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Commissioner of Indian Affairs William E. Hallett today announced the appointment of new superintendents for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Umatilla and Pima Agencies.

William D. Sandoval, a San Juan Pueblo/Navajo Indian, is the superintendent at Umatilla in Pendleton, Oregon. Edmund L. Thompson, an enrolled member of the Pima Tribe, has been selected as the superintendent at Pima in Sacaton, Arizona.

Sandoval has worked for the Bureau in the Southwest for six years. During the past three years he has been the Administrative Officer and then the Program Analysis Officer at the Umatilla Agency. Sandoval attended the New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and the College of Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Thompson has worked for the Bureau for ten years, including employment from 1973 to 1978 as Reservation Program Officer for the Pima Agency, and from 1978 to 1980 as a Superintendent Intern in the Phoenix Area Office. He was the Acting Director and Deputy Director of the Model Cities Program's Tribal Planning Department from 1970 to 1973 and the manager of the Pima Tribal cattle operation from 1967 to 1970.

Thompson received a B.S. in agricultural management from the University of Northern Colorado.