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, by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov*, 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: Representative Melanie Stansbury (NM)
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* None ☒
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. **Dates:** Departure: August 6, 2021 Return: August 10, 2021
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* None ☒
4. Departure City: Albuquerque, NM Destination: Juneau, AK Return City: Albuquerque, NM
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

   Fact-finding trip to Tongass National Forest to learn about national forest management, wild salmon watersheds, climate impacts to the region, transboundary mines, and the natural resource priorities for Alaska Native tribes in the region. Please see the attached itinerary with details of all meetings and attendees.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   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:

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: Melanie A. Stansbury

Date: 08-23-2021

Version date 3/2021 by Committee on Ethics

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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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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: American Lands Project
2. Travel Destination(s): Juneau, AK
3. Date of Departure: August 6, 2021 Date of Return: August 10, 2021
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep Melanie Stansbury, Rep Jared Huffman

   Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if ***all*** information is ***identical*** for each person listed.
5. **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	$1,952	$1,028	$170	$250 for professional salmon watershed guide
Accompanying Family Member				

6. ☒ 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: _____ Date: 08/23/2021

Name: John Daly Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Lands Project

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

Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, #406, Seattle WA 98101 (email is john@americanlandsproject.org)

Email: _____ Telephone: (206) 948-6335

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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Representative Melanie Stansbury (NM-1)

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
   American Lands Project

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Juneau, AK

4. a. Date of Departure: August 6, 2021 Date of Return: August 10, 2021
   b. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?
   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____
   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
   (3) Yes ☐ No ☐ Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:

6. a. Yes ☐ No ☒ 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)?
   b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

   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.**
   Representative Stansbury is a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources that advances legislation and has congressional oversight for natural resource management issues, including for the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. This trip will help Representative Stansbury better understand natural resource management issues related to fisheries and forest management in the Tongass, and meet local leaders connected to those resources.

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

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 Melanie A. Stansbury Date 07/06/2021

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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:
   American Lands Project
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):
   Rep. Huffman, Rep. Stansbury, members of the Natural Resource Committee that could legislate
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: August 6, 2021 Date of return: August 10, 2021
7. a. City of departure: Albuquerque, NM
   b. Destination(s): Juneau, AK
   c. City of return: Albuquerque, NM
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; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   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:

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:

    American Lands Project (ALP) builds connections between policy-makers and the irreplaceable places that are in our country's best interest to protect - like the Tongass National Forest. As the sole sponsor, ALP is funding the trip, developing the trip itinerary, and is helping with organization of trip logistics. ALP's Executive Director, John Daly, will be attending the trip.

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:

    Chartered portions are for an air-taxi flight from Juneau to a remote salmon watershed proposed for protection.

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 the 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):

    Approximately $90/day ($20 breakfast, $20 lunch, $50 dinner)

    2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

    Trip locations will provide opportunities to see wild salmon watersheds threatened with deve

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: Silverbow Inn Hotel City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: $294*
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Central location, comparable local seasonal price for weekend, *note includes breakfast
    Hotel Name: Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel City: SeaTac, WA Cost Per Night: $229
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Convenient location for overnight stay at Seattle airport
    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 the box.*

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$2,088	$1,116	$230
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	200	Professional salmon watershed guide
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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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 by my signature that
    a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
    b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
    c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: _____ Date: 08/23/2021

Name: John Daly Title: Executive Director

Organization: American Lands Project

Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, #406, Seattle WA 98101 (email is john@americanlandsproject.org)

Email: _____ Telephone: (206) 948-6335

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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July 28, 2021

The Honorable Melanie Stansbury
U.S. House of Representatives
1421 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Juneau, Alaska, scheduled for August 6 to 10, 2021, sponsored by the American Lands Project.

This approval represents the Committee's determination that the proposed trip complies with relevant House rules, federal laws, and Travel Regulations promulgated by the Committee. You should engage in your own assessment of the risks and implications of engaging in travel during the current COVID-19 pandemic.

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 $415 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

Jackie Walorski
Ranking Member

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American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest
2021 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Friday, August 6, 2021

- Travel from Albuquerque, NM to Juneau, AK
    - **2:50 p.m.** Depart ABQ, Alaska Airlines #1157, **5:00 p.m.** arrive SEA
    - **6:23 p.m**. Depart SEA, Alaska Airlines #79, **7:50 p.m**. arrive JNU
    - **8:20 – 8:40 p.m.** Taxi from airport with John Daly – *American Lands Project* to Silverbow Inn Hotel, 120 2nd St, Juneau, AK

Saturday, August 7, 2021

- Breakfast at the hotel

- **9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Walking tour of Juneau waterfront and discussion with Dan Blanchard – *owner of UnCruise Adventures*, of the cruise industry's economic impacts on Southeast Alaska communities, the expansion of small ship cruise operators into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.
- **12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch at Hangar on the Wharf, 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK

Attendees: Rep Melanie Stansbury, John Daly, Dan Blanchard – *owner of UnCruise Adventures*.

- **1:30 – 1:40 p.m.** Walk with John Daly to meet Rep Huffman at hotel

- **2:00 – 2:20 p.m.** Rental car from hotel to Mendenhall Visitor center with John Daly

- **2:30-6:00 p.m.** Tour of Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Recreation Area: Short hike on nature trails to view Mendenhall Glacier, tour visitor center and wildlife viewing boardwalks, meet with agency staff and local tour operators to discuss the importance of the tourism and recreation sectors to the regional economy of Southeast Alaska. Accessible natural areas like the Mendenhall Visitor Center and manyof the wild salmon watersheds help draw over 1 million tourists and generate approximately $1 billion in revenue for the region annually. Approximately 90% of summer visitors to Mendenhall are brought to the site by tourism operators generating approximately $700,000 annually to the USFS in fees.

Attendees: Rep Melanie Stansbury, Rep Jared Huffman, John Daly, David Schmid and Laurie Cooper – *US Forest Service*, Dan Kirkwood – *Pack Creek Outfitters*

- **6:00 – 6:20 p.m.** Rental car to dinner with John Daly

- **6:30 – 8:00 p.m**. Working Dinner- Red Spruce Restaurant, 11798 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK
    - Discussion with local commercial fishermen on the economic value of healthy Tongass watersheds to salmon fishery, and the need for habitat conservation.

Attendees: Rep Melanie Stansbury, Rep Jared Huffman, John Daly, Jill Weitz, Lindsey Bloom – commercial fisherman, Tyson Fick – commercial fisherman, Elizabeth Herendeen – *SalmonState*

- **8:00 – 8:20 p.m.** Rental car to hotel with John Daly

Sunday, August 8, 2021

- Breakfast at the hotel

- **7:00 – 7:20 a.m.** Rental car to airport with John Daly

- **8:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.** Ward Air, air-taxi flight to view transboundary mines and timber clear-cuts (en route to Sloccum Creek salmon watershed)
    - On an overflight of the Taku River watershed, discuss the proposals for several large-scale British Columbia mines on transboundary rivers that flow into Southeast Alaska, and the history of past mining contamination with local expert Jill Weitz – *SalmonState and Salmon Beyond Borders*.
- **10:00 – 2:30 p.m.** Site visit of Sloccum Creek salmon watershed*
    - Land at Chicken Creek, a remote watershed recommended for protection in the Tongass 77 conservation proposal. Discuss the Tongass77 proposal, methodology for selecting watersheds, and healthy characteristics of temperate rainforest salmon watersheds while exploring the area with local guide Mark Hieronymus – *Trout Unlimited Alaska*. Also discuss the important local economy that has developed around remote tourism and wildlife viewing in salmon watersheds throughout the Tongass.
    - Bag lunch
- **2:30 – 3:00 p.m.** Return flight to Juneau

Attendees: Rep Melanie Stansbury, Rep Jared Huffman, John Daly, Jill Weitz, Kevin Maier, Mark Hieronymus

* Weather and flying conditions required that we change our timing and move to a different wild salmon watershed that had similar characteristics to the originally planned site.

- **3:30 – 4:00 p.m.** Rental car to hotel with John Daly
- **6:30 – 7:00 p.m.** Rental car to dinner with John Daly

- **7: 00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Working Dinner- Local foods community dinner at home of Melanie Brown, 1790 Evergreen Avenue, Juneau, AK
    - Discussion with local elected officials, business owners, Alaska

Native leaders and conservation groups about how the sustainable natural resources of the Tongass are driving the regional economy.

Attendees: Rep Melanie Stansbury, Rep Jared Huffman, John Daly, Dan Kirkwood, Melanie Brown – SalmonState, State Representative Sara Hannan, State Senator Jesse Kiehl, Matt Kern and Lia Heifetz – owners of Barnacle Foods, Christine Woll - The Nature Conservancy and Juneau Assembly member

- **8:00 – 8:20 p.m.** Rental car to hotel with John Daly

Monday, August 9, 2021

- Breakfast at the hotel

- **8:45 – 8:55 a.m**. Walk to SalmonState office with John Daly, 201 Main Street, Suite 202, Juneau, AK

- **9:00 – 11:45 a.m.** Meeting with Alaska Native leaders: discuss Tongass natural resource management, transboundary mining, the Roadless Rule exemption process and a petition for a Traditional Homelands Conservation Rule that was advanced in 2020 by Southeast Alaska tribes.

Attendees: Rep Melanie Stansbury, Rep Jared Huffman, John Daly, Desiree Duncan and Raymond Paddock - *Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

- **11:45 – 11:55 a.m.** Walk to hotel with John Daly, collect bags.

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Seattle, WA
    - **12:00 p.m.** Rental car to JNU airport with John Daly
    - **1:40 p.m**. Depart JNU, Alaska Airlines #177, 5:00 p.m. arrive SEA
    - **5:30 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to Hilton Seattle Airport Hotel, 17620 International Blvd, Seattle, WA

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

- Travel from Seattle, WA to Albuquerque, NM
    - **8:30 a.m.** shuttle from hotel to SEA airport
    - **9:56 a.m**. Depart SEA, Alaska Airlines #1066, 1:55 p.m. arrive ABQ

AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

July 1, 2021

Representative Melanie Stansbury
1421 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative Stansbury,

The American Lands Project appreciates your interest in the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska. At 17 million acres, the Tongass is the largest National Forest in the country. It is home to wild salmon watersheds that that are among the most productive on the Pacific Coast, and which support an annual $1 billion commercial fishery. The regions glaciers, forests and wildlife are a global attraction that generates another $1 billion from tourism annually. The old growth trees of the Tongass National Forest hold 44% of all the carbon stored by the United States' national forests. And the region's forests are valued by members of the Alaska Native community for the subsistence resources they provide, and for broader cultural and historic connections to the land. However, there are ongoing efforts to open more of the Tongass to old-growth logging, and there are also several mega-mines proposed in British Columbia that threaten the downstream rivers and forests in Southeast Alaska.

In 2011 the US Department of Agriculture announced a Tongass Transition Framework to move forest management away from old-growth logging, and towards supporting other industries that are the basis of the Southeast Alaska economy. In 2016, the US Forest Service finalized an updated management plan for the Tongass that phased out old-growth logging, provided greater protection for wild salmon watersheds, and recognized the Roadless Rule protections for parts of the forest. However, in 2020 the Tongass was exempted from the Roadless rule, opening over 9 million acres to potential roadbuilding and timber. That exemption is being reviewed and revised by the current Administration. And there are currently no real restrictions on the permitting and development of mines in British Columbia, despite the threats to the downstream parts of the transboundary watersheds in the Tongass.

We would like to invite you to join American Lands Project for a three-day trip to the Tongass National Forest from August 7 – August 9, 2021. Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to see and experience first-hand the salmon watersheds of the Tongass, hear from tourism and fishing businesses, learn about climate impacts in the region, and meet Alaska Native leaders who have new visions for managing the natural resources of the forest, and also concerns about transboundary mines.

Please let me know if I can be helpful in answering any questions about the proposed trip, and I hope you will be able to join us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Daly
Executive Director

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