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The Department of the Interior's Assistant Secretary .for Indian Affairs, Eddie F. Brown, today announced the appointment of Patrick A. Hayes as Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for Trust and Economic Development. The 44-year-old enrolled member of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Sioux tribe has been acting in the position for the past several months. The appointment is effective immediately.

"Pat Hayes has the kind of experience in Indian Affairs and in legal matters that makes him well qualified to advise and assist me in securing and protecting Indian rights and resources to the highest degree of fiduciary standards," Brown said. "He also has the experience that will help me to determine the role that the Bureau should be playing in the economic development efforts of Indian tribes now and into the year 2000."

For the past three years, Hayes has served as realty officer in BIA's Phoenix area office. From June 1983 to October, 1986 he was superintendent of the Colorado River Agency in Parker, Arizona, and before that served for four years as chief of the division of tribal government services in BIA's Washington, D.C., headquarters offices. Other Bureau assignments included two years as judicial services officer for the BIA in Washington, and 18 months as enrollment coordinator in the Juneau, Alaska, area office. He has also served in varying legal positions in the private sector.

Hayes holds a B.A. in Government/History/Economics from the University of South Dakota and a Juris Doctorate from the University of New Mexico. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1970.