



## Congressional Briefing on the 115th Congress for Federal Public Lands Employees May 9-11, 2017 Capitol Hill – Washington, DC

Government employees and American citizens in general must know about the legislative and budget processes on Capitol Hill that affect their agencies and programs given the austere fiscal climate. Knowledge of these processes will provide participants with the tools to effectively implement federal policy in the field. The location on Capitol Hill provides attendees with a central location that will enable participants to attend this two-day session without exhausting per diem allowances.

**Knowledge is power in the policy process arena.** The professionalism and expertise of government agency field staff and informed citizens are critical parts of the policy process. Active citizens and government civil servants are the programmatic experts for their programs. Clear communication between federal employees and citizens from outside the Washington, DC area with Members of Congress and their staffs is vital for meaningful policy and budget implementation.

Seminar will include sessions on:

- Power centers on Capitol Hill
- The congressional committee hearing process
- The executive formulation of a budget request
- The congressional budget process
- How to Work with Congressional Staff: “Get to Know Them before You Need Them”
- Key Players in the New Administration

The fee for this course is \$785.00. It includes materials on congress, morning and afternoon snacks, and instruction. Participants may register either with a credit card or an SF-182 at <http://shop.woodsintitute.com/>

Dr. Patricia D. Woods, president and founder of Woods Institute of Washington, DC, is the chief instructor. She has taught courses on Congress in Washington and for federal agency field staff from the U.S. Forest Service, the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency and the Naval Air Community. She has taught similar classes for federal and state agencies and American citizens across the country.