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Interior's Assistant Secretary Ross Swimmer today announced the appointments of C. L. Henson as Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Colorado River Agency in Parker, Arizona; and George E. Keller as Superintendent of the Truxton Canon Agency in Valentine, Arizona.

Henson, a native of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and an enrolled member of the Cherokee Tribe, has been Superintendent of the Truxton Canon Agency since 1982. He replaces Patrick Hayes who has been assigned to the BIA Phoenix area office. Henson joined the Bureau in 1963 as a voucher examiner in Phoenix. In addition to various jobs at agency offices in Arizona, he has served as administrative officer in BIA area offices in Albuquerque and Sacramento. From 1979 to 1982 he served in Juneau, Alaska, first as Housing Development Officer and then as Tribal Operations Officer.

Keller is a member of the Rosebud Sioux Indian Tribe and joined the BIA in 1963 as a teacher in the Flandreau Indian School in Flandreau, S.D. He served in several education positions in BIA before becoming Superintendent at the Rosebud Agency in 1976. After leaving that position in 1981, he served for nine months as a training program officer at BIA's Office of Technical Training before being named Superintendent at the San Carlos Agency in August of 1982 where he has served since that time.

Keller has a B.S. degree in Biology from Chadron State Teachers College and in 1968 received a K.ED degree in School Administration from South Dakota State University. Henson and Keller will report to their new duty stations on October 27.