

Geoscience Policy Monthly Review: October 2015

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Congress

- Congressman Honda introduces Earth Science Week Resolution
- House passes bill that allows for faster acquisition of mining permits
- House Subcommittee addresses issues of abandoned mine cleanups by Good Samaritans
- Senate Committee hearing on the nomination of Dr. Suzette Kimball for Director of the USGS
- Senate engages scientific community on America COMPETES bill

?Energy

- The Native American Energy Act passed House of Representatives

Environment

- New NPS rule proposes updating regulations governing non-federal oil and gas production
- New legislation would measure the economic impact of outdoor recreation in the U.S.
- Addressing the drought in the Western United States: What is Congress doing about it?

?Federal Agencies & Administration

- President signs the STEM Education Act of 2015 into law

?Natural Hazards

- Informing the public of the science behind natural hazards

?Federal Register

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