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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson has changed the Bureau of Indian Affairs' service structure in the State of Nevada. Official notice of the changes is being published in the Federal Register.

Formerly served by a single agency office, the state will now have an Eastern Nevada Agency at Owyhee and a Western Nevada Agency at Stewart. This change was requested by Indian Tribal and community groups in Western Nevada. Splitting the state into two agency jurisdictions is expected to improve services.

The Stewart Indian School, a boarding high school operated by the Bureau, has been withdrawn from agency jurisdiction and will be under the area office at Phoenix, Arizona. Excluding the large Navajo Reservation, the Phoenix Area includes Arizona, Nevada, and Utah.

The changes in Nevada are effective November.