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Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay today announced that the Fort Yuma Indian Reservation, located in southeastern California, just north of Yuma, Arizona, will be transferred on January 1 from the jurisdiction of the Indian Bureau office at Sacramento, California, to the area office at Phoenix, Ariz.

The move is being made primarily because of specialties which the Fort Yuma Indians have with other Indian groups on the Arizona side of the Colorado River.

Fort Yuma Reservation was established in 1917 in the easternmost part of Imperial County, California, and comprises approximately 7,800 acres. The Indian population is estimated at slightly under 1,000.