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Immediate transfer of administrative jurisdiction over two small Indian reservations, Kaibab in Arizona and Skull Valley in Utah, was announced today by the Department of the Interior.

Under the shift, approved July 18 by Commissioner of Indian Affairs Glenn L. Emmons, the Kaibab Reservation will transfer from jurisdiction of the Uintah-Ouray Agency, 450 miles away at Fort Duchesne, Utah, to that of the Hopi Agency, 150 miles distant at Keams Canyon, Ariz. The Kaibab Band of Paiutes currently includes about 100 members and the reservation comprises approximately 120,000 acres of tribally owned land.

For the same reasons of proximity, the Skull Valley Reservation is being transferred from jurisdiction of the Nevada Agency, Stewart, Nev., to that of the more closely located Uintah-Ouray Agency at Fort Duchesne. The reservation comprises about 17,000 acres of tribally owned land and approximately 480 acres of allotted land owned by individual Indians. It is inhabited by the Goshute Band comprising about 40 members.

All of the reservations and agencies involved are under the administrative jurisdiction of the Bureau1 s area office at Phoenix, Ariz., headed by Area Director Frederick M. Haverland.