

Reach the Monument

miles of surfaced road, State Highway 477, connects Fort with U.S. 85 at a point one-half mile north of Watrous. The nearest large community is Las Vegas, N. Mex., 26 miles to the south. Wagon Mound, N. Mex., is 27 miles to the west. No public transportation to the area is available.

Administration

Union National Monument is administered by the National Park Service, U.S. Department of the Interior. A superintendent, whose address is Watrous, N. Mex., is in immediate charge.

Other Areas

Other areas included in the National Park System are many other important areas connected with various periods in American history. In addition to Fort Union National Monument, those commemorating various phases of western history are Jefferson National Expansion Memorial, St. Louis, Mo.; Homestead and Scotts Bluff National Monuments, Nebr.; Fort Laramie National Historic Site, Wyo.; Teton National Park, Wyo.; Custer Battlefield and Big Hole National Monument, Mont.; Whitman Mission National Monument, Fort Vancouver National Monument, and Fort Clatsop National Memorial, Wash.; McLoughlin House National Historic Site, reg.; Lava Beds National Monument, Calif.; and Pipe Spring National Monument, Ariz. Three additional areas have been authorized by the Congress at this writing but have not been formally established: Fort Davis, Tex.; Fort Smith, Ark.; and Bent's Old Fort, Colo.

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New Mexico

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Appendix 1

Commanding Officers of Fort Union, 1851-91

Officer	Rank	Unit	Period served
Edmond B. Alexander ¹ . . .	Capt. and bvt. lt. col.	3d Infantry	July 26, 1851- Apr. 22, 1852.
James H. Carleton ²	Capt. and bvt. maj.	1st Dragoons	Apr. 22, 1852- Aug. 3, 1852.
William T. H. Brooks . . .	Capt. and bvt. maj.	3d Infantry	Aug. 3, 1852- Dec. 18, 1852.
Gouverneur Morris	Maj.	3d Infantry	Dec. 18, 1852- June 30, 1853.
Horace Brooks	Capt. and bvt. lt. col.	2d Artillery	June 30, 1853- Aug. 3, 1853.
Nathaniel C. Macrae ³	Capt.	3d Infantry	Aug. 3, 1853- Nov. 4, 1853.
Philip St. George Cooke ⁴ . .	Lt. col.	2d Dragoons	Nov. 4, 1853- Sept. 17, 1854.
Thomas T. Fauntleroy ⁵ . . .	Col.	1st Dragoons	Sept. 17, 1854- June 29, 1856.
William N. Grier	Capt. and bvt. maj.	1st Dragoons	June 29, 1856- Aug. 21, 1856.
Henry B. Clitz	1st lt.	3d Infantry	Aug. 21, 1856- Sept. 27, 1856.
William W. Loring ⁶	Col.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	Sept. 27, 1856- May 31, 1859.
John S. Simonson	Maj.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	May 31, 1859- June 7, 1859.
Robert M. Morris	Capt.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	June 7, 1859- Oct. 22, 1859.
John S. Simonson	Maj.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	Oct. 22, 1859- Aug. 15, 1860.
Charles F. Ruff	Maj.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	Aug. 15, 1860- Sept. 17, 1860.

[Note: Post commanders frequently were absent on field or detached service. At such times the next ranking officer acted as post commander. Acting post commanders are not shown on this list. At other times an officer senior to the post commander served for a short period at the fort and by virtue of superior rank took temporary command of the post until his departure, when the command reverted to the previous incumbent. These officers are not listed either. Brevet (Bvt.) ranks were conferred for gallant or meritorious service. If ordered by proper authority, an officer might serve and be paid in his brevet rank. This happened frequently before the Civil War but was rare after the war, when more high-ranking officers were available for top commands.]

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George B. Crittenden ⁷	Lt. col.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	Sept. 17, 1860– Feb. 28, 1861.
Thomas Duncan.....	Capt.	Regiment of Mounted Riflemen.	Feb. 28, 1861– May 18, 1861.
Henry Hopkins Sibley ⁸ ...	Maj.	1ST Dragoons	May 18, 1861– June 13, 1861.
William Chapman.....	Maj. and bvt. lt. col.	2d Infantry	June 13, 1861– Dec. 9, 1861.
Gabriel R. Paul.....	Col.	4th New Mexico Infantry.	Dec. 9, 1861– Apr. 6, 1862.
Asa B. Carey.....	Capt.	13th Infantry	Apr. 6, 1862– June 4, 1862.
Peter W. L. Plympton...	Capt.	7th Infantry	June 4, 1862– Aug. 1862.
Henry D. Wallen.....	Maj.	7th Infantry	Aug. 1862– Sept. 25, 1862.
Peter W. L. Plympton...	Capt.	7th Infantry	Sept. 25, 1862– Aug. 12, 1863.
William R. McMullen...	Capt.	1st California Infantry.	Aug. 12, 1863– Sept. 1, 1864.
Henry R. Selden ⁹	Col.	1st New Mexico Infantry.	Sept. 1, 1864– Jan. 1865.
Francisco P. Abreu.....	Lt. col.	1st New Mexico Infantry.	Jan. 1865– Aug. 1865.
Edward B. Ellis.....	Lt. col.	1st New Mexico Infantry.	Aug. 1865– Dec. 23, 1865.
Christopher Carson ¹⁰	Col.	1st New Mexico Cavalry.	Dec. 23, 1865– Apr. 21, 1866.
John Thompson.....	Maj.	1st New Mexico Cavalry.	Apr. 21, 1866– Aug. 12, 1866.
Elisha G. Marshall.....	Col. and bvt. brig. gen.	5th Infantry	Aug. 12, 1866– Feb. 20, 1867.
William B. Lane.....	Maj. and bvt. lt. col.	3d Cavalry	Feb. 20, 1867– Oct. 15, 1867.
John R. Brooke ¹¹	Lt. col. and bvt. brig. gen.	37th Infantry	Oct. 15, 1867– July 12, 1868.
William N. Grier ¹²	Col. and bvt. brig. gen.	3d Cavalry	July 12, 1868– June 1, 1870.
J. Irvin Gregg.....	Col. and bvt. brig. gen.	8th Cavalry	June 1, 1870– Aug. 28, 1873.
John W. Eckles.....	1st lt. and bvt. maj.	15th Infantry	Aug. 28, 1873– Sept. 15, 1873.
Andrew J. Alexander.....	Maj. and bvt. brig. gen.	8th Cavalry	Sept. 15, 1873– July 9, 1874.
Henry A. Ellis.....	Capt.	15th Infantry	July 9, 1874– Nov. 21, 1875.
James M. Ropes.....	1st lt.	8th Cavalry	Nov. 21, 1875– Dec. 20, 1875.

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James F. Wade ¹³	Maj. and bvt. brig. gen.	9th Cavalry	Dec. 20, Nov. 2
Nathan A. M. Dudley ¹⁴ ..	Lt. col. and bvt. col.	9th Cavalry	Nov. 24, Aug. 2
Edward W. Whittemore..	Capt. and bvt. maj.	15th Infantry	Aug. 23, Sept. 3
A. P. Morrow.....	Maj.	9th Cavalry	Sept. 3, 1 Nov. 2
Edward W. Whittemore..	Capt. and bvt. maj.	15th Infantry	Nov. 26, Jan. 14
Nathan A. M. Dudley...	Lt. col. and bvt. col.	9th Cavalry	Jan. 14, 1 June 18
Edward W. Whittemore..	Capt. and bvt. maj.	15th Infantry	June 1880 July 18
Harrison S. Weeks.....	1st lt.	8th Cavalry	July 1880 Oct. 25
John B. Parke.....	Capt. and bvt. lt. col.	10th Infantry	Oct. 25, 1 Nov. 11
Harrison S. Weeks.....	1st lt.	8th Cavalry	Nov. 1880 Dec. 9,
Edward W. Whittemore..	Capt.	15th Infantry	Dec. 9, 18 Feb. 25,
Nathan W. Osborne.....	Maj.	15th Infantry	Feb. 25, 11 June 11
Edward W. Whittemore..	Capt.	15th Infantry	June 11, 1 Aug. 13
James J. Van Horn.....	Maj.	13th Infantry	Aug. 13, 1 Sept. 4,
Harrison S. Weeks.....	1st lt.	8th Cavalry	Sept. 4, 18 Oct. 21,
Granville O. Haller.....	Col.	23d Infantry	Oct. 21, 11 Feb. 8, 1
George K. Brady.....	Capt. and bvt. lt. col.	23d Infantry	Feb. 8, 188 May 29,
Thomas MacK. Smith....	Capt.	23d Infantry	May 29, 11 July 12,
George K. Brady.....	Capt. and bvt. lt. col.	23d Infantry	July 12, 18 Oct. 16,
Henry M. Black.....	Col.	23d Infantry	Oct. 16, 18 Jan. 6, 11
Henry R. Mizner.....	Lt. col.	10th Infantry	Jan. 6, 1884 Aug. 10,
Henry Douglass.....	Col.	10th Infantry	Aug. 10, 11 Dec. 31,
A. P. Morrow.....	Lt. col.	6th Cavalry	Dec. 31, 18 Dec. 2, 1
Edward W. Whittemore ¹⁵ .	Maj.	10th Infantry	Dec. 2, 189 Feb. 21,
John H. Schollenberger..	1st lt.	10th Infantry	Feb. 21, 189 May 15,

