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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
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(ENVIRONMENT)

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FORCE (ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, SAFETY AND  
OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH)

SUBJECT: DoD Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC) Strategic Plan

I am writing to inform you of an invitation-only workshop to develop a strategic plan for the newly emerging *Department of Defense (DoD) Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC)* initiative.

The DoD PARC Strategic Plan project was funded in 2009 by the DoD Legacy Resource Management Program (project 09-423). Our goal is to produce a document that provides an overview of the newly created DoD PARC initiative and the benefits to both military readiness and herpetofaunal (amphibious and reptiles) conservation that can be implemented through a partnership-based strategic plan.

The intent of the Plan is to provide:

- a comprehensive introduction to herpetofauna on DoD lands;
- a summary of DoD's role in protecting and managing herpetofauna;
- an outline of the potential benefits of a partnership between DoD and the national PARC organization; and
- a clear direction for actions that DoD can take to improve and coordinate management of herpetofauna on its lands.

To produce this document, we plan to hold a scoping workshop on April 13-14, 2010, in Crystal City, Virginia. We are inviting representatives from all the Military Services. I would appreciate your support for this important new initiative.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Peter Boice at 703-604-0524.

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