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SUBJECT: Climate Adaptation for Department of Defense Natural Resources Managers

This memorandum releases the guide on, "Climate Adaptation for Department of Defense (DoD) Natural Resources Managers." DoD installations will experience significant impacts from a changing climate which could compromise their capacity to support readiness and undermine DoD's ability to protect and restore the native ecosystems needed to conduct realistic training and testing activities. Although DoD Instruction 4715.03 requires DoD natural resources managers to incorporate climate adaptation strategies into installation Integrated Natural Resources Management Plans (INRMPs), there are few tools available to help them do this.

This guide provides an overview of how a changing climate may affect military lands and other resources, and offers a six-step process for incorporating adaptation strategies into INRMPs. It introduces installation managers to overarching concepts and principles, and is structured around a generalized, yet flexible, INRMP adaptation planning process.

We developed this guide in collaboration with headquarters and installation DoD Component staff. Please accept my thanks for your staff's efforts to review and edit this guide.

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