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# Montana Wilderness Policy & Politics

Forestry 423  
Wednesday ~ 9:10-11:00 a.m.  
JRH 203  
SPRING 2008

A two (2) credit course  
by Pat Williams

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## Course Description:

The course, Forestry 423, reviews the U.S. government's legislative and executive influence over public wildlands with particular emphasis on congressional jurisdiction, action and processes during the past twenty-five years of wilderness considerations in Montana and the Northern Rockies.

## Readings:

Text: How Congress Works. Additional readings and handouts will be provided.

## Evaluation:

- 30% – Attendance is required
- 20% – Tests: unannounced
- 25% – Midterm: written and oral
- 25% – Final: to be announced

## Schedule:

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|---------|---|
| Jan. 23 | Introductions<br>Orientation<br>Assignment: <u>How Congress Works</u> , pp. 51-67, the legislative process.<br><b>Handout: Old World Roots of Opinion</b> |
| Jan. 30 | Early Congress<br>Early Wilderness  |
| Feb. 6  | Discussion: Fifty Years of Politics in the West<br>Assignment: <u>How Congress Works</u> , pp. 115-124, 141-147, The Committee System                     |
| Feb. 13 | Discussion:<br>The Committee System<br>The RARE II Struggle Begins<br><b>Handout: The Rocky Mountain West–Searching Country</b>                           |
| Feb. 20 | Wilderness I<br><b>Handout: Pressures on Congress</b>   |
| Feb. 27 | (Make-up day for T.B.A.)  |
| March 5 | How Congress decides.<br>The first “Citizen’s Wilderness”   |

March 12      Wilderness II

March 19      Wilderness II and III

March 26      SPRING BREAK

April 2        Mid Term: “Connections”  
                    3-4 hours @ Pat’s house

April 9        Review first half.  
                    “Connections”  
                    Assignment: How Congress Works

April 16      Wilderness III and IV

April 23      Wilderness V

April 30      Wilderness VI  
                    Congressional and Executive Influence

May 8         10:10 a.m.–12:10 p.m. FINAL