

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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*All students must practice academic honesty.
Academic misconduct is subject to an academic penalty
by the course instructor and/or a disciplinary sanction by the University.*

*All students need to be familiar with the Student Conduct Code. The Code is
available for review online at <http://www.umt.edu/SA/VPSA/index.cfm/page/1321>.*

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
Orientation
Assignment: <u>How Congress Works</u> , pp. 51-67, the legislative process.
Handout: Old World Roots of Opinion |
| Jan. 30 | Early Congress
Early Wilderness |
| Feb. 6 | Discussion: Fifty Years of Politics in the West
Assignment: <u>How Congress Works</u> , pp. 115-124, 141-147, The Committee System |
| Feb. 13 | Discussion:
The Committee System
The RARE II Struggle Begins
Handout: The Rocky Mountain West–Searching Country |
| Feb. 20 | Wilderness I
Handout: Pressures on Congress |
| Feb. 27 | (Make-up day for T.B.A.) |
| March 5 | How Congress decides.
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