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Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson today announced the appointment of two Superintendents of Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies in the Pacific Northwest - the Umatilla, Western Washington Agencies --and one Assistant Superintendent -- within the Yakima Agency.

Jose Carpio, 46, an Isleta Pueblo Indian, will become Superintendent of the Umatilla Agency July 21. Headquarters of the Agency is at Pendleton, Ore. Stephen A. Lozar, 49, an enrolled member of the Flathead Tribe, will become superintendent of the Western Washington Agency headquartered at Everett, Wash. July 28. Merritt E. Youngdeer, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, will become Assistant Superintendent of the Yakima Agency July 21. Agency headquarters is at Toppenish, Wash.

Carpio replaces Harold Duck, who retired December 1973 after ten years as Superintendent of the Umatilla Agency. He has served at four Bureau of Indian Affairs agencies: Colorado River, United Pueblos, Jicarilla Agency, and Eastern Navajo Agency. He has also held posts at Albuquerque Indian School, from which he was graduated, and the Institute of American Indian Art, Santa Fe, New Mex. He served as Administrative Manager at the Eastern Navajo Agency and the Institute of American Indian Art.

He was graduated from the Department of the Interior supervisory and management training course, and is a veteran of four years in the U.S Marine Corps.

Stephen A. Lozar replaces George Felshaw who died in October 1973 after more than 11 years as Superintendent of the Western Washington Agency. Lozar cares to the Western Washington Agency from the Colorado River Agency, Parker, Ariz. He had been real property management officer at the Western Washington Agency in 1968 and assistant superintendent until September 1971 when he moved to the post of Area Field Representative at Riverside, Calif.

He has served in posts at the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Flathead and Wind River Agencies. In addition, he has worked in the Portland and Sacramento Area Offices.

He has attended the University of Montana and served for a year in the U.S. Army.

Merritt E. Youngdeer replaces Barney Dunn, who retired recently after A 14 years as assistant Superintendent of the Yakima Agency. He is a graduate of Haskell Institute - now Haskell Indian Junior College - commercial course and the Navajo Area 7th bureau Field Management Program and the Interior Department Manager Development Program.

He began his career in 1964 with the Rosebud Indian Hospital of the Indian Health Service. He has held successively responsible posts in the Bureau of Indian Affairs Wind River, Tuba City Agencies, in Wyoming, and Arizona, in the Institute of American Indian Art, Santa Fe, N.M., and the Anadarko Area Office, Anadarko, Okla.