletin of the Sierra National Forest*, describes the construction of the Mono Meadow Ranger Station at Mono Meadow on Mono Creek:

Assistant Ranger M. C. Cathey with a small crew of men spent most of the summer on improvement work in the vicinity of Mono Hot Springs. This work included a log cabin and pasture fence at Mono Ranger Station, the fencing of a tourist pasture and considerable repair work on trails.

Ranger Cathey and his crew were part of the new imprint of the US government on this portion of the Sierra Nevada. Two decades earlier, on February 14, 1893, the Sierra Forest Reserve was proclaimed by President Harrison under the terms of the Forest Reserve Act of 1891. In 1905 the Forest Reserves were transferred from the Department of the Interior to the Agriculture Department, establishing the United States Forest Service. At that time the Sierra Forest Reserve became the Sierra National Forest, the second National Forest created in California and the largest at the time.

Ranger Cathey's log cabin on the south side of Mono Creek at Mono Meadow became the summer administrative hub of the High Sierra District once it was completed in 1914. This log cabin Ranger Station still stands on the edge of Mono Meadow, overlooking Mono Creek.



**How to get there:** From the Mono Hot Springs Resort on Kaiser Pass Road to Lake Edison, hike north from the Doris Lake Trailhead on trail 27E21 about 1.5 miles to Mono Meadow on Mono Creek. The cabin is on the west edge of the meadow, by the creek. There is no access to the inside of the cabin.