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Secretary of the Interior Bruce Babbitt has named Michael J. Anderson, as Acting Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs until the end of the Clinton Administration. Mr. Anderson has been serving in the position of Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs. He succeeds Kevin Gover, who resigned on January 3, 2001.

Prior to becoming Deputy Assistant Secretary in 1995, Anderson served as Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs. Before joining the Solicitor's Office in August, 1993, Anderson served as Executive Director of the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). From 1991-1992, Anderson practiced environmental law with the firm of McKenna & Cuneo. In 1991, he was Associate Counsel and, later, General Counsel for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs' Special Committee on Investigations. Mr. Anderson, a member of the Muscogee Creek Nation, graduated from the University of Oklahoma in 1980 and Georgetown University Law Center in 1984.

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