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### 130 DM 6

**6.1 Office of the Deputy Director - Field Operations.** The Deputy Director - Field Operations, reports to the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and provides direction to regional offices, agencies, and field offices.

**6.2 Responsibilities.** The Deputy Director is responsible for:

- A. Monitoring and evaluating the performance of the regional and field offices.
- B. Conducting periodic/specific program reviews of field operations.
- C. Providing specialized and programmatic technical assistance to field offices and tribes.

**6.3 Organization.** The organizations under the Deputy Director - Field Operations, include regional and agency offices reporting to a Regional Director and subagencies reporting to Agency Offices. Functional descriptions and locations for regional, agency, and subagency offices are provided in 130 DM 11 and 130 DM 12 respectively.

A. **Regional Director.** Each Regional Office is headed by a Regional Director who reports to the Office of the Deputy Director - Field Operations. Each Regional Director is responsible for all Bureau activities, within a defined geographical area, except education, law enforcement, and functions of an administrative nature. The typical Regional Office includes a Deputy Regional Director - Trust Services and Deputy Regional Director - Indian Services.

(1) The Deputy Regional Director - Trust Services oversees staff specialists responsible for natural resources (water resources; farm, pasture, and range; fish and wildlife and parks); forestry and fire; irrigation and safety of dams; and real estate services (land acquisition and disposal, land title records, probate, rights-of-way, and leases/permits).

(2) The Deputy Regional Director - Indian Services oversees a staff of specialists responsible for transportation (planning and design, construction, and maintenance) and tribal services (tribal governments, human services, and housing).

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B. Agency Superintendent. Agency offices report to regional offices and are headed by a Superintendent. The Agency Superintendent generally works with the program Deputy Regional Director and is assisted by two Deputy Agency Superintendents. The Deputy Agency Superintendents, assisted by one or more specialists, direct and supervise the operation of programs administered by the BIA and monitor, support, and provide technical assistance to the tribal governments when an agency program or programs are administered under self-determination awards.

(1) The Deputy Agency Superintendent - Indian Services is typically responsible for at least two program areas on one or more reservations, i.e., activities include but are not limited to roads and tribal operations. The Deputy Agency Superintendent is assisted by one or more specialists and is responsible for directing and supervising program operations administered by the BIA, and monitoring, supporting, and providing technical assistance to the tribal governments when an agency program or programs are administered under self-determination awards.

(2) The Deputy Agency Superintendent - Trust Services is typically responsible for natural resources, forestry/fire, and real estate services including land consolidation and probates.

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