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FOR 423.01: Montana Wilderness Policy and Politics

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Forestry 423
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A two (2) credit course
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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:

Jan. 23  Introductions
         Orientation
         Assignment: How Congress Works, 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: How Congress Works, 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