

BIA Alaska shift likely

Some major announcements about the direction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Alaska may be expected within a matter of weeks, according to usually reliable and highly placed sources in Washington.

The changes may be expected to include a commitment from Interior and Bureau officials to improve communication between top BIA administrators and the Alaska Native Community, as well as greater attention given to particular problems being experienced by Alaska Native tribal groups, the Tundra Times has learned.

Specific areas of change may include the addition of Washington-based personnel to address Alaskan issues and significant shifts in direction and organization in the Juneau Area Office of the BIA, sources indicate.