

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: Rep. Andrea Salinas
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Christian David Ramey **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 20, 2025 Return: August 26, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Anchorage, AK Destination: Juneau, AK; Tongass Return City: Portland, OR
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
Please see the attached itinerary. A fact finding trip to experience and learn firsthand about the Tongass National Forest and its natural systems, tourism infrastructure, climate impacts, and local communities.
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: Andrea Salinas

Date: August 29, 2025

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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 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): Juneau, AK; Tenakee Springs, AK; Hoonah, AK; Tongass National Forest, AK

3. Date of Departure: August 20, 2025 Date of Return: August 26, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Andrea Salinas


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	\$3,850.23 Total (\$501.20 flights to/from JNU, \$400.21 Air Taxis, \$2,828 Boat Transport, \$110.82 Ground Transport)	\$1233.00 Total (\$411 Hotel for 3 nights in Juneau, \$822 for 3 nights on the David B)	\$488.99	\$240 (Share of float-plane tour of Taku watershed and Juneau Icefield)
Accompanying Family Member	\$3,850.23 Total (\$501.20 flights to/from JNU, \$400.21 Air Taxis, \$2,828 Boat Transport, \$110.82 Ground Transport)	\$1233.00 (\$411 Hotel for 3 nights in Juneau, \$822 for 3 nights on the David B)	\$464.99	\$240 (Share of float-plane tour of Taku watershed and Juneau Icefield)

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: 08/29/2025

Name: Thomas D. Campion Title: Board President

Organization: American Lands Project

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

Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, Suite 406, Seattle, WA 98101

Telephone: 720-951-4327 Email: Tom@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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Andrea Salinas
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, Alaska; Tenakee Springs, Alaska; Hoonah, Alaska
4. a. Date of Departure: August 20, 2025 Date of Return: August 26, 2025
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: Christian Ramey
 - (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, invitation, 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.**
I am the Ranking Member on the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Forestry and Horticulture. We will be visiting the Tongass National Forest, which is the US's largest National Forest.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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: _____

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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’s website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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. Andrea Salinas and Rep. Emily Randall; due to their work on natural resource, public lands, and energy issues related to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.

5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: Aug 20th, 2025 Date of Return: See attached

7. a. City of departure: Anchorage, AK (Rep. Andrea Salinas); Seattle, WA (Rep. Emily Randall)

b. Destination(s): Juneau, Alaska; Tenakee Springs, Alaska; Hoonah, Alaska

c. City of return: Portland, OR (Rep. Andrea Salinas); Juneau, AK (Rep. Emily Randall)

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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 Alaska. ALP is organizing and conducting all aspects of the trip outside of logistical support provided by guides and transportation operators.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: Boat to access remote areas of the Tongass)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: Air Taxi, Commercial Float Plane)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

See attached

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): Approximately \$80 per day. \$380 for meals on the David B and \$175 for meals in Fairbanks.
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: An opportunity experience and learn first-hand about the remote Tongass National Forest and meet with local subject matter experts and stakeholders.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hotel Baranof City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: \$274

Reason(s) for Selecting: Central location, comparable local seasonal price, proximity to trip locations

Hotel Name: Motor Vessel David B City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: \$274

Reason(s) for Selecting: Only way to view and access remote regions of the Tongass National Forest

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:**

<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	Box 1 - See attached	Box 2 - See attached	\$555 total - Rep. Salinas \$460 total - Rep. Randall
For each Accompanying Family Member	Box 4 - See attached	same - (\$1644 Christian Ramey) same - (\$1379 Cynthia Reames)	same - (\$555 Christian Ramey) same - (\$460 Cynthia Reames)


	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	\$240 - (Rep. Andrea Salinas)	Share of float-plane tour of salmon watershed and Juneau Icefield
For each Accompanying Family Member	same - \$240 - (Christian Ramey)	same

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: 8/15/2025
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 Name: Thomas D. Campion Title: Board President
 Organization: American Lands Project
 Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, Suite 406, Seattle, WA 98101
 Email: tom@americanlandsproject.org Telephone: 720-951-4327

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

6. Date of Return: Aug 26th, 2025 (Rep. Andrea Salinas); Aug 25th, 2025 (Rep. Emily Randall)

13. c) A portion of this trip will be on water and use a commercial motor vessel for transportation and lodging. Public Ferry service is not available to accomplish the educational objectives of the trip. The flights to/from Tenakee Springs and Hoonah will be via an air taxi, which is the only timely way to access the remote locations being visited. Commercial float plane flight will be used to view and access watershed and snowfield sites near Juneau, AK.

18.

Box 1 – Member Total Transportation:

- \$3,378.40 total - Rep. Salinas (\$501.20 flights to/from JNU) + (\$2798 for water transportation, \$79.20 for ground transportation)
- \$3,065.90 total - Rep. Randall (\$188.70 flights to JNU) + (\$2798 for water transportation, \$79.20 for ground transportation)

Box 2 - Member Total Lodging:

- \$1644 total - Rep Salinas (\$822 for 3 nights in Juneau, \$822 for 3 nights on boat)
- \$1379 total - Rep. Randall (\$548 for 2 nights in Juneau, \$822 for 3 nights on boat)

Box 4 - Accompanying Family Member Total Transportation:

- same - (\$3,378.40 Christian Ramey)
- \$3254.59 total - Cynthia Reames (\$377.40 flights to/from JNU, \$2798 for water transportation, \$79.20 for ground transportation)



House Participant List:

- Congresswoman Andrea Salinas
- Congresswoman Emily Randall

American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest 2025 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary August 20 - 26th, 2025

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- Rep. Andrea Salinas and Christian Ramey
 - Travel from Anchorage, AK to Juneau, AK
 - **3:00 p.m.** Depart ANC, Alaska 91, **4:41 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Rep. Emily Randall and Cynthia Reames
 - Travel from Seattle, WA to Juneau, AK
 - **1:40 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 95, **3:15 p.m.** arrive at JNU

- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
 - *Attendees: Representative Andrea Salinas and Christian Ramey, Representative Emily Randall and Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood (Southeast Alaska Futures Program Manager, Salmonstate), Ellen Wang (Board Member, American Lands Project)*

- **3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Check into the Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

- **4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.** Walking tour of Juneau and the Juneau harbor led by Southeast Alaska expert, Dan Kirkwood. Guests will learn about Juneau's role as a population center and marine hub in Southeast Alaska, in addition to serving as the Alaska State Capitol. Guests will observe the active tourism, cruise industry and commercial fishing infrastructure present in Juneau, serving as a foundation for conversations and programming scheduled for the remainder of the trip.

- **5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.** Break.

- **7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Hanger on the Wharf - 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK.

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Working dinner at Hanger on the Wharf: Discussion of the economic history of Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, with a focus on the recent expansion of tourism in Southeast Alaska and its impacts on the Tongass National Forest and its communities.
 - *Additional Attendees:*

- *Alexandra Pierce - Visitor Industry Director, City and Borough of Juneau*
- *Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau*
- *Sommers Cole - Commercial Fisherman and Captain of Fishing Vessel Energizer*

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffery and Christine Smith (Owners and Operators of the David B)

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Tenakee Springs, AK
 - **8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Ground transportation to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801
 - **9:00* a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **9:20* a.m.** Arrive at Hoonah (HNH)

- **10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Visit with the Hoonah Indian Association about forestry issues impacting their community and local economy. Meet with local expert Ian Johnston about the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. Learn about current restoration projects in previously logged areas of the forest.
 - *Additional Attendee:*
 - *Ian Johnston - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association*

- **1:00 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.** Board the Motor Vessel David B and receive an introduction to the vessel, which will serve as both a water taxi and lodging through August 24th to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Guests will receive a safety training from Jeffrey and Christine Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.

- **1:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** Working Lunch: Introductory discussion of Southeast Alaska and the geographies that will be observed during the remainder of the trip. The Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country, totalling 16.7 million acres of land in Southeast Alaska, and is the traditional homeland of three distinct Alaska Native tribes: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. With much of the Forest consisting of remote islands and undeveloped areas, visiting by boat or air is the only way to view much of the Forest.

- **3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.** Review maps of the State of Alaska to gain a better understanding of the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State of Alaska as they relate to locations guests will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole.

- **4:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Break.

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Learn from Motor Vessel David B owners Jeffrey and Christine Smith about the role of small boat tourism in Alaska and how small tourism businesses operate in Southeast Alaska's economy.

Friday, August 22, 2025

Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on the David B.
- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Onshore hike to observe salmon spawning habitat. Discussion on the economic value of healthy Tongass watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass produce 75% of the commercial salmon harvested annually from Southeast Alaska. This harvest of about 40 million salmon is valued at \$68 million annually.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion of public lands in the State of Alaska. Review maps and discuss the various land management directives for resource development, recreation, conservation, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in the State of Alaska.
- **12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Guided Hike onshore. On the hike, view Alaska's iconic wildlife and discuss how natural systems function in this landscape and the importance of the Tongass National Forest to salmon, grizzly bears, marine mammals, and other regional wildlife. Learn about the interactions between wild salmon and other Alaskan wildlife and discuss the economic impacts of tourism and wildlife viewing in Alaska.
- **3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Break.
- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** View the surrounding landscape from the deck and discuss Southeast Alaska communities, the expansion of tourism into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, the role the Forest plays in the regional economy, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss details surrounding historic and current economic drivers of the Southeast Alaska economy, including natural resource extraction, tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and land restoration. Discuss the role of federal initiatives in the region, such as the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, its history and current status, and the recent history of partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service and its impact on the region and its economy.

Saturday, August 23, 2025

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on David B.
- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** While underway, presentation and discussion of the current Tongass Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the U.S. Forest Service's efforts to update the Forest Plan in the coming years. The current Forest Plan was developed in 1997, and a revision process for the Tongass Forest Plan, announced in 2023, is currently in progress.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Presentation and discussion regarding the history and legislation that have shaped federal land ownership and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated many of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and wild and scenic rivers across the state. ANILCA also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents of Alaska 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.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: 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. Familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in Southeast Alaska.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Break.
- **2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Onshore hike. Visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area on the Tongass National Forest and discuss how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast Alaska. In June 2025, the administration announced its intention to repeal Roadless Rule protections nationwide, including in the Tongass National Forest.
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Detailed overview of the history of Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, including the history of timber and mineral development, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast.
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** While underway, use maps to observe the different land ownership regimes in Southeast Alaska, including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on forest management in the Tongass National Forest.
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Introduction and discussion around the emerging mariculture industry (shellfish and seaweed farming) as an economic diversification strategy, including regulatory frameworks and investment opportunities in Southeast Alaska.
- **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Break.
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Group reflection and discussion of morning field session and concluding discussions with Jeffrey and Christine aboard the Motor Vessel David B.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Walking tour of Tenakee Springs, AK, led by Dan Kirkwood. Overview of subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the State. 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.”
- **2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Discuss mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history and economic impacts of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.
- **4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Tenakee Springs to Juneau. Ground transportation to Tenakee Springs Airport.
- Return to Juneau, AK.
 - **5:00* p.m.** Depart Tenakee Springs (TKE), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **5:30* p.m.** Arrive at Juneau (JNU)
- **5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Rental car from airport to Best Western Baranof –127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.** Break.

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

- **7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Rental car to dinner at SALT – 200 Seward St, Juneau, AK 99801.
- **7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of Alaska-specific context: Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA) and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Guests will also learn about the impacts of the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, economic transitions in the region, and tribal engagement in Southeast Alaska.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Katie Riley - Deputy Director, Sitka Conservation Society*
 - *Anthony Mallot - Spruce Root, Former CEO of Sealaska*
 - *Natalie Dawson - Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alaska Venture Fund*

Monday, August 25, 2025

- Cynthia Reames
 - Travel from Juneau, AK to Seattle, WA
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 42, **10:29 a.m.** arrive at SEA
- **7:00 a.m.** - Official end of American Lands Project programming for Rep. Emily Randall and Cynthia Reames. Rep. Emily Randall will depart the American Lands Project trip to join a House Natural Resources Committee trip in Alaska. Cynthia Reames will return to Seattle.

Remaining Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang

- **8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.** Rental car to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801
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- **12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.** Break.
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- *President Richard Peterson - President, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
 - *Jill Weitz - Natural Resource Manager for Native Lands & Resources Division, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
 - *Ralph Wolfe - Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes Of Alaska*
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- **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Working dinner at In Bocca Al Lupo
 - Summarize the trip, and discuss any remaining questions and topics.

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

- Rep. Andrea Salinas and Christian Ramey
 - Travel from Juneau, AK, to Washington, D.C. or home district
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 42, **10:29 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:45 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 3290, **1:44 p.m.** arrive at PDX.

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American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest 2025 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary August 20 - 26th, 2025

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- Rep. Andrea Salinas and Christian Ramey
 - Travel from Anchorage, AK to Juneau, AK
 - **3:00 p.m.** Depart ANC, Alaska 91, **4:41 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Rep. Emily Randall and Cynthia Reames
 - Travel from Seattle, WA to Juneau, AK
 - **1:40 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 95, **3:15 p.m.** arrive at JNU

- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
 - *Attendees: Representative Andrea Salinas and Christian Ramey, Representative Emily Randall and Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood (Southeast Alaska Futures Program Manager, Salmonstate), Ellen Wang (Board Member, American Lands Project)*

- **3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Check into the Best Western Baranof – 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

- **4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.** Walking tour of Juneau and the Juneau harbor led by Southeast Alaska expert, Dan Kirkwood. Guests will learn about Juneau’s role as a population center and marine hub in Southeast Alaska, in addition to serving as the Alaska State Capitol. Guests will observe the active tourism, cruise industry and commercial fishing infrastructure present in Juneau, serving as a foundation for conversations and programming scheduled for the remainder of the trip.

- **5:45 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.** Break.

- **7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Hanger on the Wharf – 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK.

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** Working dinner at Hanger on the Wharf: Discussion of the economic history of Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, with a focus on the recent expansion of tourism in Southeast Alaska and its impacts on the Tongass National Forest and its communities.
 - *Additional Attendees:*

- *Alexandra Pierce - Visitor Industry Director, City and Borough of Juneau*
- *Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau*
- *(Note: Summers Cole was unable to attend this dinner due to personal reasons.)*

Thursday, August 21, 2025

Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey and Christine Smith (Owners and Operators of the David B)

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Hoonah, AK
 - **8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Ground transportation to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801
 - **11:00 a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **11:20 a.m.** Arrive at Hoonah (HNN)
 - (Note: Flight was delayed due to a scheduling error at Alaska Seaplanes.)*
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Visit with the Hoonah Indian Association about forestry issues impacting their community and local economy. Meet with local expert Ian Johnson about the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. Learn about current restoration projects in previously logged areas of the forest.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Ian Johnson - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association*
 - *Nathan Moulton - Tribal Administrator, Hoonah Indian Association*
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.** Board the Motor Vessel David B and receive an introduction to the vessel, which will serve as both a water taxi and lodging through August 24th to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Guests will receive a safety training from Jeffrey and Christine Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.
- **2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Working Lunch: Introductory discussion of Southeast Alaska and the geographies that will be observed during the remainder of the trip. The Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country, totalling 16.7 million acres of land in Southeast Alaska, and is the traditional homeland of three distinct Alaska Native tribes: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. With much of the Forest consisting of remote islands and undeveloped areas, visiting by boat or air is the only way to view much of the Forest.
- **3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Review maps of the State of Alaska to gain a better understanding of the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State of Alaska as they relate to locations guests will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole.
- **4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Break.

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- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Learn from Motor Vessel David B owners Jeffrey and Christine Smith about the role of small boat tourism in Alaska and how small tourism businesses operate in Southeast Alaska's economy.

Friday, August 22, 2025

Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on the David B.
- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Onshore hike to observe salmon spawning habitat. Discussion on the economic value of healthy Tongass watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass produce 75% of the commercial salmon harvested annually from Southeast Alaska. This harvest of about 40 million salmon is valued at \$68 million annually.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion of public lands in the State of Alaska. Review maps and discuss the various land management directives for resource development, recreation, conservation, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in the State of Alaska.
- **12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Guided Hike onshore. On the hike, view Alaska's iconic wildlife and discuss how natural systems function in this landscape and the importance of the Tongass National Forest to salmon, grizzly bears, marine mammals, and other regional wildlife. Learn about the interactions between wild salmon and other Alaskan wildlife and discuss the economic impacts of tourism and wildlife viewing in Alaska.
- **3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Break.
- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** View the surrounding landscape from the deck and discuss Southeast Alaska communities, the expansion of tourism into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, the role the Forest plays in the regional economy, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss details surrounding historic and current economic drivers of the Southeast Alaska economy, including natural resource extraction, tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and land restoration. Discuss the role of federal initiatives in the region, such as the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, its history and current status, and the recent history of partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service and its impact on the region and its economy.

Saturday, August 23, 2025

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Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on David B.
- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** While underway, presentation and discussion of the current Tongass Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the U.S. Forest Service's efforts to update the Forest Plan in the coming years. The current Forest Plan was developed in 1997, and a revision process for the Tongass Forest Plan, announced in 2023, is currently in progress.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Presentation and discussion regarding the history and legislation that have shaped federal land ownership and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated many of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and wild and scenic rivers across the state. ANILCA also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents of Alaska 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.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: 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. Familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in Southeast Alaska.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Break.
- **2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Onshore hike. Visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area on the Tongass National Forest and discuss how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast Alaska. In June 2025, the administration announced its intention to repeal Roadless Rule protections nationwide, including in the Tongass National Forest.
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Detailed overview of the history of Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, including the history of timber and mineral development, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

Sunday, August 24, 2025

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Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Rep. Emily Randall, Cynthia Reames, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast.
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** While underway, use maps to observe the different land ownership regimes in Southeast Alaska, including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on forest management in the Tongass National Forest.
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Introduction and discussion around the emerging mariculture industry (shellfish and seaweed farming) as an economic diversification strategy, including regulatory frameworks and investment opportunities in Southeast Alaska.
- **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Break.
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Group reflection and concluding discussions with Jeffrey and Christine aboard the Motor Vessel David B.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Walking tour of Tenakee Springs, AK, led by Dan Kirkwood. Overview of subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the State. 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.”
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Tenakee Springs to Juneau. Ground transportation to Tenakee Springs Seaplane Base.
- Return to Juneau, AK.
 - **3:00 p.m.** Depart Tenakee Springs (TKE), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **3:30 p.m.** Arrive at Juneau (JNU)
(Note: Flight was moved up due to a change in Alaska Seaplanes' scheduling.)
- **3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Rental car from airport to Best Western Baranof -127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
- **4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Break
- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Discuss mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history and economic impacts of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.

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- **5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.** Break.
- **7:15 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Rental car to dinner at SALT – 200 Seward St, Juneau, AK 99801.
- **7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of Alaska-specific context: Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA) and Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Guests will also learn about the impacts of the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, economic transitions in the region, and tribal engagement in Southeast Alaska.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Katie Riley - Deputy Director, Sitka Conservation Society*
 - *Anthony Mallot - Spruce Root, Former CEO of Sealaska*
 - *(Note: Natalie Dawson was unable to attend dinner due to family obligations.)*

Monday, August 25, 2025

- Cynthia Reames
 - Travel from Juneau, AK to Seattle, WA
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 42, **10:29 a.m.** arrive at SEA
- **7:00 a.m.** - Official end of American Lands Project programming for Rep. Emily Randall and Cynthia Reames. Rep. Emily Randall will depart the American Lands Project trip to join a House Natural Resources Committee trip in Alaska. Cynthia Reames will return to Seattle.

Remaining Attendees: Rep. Andrea Salinas, Christian Ramey, Dan Kirkwood, Ellen Wang

- **8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.** Rental car to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801
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 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Bre Walker - Salmon Beyond Borders Director, SalmonState*
 - *(Note: Eran Hood was unable to attend due to last minute scheduling conflicts.)*
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Lunch.
- **12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.** Break.
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 - *Arielle Halpern - Forest Policy and Research Manager, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
 - *(Note: Ralph Wolfe was unable to attend the meeting due to personal schedule changes.)*

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 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Laurie Cooper - Senior Advisor to the Regional Forester; USFS*

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 - *Jeffrey Smith - Owner and Operator of the M/V David B*
 - *Christine Smith - Owner and Operator of the M/V David B*
 - *Matt Millner - Deckhand, M/V David B*

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August 19, 2025

The Honorable Andrea Salinas
U.S. House of Representatives
403 Cannon 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 Juneau, Alaska, scheduled for August 20 to 26, 2025, 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
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Mark DeSaulnier
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Congresswoman Andrea Salinas
403 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Salinas,

The American Lands Project appreciates your interest in the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska and public lands in the state of Alaska. At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the largest National Forest in the country. It is home to wild salmon watersheds that are among the most productive in the country, and it supports a \$1 billion commercial fishing industry. The region's 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, on top of the fact that 62% of all carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska. The region's forests are also valued by members of the Alaska Native community for the subsistence resources they provide, and for broader cultural and historic connections to the land.

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 form the basis of Southeast Alaska's 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. Then, in 2020, the Trump Administration exempted the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, opening over 9 million acres to potential road-building and timber. The Biden Administration reinstated Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass in 2023, and the Trump administration announced in June 2025 their intention to repeal the Roadless Rule nationwide, including in the Tongass.

We would like to invite you and your husband, Christian Ramey, to join American Lands Project for a trip to the Tongass National Forest from August 20th to 26th, 2025. Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to see and experience the Tongass National Forest first-hand, learn about climate impacts and opportunities in the region and state, and use the region as a lens through which to gain knowledge on a broader array of public lands topics in the State of Alaska.

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,

Natalie Smink
Education & Trip Coordinator