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Jack R. Ridley, a Washoe-Shoshone Indian, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Office of Tribal Resources Development in Washington, D.C., Interior Assistant Secretary Forrest Gerard announced today

Ridley has served as Director of the Center for Native American Development at the University of Idaho, Moscow, Idaho since 1977.

In his new position, one of five directorates in the Bureau's Central Office structure, Ridley will be the top staff official responsible for assisting tribes in Indian business enterprise development, credit and finance, job placement and training, and transportation programs. He will also supervise the operation of the Indian Technical Assistance Center in Lakewood, Colorado.

A native of Stewart, Nevada, Ridley came to the University of Idaho in 1966 as an assistant professor after earning his doctorate at the University of California at Davis, California. He graduated with a B.S. degree from the University of Nevada in 1961 and received a Master's from the same school in 1963.