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### October 2017

#### **budget**

- Budget resolution requires natural resource committees to find \$1 billion in increased revenue

#### **congress**

- Climate Solutions Caucus hits 60 members
- Congress passes \$36.5 billion aid package for recent natural disasters; more funds needed
- Senate hearings on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies appropriations bill canceled

#### **federal agencies & administration**

- President Trump taps his picks to lead the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Army Corps of Engineers; other nominees confirmed
- Senator Rand Paul introduces bill to reform the federal grant review process

#### **natural hazards**

- National Science Foundation awards over \$5 million in grants to study hurricanes

#### **natural resources**

- Lawmakers consider expanding oil and gas leasing on the Outer Continental Shelf

#### **space**

- United States and Taiwan scrap mission for next generation radio occultation satellites

#### **federal register**

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