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The appointments of three officials to serve in administrative positions on the Navajo Reservation were announced today by Interior Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Forrest Gerard.

Ted S. Koenig was named Assistant Area Director for Resource in the Navajo Area Office.

Albert L. Keller was appointed Supervisory General Engineer for the Navajo Irrigation Project.

Thomas H. Begay was made Superintendent of the Chinle, Agency on the reservation.

Koenig, who has a degree in forest management from North Carolina State University, has worked for the Federal Government in forestry and resource management since 1960. He had been a supervisory forester in the Navajo Area and had, most recently, been Acting Superintendent of the Fort Defiance Agency.

Keller received his degree in agricultural engineering from South Dakota State University. A 24-year employee of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, he worked on reservations in South Dakota before coming to Navajo. He has been Natural Resource Manager at the Shiprock Agency.

Begay, a full-blooded Navajo, served in both the United States Marine Corps and Army. A Utah State alumnus, he began his career with BIA in 1958. He was the Vocational Development Officer at the Chinle Agency.

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