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Anson A. Baker, an enrolled member of the Mandan-Hidatsa Tribe, has been appointed Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Billings, Montana Area Office, Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs Forrest J. Gerard announced today. The appointment was effective April 8, 1979.

Baker has been Superintendent of the Blackfeet Agency at Browning, Montana since 1976.

The Billings Area includes the seven reservations in Montana and the Wind River Reservation in Wyoming. James Canan, who was the Billings Director since 1962, is now Field Project Manager for the BIA's Management Improvement Project.

Baker, 51, has also served as the Superintendents at the Fort Peck, Crow Agencies in Montana and the Fort Berthold Agency in North Dakota.

He began his career with BIA in 1951 as a property and supply clerk in the Aberdeen, South Dakota, Area Office. He later worked at the Rosebud and Pine Ridge Agencies in South Dakota and the Fort Belknap Agency in Montana. His first assignment as an agency superintendent was in 1967.

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