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RIDER NAMED ASSISTANT AREA DIRECTOR AT BILLINGS

Burton Rider, a Gros Ventre-Cree Indian, has been named Assistant Area Director for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Billings, Montana office, Acting Deputy Commissioner Sidney L. Mills said today.

Rider, 49, has been Superintendent of the Fort Peck Agency at Poplar, Montana. His appointment in the area office will be effective October 21. He succeeds Maurice W. (Bill) Babby who has accepted a position in the Office of the Commissioner in Washington, D.C.

A United States Army veteran, Rider began working with BIA in 1954 and has held increasingly responsible jobs in various agency and area offices. He was named Superintendent at Fort Peck in 1975 and, for four years before that, was the Employment Assistance Officer at the Minneapolis Area Office.

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