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Budget

- Continuing Resolution will fund the federal government through Dec 11

Congress

- New bill would draw on citizen science, crowdsourcing to solve national problems
- Land Water Conservation Fund expired September 30
- Hearing Oct 20 to consider the nomination of Dr. Suzette Kimball to be Director of the USGS

?Energy

- House Energy and Commerce Committee approves legislation to undo crude oil export ban
- DOE releases 2015 Quadrennial Technology Review
- Vice President Biden and DOE announce funding for new SunShot Initiative

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- President Obama plans to accelerate the acquisition of a new U.S. icebreaker
- New Executive Order aims to improve federal programs with social science research

?Natural Hazards

- Congress reauthorizes the National Windstorm Impact Reduction Program

?Space

- NASA Orbiter may reveal liquid water on Mars

?Federal Register

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