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Appointment of Kendall Cumming, land operations officer for the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Fort Defiance, Ariz., as superintendent of the Jicarilla Apache Agency, Dulce, N. Mex., effective August 19, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

He succeeds the late John B. Keliiaa, who died in Washington, D. C., last January.

Born at Nogales, Ariz., in 1925, Cumming attended the University of Arizona as an undergraduate and took a master's degree in range ecology there in 1950. That same year he went to work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs as a range management assistant at Chinle, Ariz., on the Navajo Reservation.

In the years that followed he was assigned to positions of steadily increasing responsibility at other locations on the Navajo and Hopi Reservations. He has been stationed at Fort Defiance for the past five years.