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February 2015

?Budget

- President Obama announces his FY 2016 budget request

Congress

- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee: DOE FY 2016 budget hearing
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- Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee: USFS FY 2016 budget hearing
- House Science, Space, and Technology Committee: NSF, NIST FY 2016 budget hearing

?Energy

- Bureau of Ocean Energy Management moves forward on Arctic leasing
- President Obama vetoes Keystone XL pipeline legislation
- Obama Administration proposes new Arctic offshore drilling rules

?Environment

- National Academies reports urge geoengineering to counter climate change

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- DOI distributes \$50 million for Western drought response
- BOEM announces new chief for renewable energy
- USGS releases report on 60 years on hydraulic fracturing
- NASA names new Associate Administrator
- Obama renominates Kimball as USGS Director

?Natural Hazards

- Senate Commerce, Science, and Transportation Committee advances tsunami warning bill

?Natural Resources

- Grijalva introduces legislation to reform hardrock mining industry

?Space

- DSCOVR begins its journey to monitor solar wind
- House, Senate question gaps in satellite weather data

?Federal Register

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