

DARRYL D. LACOUNTE, II
Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs



Darryl LaCounte has been designated the Acting Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) effective April 26, 2018. Mr. LaCounte served as the Acting Deputy Director, Office of Trust Services in Washington DC as of February 18, 2018 and is the BIA Rocky Mountain Regional Director based out of Billings Montana since March 2015. Before his permanent appointment as Regional Director, Mr. LaCounte was appointed as a Special Assistant to the Director from March of 2010 until January 2014 prior to being the Acting Regional Director for the Rocky Mountain Region.

Mr. LaCounte's career in the Bureau of Indian Affairs began in July 1988 at the Wind River Agency where he served as an Oil and Gas Specialist in the Branch of Realty. In August 1991, Mr. LaCounte was appointed to a Realty Specialist (Oil & Gas and Tenure and Management) position in the Billings Area Office. In October 1995, Mr. LaCounte began serving as the Land

Titles and Records Office Manager and served in the position until July 2001 when he accepted the Deputy Regional Realty Officer position in the Rocky Mountain Regional Office. In June 2003 he began serving as a Special Assistant for Trust Reform in the Office of the Commissioner (Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs) where he served until he was appointed as the Deputy Regional Director – Trust Services, Rocky Mountain Region, in August 2004 and served in this capacity until March of 2010.

Prior to working for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mr. LaCounte worked in the agriculture industry in eastern Montana and western North Dakota and also worked in the oil and gas exploration field in Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming, Colorado and Nebraska.

Mr. LaCounte is a native of Sidney, Montana and graduated from Eastern Montana College (presently - Montana State University – Billings) in 1986 with a Bachelor of Arts. Mr. LaCounte is a member of Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe headquartered in the State of North Dakota.