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Commissioner of Indian Affairs William E. Hallett has named Jose "Abe" Zuni acting director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Juneau, Alaska area office. His appointment is effective immediately.

Zuni, a member of the Isleta Pueblo, is a 31-year veteran in the BIA. Since September of 1979 he has been the Bureau's Management Improvement Liaison Officer, stationed in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He has previously served as Director of the Office of Administration in Washington, D. C. and held other top management positions in the Bureau.

John Hope, who has been serving as the acting area director, was recently elected to the position of president of the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Tribes.

The permanent appointment of an area director for the Juneau area is in the approval process. Zuni will serve in the interim.

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