

Geoscience Policy Monthly Review: November 2013

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Budget

- Budget update for November

Energy

- Legislation loosening hydraulic fracturing restrictions passes House

Environment

- Executive Order to prepare for climate change
- Full Committee on Natural Resources markup of H.R. 2824

Federal Agencies & Administration

- National Plan for Observing our Earth
- Senate Committee advances multiple Obama nominees
- Nomination for Land and Minerals Assistant Secretary
- Kornze nominated as Director of Bureau of Land Management
- Other Department of the Interior nominations
- Law intended to reimburse states for reopening National Parks
- NASA and Amazon Web Services partner to bring Geoscience "Big Data" to the public

Natural Hazards

- House Committee reviews progress of Superstorm Sandy recovery
- USGS awarded funds to support Superstorm Sandy relief

Natural Resources

- Obama expected to designate more national monuments
- Hearings held on controversial land swap in Arizona

Research & Education

- Update on America COMPETES Act
- Science Chairman authors draft legislation for NSF grant approval process

Water

- Conference Committee established for water resources bills

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