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Richard C. Whitesell, an enrolled member of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe,, has been named Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Flathead Agency at Ronan, Montana, Assistant Secretary Forrest J. Gerard announced today. Whitesell's appointment will be effective November 6.

Whitesell has been Assistant Area Director for Community Services in the BIA's Phoenix, Arizona office for the past year. He was the Education Program Administrator at the Flandreau Indian School in South Dakota from 1971 to 1976 and at the Riverside: School in Oklahoma 1969-71.

A member of the U.S. Marine Corps for four years, Whitesell graduated from the State College at Dickinson, North Dakota and earned a Masters in Education from the South Dakota State University in 1969.

Whitesell, 41, was a teacher-coach in the Brockton, Montana public schools and at the BIA schools at Pierre and Cheyenne River in South Dakota.