



U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Buddy Carter
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Amy Carter OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 1/31/2020 Return: 02/02/2020
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Pooler, GA Destination: Yulee, FL Return City: Pooler, GA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): The gave the member first hand knowledge of the vital role of conservation and the good natural resource management in conserving endangered species.
7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
 - a. a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
 - b. the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
 - c. page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
 - d. the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.
Signify statement is true by checking the box:
 b. If not, explain: _____

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I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: *Buddy Carter*

Date: 2/10/2020



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.* You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, White Oak Conservation Holdings, LLC
- Travel Destination(s): White Oak Conservation, Yulee, Florida
- Date of Departure: January 31st, 2020 Date of Return: February 2nd, 2020
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Buddy Carter and Amy Coppage

Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$140.36	\$180.00	\$120.00	\$60.00 *Tips
Accompanying Family Member	\$0 * Rep Carter and Amy drove together	\$180.00	\$120.00	\$60.00 *Tips

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box:*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Signature] Date: 2/10/2020,

Name: John Gantt / Steve Shurter Title: President/ CEO

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation / White Oak Conservation Holdings, LLC

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 1200 Potomac Street NW Washington, DC 20007 -- 581705 White Oak Road, Yulee, Florida 32097

Telephone: 202-471-4222 -- 904-225-3386 Email: johngantt@iccfoundation.us

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rep. Buddy Carter
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Yulee, FL
4. a. Date of Departure: Jan. 31, 2020 Date of Return: Feb. 2, 2020
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No If yes:
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Amy Carter
 (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: Yes No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)? Yes No
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

The Congressman is going in order to see, firsthand, the role of conservation and good natural resource management.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip? Yes No

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member

Date



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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, White Oak Conservation Holdings, LLC
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. Check only one. I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: OR
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: OR
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): _____
See addendum
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: January 31, 2020 Date of Return: February 2, 2020
7. a. City of departure: varies depending on where Member is coming from
b. Destination(s): White Oak Conservation 581705 White Oak Rd, Yulee, FL 32097
c. City of return: varies depending on where Member is going
8. Check only one. I represent that:
 - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: OR
 - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: OR
 - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. Check only one of the following:
 - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night: OR
 - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights: If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: _____



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* OR
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For **each** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip **and** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
See addendum.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees: OR
 - b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$60.00 per day.

 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See addendum.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- | | | |
|---|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Hotel Name: <u>White Oak Conservation Lodge</u> | City: <u>Yulee</u> | Cost Per Night: <u>\$90.00</u> |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: <u>On site of the agenda</u> | | |
| Hotel Name: _____ | City: _____ | Cost Per Night: _____ |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: _____ | | |
| Hotel Name: _____ | City: _____ | Cost Per Night: _____ |
| Reason(s) for Selecting: _____ | | |
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$310.00	\$180.00	\$100.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$310.00	\$180.00	\$100.00

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$60.00	tips
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$60.00	tips

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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: OR
 b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Handwritten Signatures] Date: 12/19/2019 1/17/2020

Name: John B. Gantt --- Steve Shurter

Title: President --- CEO/Executive Director

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation --- White Oak Conservation Holdings, LLC

Address: 1200 Potomac Street NW Washington, DC 20010 --- 581705 White Oak Road Yulee, Florida 32097 USA

Telephone: 202-471-4222 --- 904-225-3386

Email: johngant@iccfoundation.us cwels@iccfoundation.us (helping organize logistics) --- sshurter@white-oak.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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January 30, 2020

The Honorable Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
U.S. House of Representatives
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Yulee, Florida, scheduled for January 31 to February 2, 2020, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation and White Oak Conservation Holdings LLC.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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Addendum

4. Congressman Jeff Fortenberry, Congressman Dan Newhouse, Congressman Dave Joyce, Congressman Buddy Carter, and Congressman John Rutherford.

Each individual was invited so they could witness firsthand the vital role of conservation and good natural resource management in conserving endangered species while also improving land management and conservation. This mission will also specifically demonstrate the challenges of combating the Wildlife Trafficking Crisis and methods for mitigation at the local, regional, national, and international level.

Participants are all members of the International Conservation Caucus (ICC). Congressman Fortenberry and Dave Joyce are Co-Chairs of the House ICC.

11a: ICCF partners, made up of business and NGO representatives and ICCF Board Members, have been invited to participate in the conference. A number of them are registered lobbyists. These participants have not had any role in paying for or planning the conference. These participants will not be traveling or staying with any Members of Congress.

12. The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. ICCF organized the logistics of lodging and travel for the trip and identified topics and expert speakers.

The ICCF Group recognizes governance as an essential and under-addressed component in modern conservation efforts. To address this gap, it builds and supports successful legislative caucuses around the world to provide education and build political will around unifying topics of natural resource management. Our programs engage political decision makers in the United States and partner nations, facilitate the development of innovative public-private conservation partnerships, and deploy top conservation professionals from U.S. and Canadian government agencies to share their expertise. A member of the ICCF Group is leading the delegation while on the ground.

White Oak promotes endeavors in conservation through innovative science, education, training, and collaborations. They are committed to providing conservation options for the species that need them the most. White Oak Conservation is hosting the conference and will be helping ICCF with the logistics of the event and will be a speaker during one of the briefings.

15b. White Oak Conservation is an ideal place for participants to see first hand the cutting-edge science, rehabilitation and conservation efforts being applied to conserve wild places and animals.

Friday, January 31st

Guests arrive throughout the day to Jacksonville Airport

David Joyce: AA4685 2:22pm to JAX 4:50pm

Buddy Carter: Driving from Savannah on Friday, January 31st

Dan Newhouse: AA5434 9:12am to JAX 11:25am

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Welcome Reception

ICCF Group Chairman David Barron and White Oak Conservation CEO Steve Shurter will open the conference at the welcome reception by providing an overview of ICCF and White Oak, as well as the upcoming conference and agenda. Conference opening remarks will be about 30 minutes.

8:00pm - 10:00pm

Welcome Dinner

During the welcome dinner, all participants will have a few minutes in front of the group to introduce themselves and their relevance to the conference agenda. Individual introductions for approximately 40 people will take about 1 hour. Smaller conversations/discussion will take place at tables after introductions.

Accommodations: White Oak

Saturday, February 1st

7:30am - 8:30am

Breakfast Briefing with David Barron, ICCF Group Chairman

David Barron will give a presentation on the ICCF Group and the importance of creating political will around conservation issues.

The ICCF Group is at the forefront of building political will to improve conservation governance by educating U.S. and international policymakers, facilitating public-private conservation partnerships, and providing on-the-ground conservation solutions. The full 1 hour will be used for presentation and a question and answer period.

It is essential that Members understand the important role of each sector when discussing solutions to species conservation and other natural resource management challenges.

8:30am - 9:00am

Travel to Conservation Center for Wildlife Tour

9:00am-11:30am

Wildlife Tour of the White Oak Conservation Center

The Conservation Center houses 32 imperiled species as part of White Oak's conservation breeding programs with the goal of saving some of the world's most iconic species from extinction. Rhinoceros, okapi, and cheetah form the core of White Oak's flagship species approach to conservation - both in Florida and across the globe.

Members are attending this conference to discuss species conservation, and this wildlife tour is important so participants can see these topics first hand and learn from experts involved in the day-to-day work. Understanding species habitat, population dynamics, biology, etc. is essential when discussing ideas and policies about out to protect them.

- 11:30am - 12:00pm Transport from Conservation Center to the Pavilion for Lunch
- 12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch briefing with Steve Shurter to discuss White Oak's conservation efforts, including the rehabilitation efforts observed at the Conservation Alliance, Native Species Forces, and species population genetic research. The full 1 hour will be used for presentation and question and answer period.
- Members will have just learned about the species from the wildlife tour, and this briefing is important because it will allow them to learn more about White Oak Conservation's work to protect them, as well as to pose questions.
- 1:00pm-1:15pm Transport from Pavilion to Conservation Briefing Tour
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm Conservation briefings will continue in the field at White Oak, with participants hearing from participating Ambassador about the current conservation efforts in their respective countries. Many of the species that are being rehabilitated and housed at White Oak are naturally occurring in Africa. Ambassadors participating include Botswana's Ambassador to the U.S. David Newman, Gabon's Ambassador to the U.S. Michael Moussa-Adamo, Namibia's Ambassador to the U.S. Monica Nashandi, and Malawi's Ambassador to the U.S. Edward Sawerengera.
- Understanding what different countries are doing to protect and preserve their endemic species, a number of which are housed at White Oak, is important to understanding what the U.S. role is or could be in helping protect endemic species.

2:30 pm- 4:30 pm Zoos and conservation groups play a large role in conservation and education. A number of participants represent zoos and aquariums from around the world, such as Frankfurt Zoo, Smithsonian National Zoo, WCS/Bronx Zoo, Cincinnati Zoo, Sea World, Arbor Day Foundation, and T.I.G.E.R.S. Participants will be briefed by these representatives on their organizations' current initiatives and the vital role they play in promoting the protection and responsible management of habitat.

It is important for Members and other participants to understand the different roles of various sectors in determining best courses of action for species conservation. There are often duplicated efforts in the conservation space due to lack of communication and information sharing, so if Members and other participants have a good understanding of what already is being done and what needs to be done, they can be more effective in their policy- and decision-making.

4:45pm – 5:00pm Transport back to lodging.

5:00pm – 5:30pm Freshen up for dinner.

5:30pm- 7:00pm Reception with White Oak programmatic staff to allow conference participants to interact with them and ask any remaining questions about the Wildlife Center and the day's meetings. This will be used as a brainstorming session to discuss what has been presented throughout the day and how people can collaborate across sectors to help improve organizations' programming as well as think of solutions to existing management and policy gaps.

7:00pm - 9:30pm Dinner briefing with International Conservation Caucus (ICC) Co-Chairs

Participating ICC Co-Chairs will discuss the role that the caucus plays in addressing issues of natural resource management. The mission of the ICC, which comprises one-third of Congress, is to provide "the strong U.S. leadership necessary to conserve the world's most biologically rich and diverse places."

Accommodations: White Oak

Sunday, February 2nd

8:00am-10:00am For those who do not have morning flight departures, breakfast will be served, providing the opportunity for a wrap-up discussion led by David Barron. This is an opportunity for any last minute questions and to discuss takeaway messaging.

Guests depart

David Joyce: Leaving February 3rd at own expense.

Buddy Carter: Driving to Savannah (home).

Dan Newhouse: Driving to Florida residence.