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Donald E. Loudner, a member of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, has been appointed Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Yankton, South Dakota Agency, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Morris Thompson announced today.

Loudner has been Coordinator of the Office of Indian Affairs for the State of South Dakota for the last four years.

A long-time resident of Mitchell, South Dakota, Loudner was active in Indian matters there, and for six years was a member of the South Dakota State Indian Commission.

Loudner, 44, worked for almost 20 years as a purchasing agent and supply clerk for the South Dakota National Guard. A veteran of the United States Army Infantry, he has been a post commander and held other offices in the American As an active member in the National Guard, he now holds legion the rank of Chief Warrant Officer.