

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: Suzan DelBene
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Kurt DelBene **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 07/29/2023 Return: 08/04/2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Seattle, WA Destination: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK Return City: Seattle, WA
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Attached.

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: 

Date: 08/11/2023

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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 in the trip within 10 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 or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Lands Project

2. Travel Destination(s): Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska (with overnight layover in Fairbanks, AK)

3. Date of Departure: July 29, 2023 Date of Return: Aug 4, 2023

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Representative Suzan DelBene

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	\$6,764.46	\$504.67	\$150.00	\$2844.17- Share of guide service cost
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: 08/11/2023

Name: Armando Rojas Title: Program Manager

Organization: American Lands Project

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

Address: _____

Telephone: 206.686.5320 Email: armando@americanlandsproject.org

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: Congresswoman Suzan DelBene
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 : Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska
4. a. Date of Departure: 7/29/2023 Date of Return: 8/4/2023
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: n/a
(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): n/a
(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.
As a member of congress, Representative DelBene advances and votes on legislation relating to a variety of topics including those surrounding the management of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. As such, this trip will help Rep. DelBene gain first-hand knowledge of the Arctic Refuge and the opportunity to learn about Arctic natural systems, land management history, economic drivers, and the importance of the region to Alaska Natives.
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

Date

6/29/23



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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 (ALP)
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):
Reps. Suzan DelBene and Ed Case; due to their work on natural resource issues in the Arctic
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: July 29, 2023 Date of return: Aug 4, 2023
7. a. City of departure: District of Columbia or Congressional District
b. Destination(s): Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska (with overnight layover in Fairbanks, AK)
c. City of return: Congressional District
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:



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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:
ALP seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part through facilitating fact-finding travel centered around place-based education. This trip will provide history, context, and understanding for the attendees in support of their offices' responsibilities related to public lands in Arctic Alaska. ALP is organizing and conducting all aspects of the trip outside of logistical support provided by the backcountry guide company.
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: Air Taxi in Alaska)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
The flight in and out of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge will be in an air taxi, which is the only way to access remote sites in the Arctic Refuge.
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):
See attached final page
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
Opportunity to experience and learn about the remote landscape first-hand on the ground.
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Best Western Plus- Chena River Lodge City: Fairbanks Cost Per Night: \$204.00
Reason(s) for Selecting: Room availability, reasonable cost in line with government rate, basic room selected.
- Hotel Name: Basecamp/tent in Arctic Refuge City: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Cost Per Night: \$24
Reason(s) for Selecting: Individual backcountry tents are the only option to stay in this remote location; there are no hotels in the vicinity.
- 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.*



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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	\$6730 TOTAL - (\$1400 commercial travel to/from Fairbanks, \$5330 air-taxi to/from Arctic Refuge, \$20 ground taxi to/from Airport)	\$528 TOTAL - (\$204/night for 2 nights hotel in Fairbanks, \$120 tent/equipment rental for Arctic Refuge)	\$163 TOTAL - (\$80 for meals in Fairbanks, \$83 for backcountry meals provided by guide)
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	\$2,866.67	Share of guide service cost
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: 08/11/2023

Name: Armando Rojas Title: Program Manager

Organization: American Lands Project

Address: _____

Email: armando@americanlandsproject.org Telephone: 206.686.5320

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:

1015 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

ethicscommittee@mail.house.gov | 202-225-7103
More information and forms available at ethics.house.gov

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July 26, 2023

The Honorable Suzan DelBene
U.S. House of Representatives
2330 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 proposed trip to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, scheduled for July 29 to August 4, 2023, sponsored by American Lands Project.

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 \$480 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,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:tn

15.b.1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

Outfitter guide will provide camp meals in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and has specified \$85/person in total for food costs. This averages to approximately \$17/day for July 30 – Aug 3. Dinner will be covered in Fairbanks, AK the night of July 29 and Aug 3. Cost is anticipated to be \$40/dinner.



Congresswoman Suzan DelBene
2330 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman DelBene,

The American Lands Project (ALP) appreciates your interest in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The 19.6 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is an exceptional and unique landscape – an intact arctic ecosystem, and one of the wildest places on earth. The Iñupiat and Gwich'in people have been stewards of this land from time immemorial, and both groups still depend heavily on the region's subsistence resources. The Arctic Refuge provides critical habitat to polar bears, caribou, musk ox, and hundreds of species of migratory birds.

Land use policy for the Arctic Refuge has varied significantly for many decades. In January 2015, the US Fish & Wildlife Service announced its revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Arctic Refuge that recommended a Wilderness designation for the Coastal Plain area. Later in 2017, legislation was passed that instead opened the Coastal Plain to oil and gas development, and a lease sale was completed in January 2021. Currently, the Department of the Interior has suspended those leases and other drilling activities until additional reviews are completed.

We believe a fact-finding trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would provide you a valuable opportunity to see and experience first-hand this remote arctic landscape and better understand the dynamic human and natural systems at play in this area.

We would like to invite you and your partner to join ALP for a trip to the Arctic Refuge from July 29th to August 4th, 2023 (On the ground in the Arctic Refuge from July 30th – August 3rd). The trip will be fully sponsored by ALP, including all travel, lodging, and meals. We are currently finalizing the itinerary, which includes opportunities to experience some of the most remote country in the United States, and learn about Alaska Native communities, natural systems, energy and climate issues, and the history and land use policy of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. We will gladly share more details if you and your office are interested. ALP is also well experienced in crafting tours such as this that adhere to all congressional ethics requirements, and we prepare all necessary paperwork and support the required review processes.

We hope that you will consider joining us for this trip to the Arctic and would be happy to connect by phone or video conference with you or any of your staff to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Armando Rojas
Program Manager

American Lands Project

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2023 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Saturday, July 29, 2023

- Travel from Seattle, WA to Fairbanks, AK
 - **12:10 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska Air #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive FAI
 - **3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Taxi from airport to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsu Way, Fairbanks, AK

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Attendees: Representative Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Representative Ed Case, Jason Paulsen (American Lands Project), guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

- Travel from Fairbanks to basecamp in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - **7:00 a.m.** Shuttle to airport
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart FAI, Wright's Air, **10:30 a.m.** Arrive at Kavik- a small landing strip that functions as a staging point to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - **11:00* a.m.** Depart Kavik, Coyote Air, **11:30* a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp (trip programming begins).
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp and camp orientation by Arctic Treks guide.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Review maps of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge), and discuss the various land management priorities for conservation, resource development, research, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in and around the Arctic Refuge.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discussion: History leading up to and following the first designation of the Arctic Refuge. Established in 1960 as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, in the 1980s it was expanded to its current size of 19 million acres and was renamed as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Guests will gain knowledge on the background that led to these designations, and how these changes affected management.
- **2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe wildlife and plants and discuss how natural systems function in this arctic tundra landscape, and the importance of the Arctic Refuge to migratory birds, caribou, and polar bear.
- **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Review the geologic and ecological differences among the three major public land management units comprising Alaska's North Slope: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, NPR-A, and Prudhoe Bay (State of Alaska land), and how these differences influence land management in each area. Also discuss the management structures unique to each area, and how the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), Bureau of Land Management (NPR-A), and State of Alaska (including Prudhoe Bay) each play a role in overseeing lands and resources on the North Slope.

(All flight times and specific basecamp destinations in the Arctic Refuge are subject to change based on weather)*

- **6:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of fossil fuel resources in the Arctic, and history of development. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope of Alaska. Discussion will also cover recent assessments of fossil fuel resources on the North Slope, as well as offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This will help guests better understand Alaska’s fossil fuel resources, and how their extraction and use relate to the nation’s energy and climate goals.

Monday, July 31, 2023

Attendees: Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Ed Case, Jason Paulsen, Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of the history of Indigenous people in the Arctic and Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years. Today, 18% of Alaska’s total population is Alaska Native or American Indian, the highest of any state.
- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities, which Congress termed “Alaska Native Corporations,” tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. A thirteenth Native Corporation was later created for Alaska Natives who no longer resided in Alaska.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Discussion: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Guests will learn about the history and landscape-shaping impact of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980. ANILCA designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska, as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges (including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), and national monuments across the state. It also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents during times of scarcity. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions surrounding resource management and utilization in Alaska.
- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe geologic features of the coastal plain and to observe permafrost soils and other features of the tundra landscape. During the hike, overview oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Dinner

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Attendees: Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Ed Case, Jason Paulsen, Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

(All flight times and specific basecamp destinations in the Arctic Refuge are subject to change based on weather)*

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to the Arctic Refuge, and discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in regarding their roles in land protection and management.
- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Overview of subsistence use and how it supports rural Alaskans. Federal law defines subsistence use as “the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles... for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade.”
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Overview of the North Slope Borough and its villages. Most of the Borough’s approximately 11,000 permanent residents live in eight communities: Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiagvik, and Wainwright. Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) serves as the Borough seat of government. Maps will be provided to help guests understand the size and location of these communities.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Guided hike to observe the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge and discuss its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd as well as numerous other wildlife species. The Porcupine Caribou Herd uses the area as its summer calving ground, after completing the longest land migration of any land mammal, covering over 1,500 miles every year and spanning the Alaska-Yukon border. Discuss the complexities of managing the health of the herd across the US-Canadian international border, and how groups such as the Porcupine Caribou Management Board navigate these issues.
- **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Review the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934, and the 1936 amendment known as the Alaska IRA that resulted in the U.S. Government formally recognizing Alaska Natives. Discuss the role of Federally recognized Tribal governments and Tribal Courts in Alaska and the North Slope.

Wednesday, Aug 2, 2023

Attendees: Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Ed Case, Jason Paulsen, Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Overview of the history of oil and gas exploration on the Coastal Plain, results of the January 2021 Arctic Refuge lease sale, and recent action by the current Administration to suspend drilling-related activities in the Refuge.
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Discussion of the role that public lands in Alaska play in our nation’s carbon management. Alaska contains one third the country’s federally managed lands, but stores an even larger share of terrestrial ecosystem carbon stocks-- 62% of all

(All flight times and specific basecamp destinations in the Arctic Refuge are subject to change based on weather)*

carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska.

- **11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Break
- **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Review estimates on the quantity of methane stored in permafrost in the Arctic. Arctic landscapes are a major reservoir of this greenhouse gas, and rising temperatures have been accelerating release from existing stores in the permafrost.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discuss evidence of melting permafrost and saltwater intrusion from the coast into freshwater systems due to rising Arctic temperatures, trends in these impacts over time, and how they affect wildlife and North Slope communities.
- **5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss how climate change has impacted communities throughout the state, and how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. Review how the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act of 2021 works to address this, including its investments in a new Tribal transition and relocation assistance program with approximately \$216 million in funding to support planning and voluntary, community-led transitions for those Tribal communities which are most vulnerable to accelerating climate-driven impacts.

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Attendees: Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Ed Case, Jason Paulsen, Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Guests will learn about the 45 year history of the \$8B Trans-Alaska Pipeline authorized by President Nixon in 1973, its construction, role in North Slope development, and its role in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.
- **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Discussion: Overview of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The Permanent Fund was created in 1976 via an amendment of the state constitution to help manage the growing state income from oil and gas development. It mandates that at least 25 percent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments and bonuses received by the State be deposited into the Fund. The Permanent Fund also allows for the distribution of dividend checks to Alaska residents.
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 - **7:00 a.m.** Alaska Air #234 to SEA arriving **11:40 a.m.**

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Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2023 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Saturday, July 29, 2023

- Travel to Fairbanks, AK
 - For Representative DelBene:
Travel from Seattle, WA to Fairbanks, AK
 - **12:10 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska Air #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive FAI
 - **3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Taxi from airport to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK
 - For Representative Case:
Travel from Washington DC to Fairbanks, AK
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska Air #1, **10:49 a.m.** arrive SEA
 - **12:10 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska Air #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive FAI
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Sunday, July 30, 2023

Attendees: Representative Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Representative Ed Case, Suzanne Case, Ryan Marsh (Director of Adventure Borealis and Co-Director of Programs at Northern Alaska Environmental Center), Jason Paulsen (Board Member, American Lands Project), guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks

- Travel from Fairbanks to basecamp in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - **7:00 a.m.** Shuttle to airport
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart FAI, Wright's Air, **10:30 a.m.** Arrive at Kavik- a small landing strip that functions as a staging point to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - **11:00* a.m.** Depart Kavik, Coyote Air, **11:30* a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp (trip programming begins).
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp and camp orientation by Arctic Treks guide.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Review maps of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge), and discuss the various land management priorities for conservation, resource development, research, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in and around the Arctic Refuge.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discussion: History leading up to and following the first designation of the Arctic Refuge. Established in 1960 as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, in the

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1980s it was expanded to its current size of 19 million acres and was renamed as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Guests will gain knowledge on the background that led to these designations, and how these changes affected management.

- **2:30 p.m – 5:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe wildlife and plants and discuss how natural systems function in this arctic tundra landscape, and the importance of the Arctic Refuge to migratory birds, caribou, and polar bear.
- **5:00 p.m – 6:00 p.m.** Review the geologic and ecological differences among the three major public land management units comprising Alaska’s North Slope: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, NPR-A, and Prudhoe Bay (State of Alaska land), and how these differences influence land management in each area. Also discuss the management structures unique to each area, and how the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), Bureau of Land Management (NPR-A), and State of Alaska (including Prudhoe Bay) each play a role in overseeing lands and resources on the North Slope.
- **6:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of fossil fuel resources in the Arctic, and history of development. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope of Alaska. Discussion will also cover recent assessments of fossil fuel resources on the North Slope, as well as offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This will help guests better understand Alaska’s fossil fuel resources, and how their extraction and use relate to the nation’s energy and climate goals.

Monday, July 31, 2023

Attendees: Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Ed Case, Suzanne Case, Ryan Marsh, Jason Paulsen, Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of the history of Indigenous people in the Arctic and Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years. Today, 18% of Alaska’s total population is Alaska Native or American Indian, the highest of any state.
- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities, which Congress termed “Alaska Native Corporations,” tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. A thirteenth Native Corporation was later created for Alaska Natives who no longer resided in Alaska.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Discussion: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Guests will learn about the history and landscape-shaping impact of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980. ANILCA designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska, as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges (including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), and national monuments

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across the state. It also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents during times of scarcity. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions surrounding resource management and utilization in Alaska.

- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe geologic features of the coastal plain and to observe permafrost soils and other features of the tundra landscape. During the hike, overview oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Dinner

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Attendees: Suzan DelBene, Kurt DelBene, Ed Case, Suzanne Case, Ryan Marsh, Jason Paulsen, Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks, 2 additional guests to be determined

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to the Arctic Refuge, and discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in regarding their roles in land protection and management.
- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Overview of subsistence use and how it supports rural Alaskans. Federal law defines subsistence use as “the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles... for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade.”
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Overview of the North Slope Borough and its villages. Most of the Borough’s approximately 11,000 permanent residents live in eight communities: Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiagvik, and Wainwright. Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) serves as the Borough seat of government. Maps will be provided to help guests understand the size and location of these communities.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Guided hike to observe the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge and discuss its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd as well as numerous other wildlife species. The Porcupine Caribou Herd uses the area as its summer calving ground, after completing the longest land migration of any land mammal, covering over 1,500 miles every year and spanning the Alaska-Yukon border. Discuss the complexities of managing the health of the herd across the US-Canadian international border, and how groups such as the Porcupine Caribou Management Board navigate these issues.
- **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Review the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934, and the 1936 amendment known as the Alaska IRA that resulted in the U.S.

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Government formally recognizing Alaska Natives. Discuss the role of Federally recognized Tribal governments and Tribal Courts in Alaska and the North Slope.

Wednesday, Aug 2, 2023

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- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Overview of the history of oil and gas exploration on the Coastal Plain, results of the January 2021 Arctic Refuge lease sale, and recent action by the current Administration to suspend drilling-related activities in the Refuge.
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Discussion of the role that public lands in Alaska play in our nation's carbon management. Alaska contains one third the country's federally managed lands, but stores an even larger share of terrestrial ecosystem carbon stocks-- 62% of all carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska.
- **11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Break
- **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Review estimates on the quantity of methane stored in permafrost in the Arctic. Arctic landscapes are a major reservoir of this greenhouse gas, and rising temperatures have been accelerating release from existing stores in the permafrost.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discuss evidence of melting permafrost and saltwater intrusion from the coast into freshwater systems due to rising Arctic temperatures, trends in these impacts over time, and how they affect wildlife and North Slope communities.
- **5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss how climate change has impacted communities throughout the state, and how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. Review how the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act of 2021 works to address this, including its investments in a new Tribal transition and relocation assistance program with approximately \$216 million in funding to support planning and voluntary, community-led transitions for those Tribal communities which are most vulnerable to accelerating climate-driven impacts.

Thursday, August 3, 2023

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 - **10:15 a.m.** Alaska Air #190 to SEA, arriving **2:50 p.m.**
 - **4:00 p.m.** Alaska Air #853 to HNL, arriving **7:10 p.m.**

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