

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: Congressman Don Bacon
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Donald H. Bacon OR ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☒ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 13, 2026 Return: June 18, 2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR ☒ None
4. Departure City: Omaha, NE Destination: Fairbanks AK, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK Return City: Omaha, NE
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. Fact finding trip to experience and learn firsthand about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and meet with local residents that rely on these lands.
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: 6-30-26

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): Fairbanks, AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

3. Date of Departure: June 13, 2026 Date of Return: June 18, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Don Bacon

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	\$6800.84 (\$1,600.51 travel to/from FAI, \$5,075.83 Air taxi, \$124.50 ground transport)	\$708.00 (\$254/night for two nights in Fairbanks, \$200 total for backcountry tent/ gear rental)	\$433.08	\$3,056.67 (Backcountry guide and fees)
Accompanying Family Member	\$6800.84 (\$1,600.51 travel to/from FAI, \$5,075.83 Air taxi, \$124.50 ground transport)	\$708.00 (\$254/night for two nights in Fairbanks, \$200 total for backcountry tent/ gear rental)	\$444.88	\$3,056.67 (Backcountry guide and fees)

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.

Signed by: Tom Campion Date: 6/26/2026
Signature: DC48BC5CB330465...

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 Ave, 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.

Congressional Participants

- Congressman Burgess Owens
- Congressman Don Bacon
- Lee Lonsberry (Chief of Staff, Rep. Burgess Owens)

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

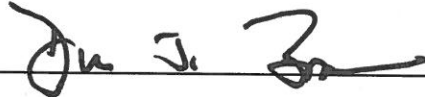
This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Don Bacon

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): _____

Office Address: 2104 Rayburn House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-4155

Email Address of Contact Person: sara.wajda@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Don Bacon
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: Fairbanks, AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK
4. a. Date of Departure: June 13 2026 Date of Return: June 18th 2026
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: Donnie Bacon
(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.**
Rep. Bacon was invited so he can see the importance of public land use with in some of the most remote parts of the nation. He will also learn about the human / natural ecosystem relationship within these public lands including the use of the regions natural resources.
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: _____

Don T. Bacon

Date: 5-12-24

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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. Don Bacon, Rep. Burgess Owens, and Lee Lonsberry due to their work on natural resource, public lands, and energy issues related to the Arctic.

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

6. Date of Departure: June 13th, 2026 Date of Return: June 18th, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Omaha, NE (Rep. Bacon); Salt Lake City, UT (Rep. Owens); Washington, D.C. (Lee Lonsberry)

- b. Destination(s): Fairbanks, AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- c. City of return: Omaha, NE (Rep. Bacon); Salt Lake City, UT (Rep. Owens); Washington, D.C. (Lee Lonsberry)

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:

American Lands Project seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part through facilitating fact-finding travel centered around place-based education. American Lands Project has developed the agenda of this trip and has organized all invitations to congressional guests.

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 - to access remote areas of Alaska)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

The flights in and out of the Arctic will be via air taxi, which is the only way to access the remote locations being visited.

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): Approx. \$100/day for meals, including backcountry meals supplied by guide and two meals in Fairbanks, AK.
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The opportunity to experience and learn firsthand about remote Arctic landscapes and meet with local residents that rely on these lands.

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

Hotel Name: La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport City: Fairbanks Cost Per Night: \$254

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: \$66.67

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.*

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached - Box 1	\$708 (\$254/night for two nights in a hotel Fairbanks, \$200 for tent rental in the backcountry)	\$450 (\$100 for dinners in Fairbanks, \$350 for backcountry guide meals)
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached - Box 4	\$708 (same)	\$450 (same)

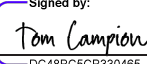
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$3056.67	Backcountry guide and fees
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$3056.67	Backcountry guide and fees

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.**

Signed by: 
Signature: _____ Date: 5/7/2026
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

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18.

Box 1 – Member, Officer, or Employee Total Transportation

- \$7657.80 total – Rep. Burgess Owens (\$1077.80 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$6452 air taxi + \$128 ground transportation)
- \$8180.51 total – Rep. Don Bacon (\$1600.51 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$6452 air taxi + \$128 ground transportation)
- \$8698.48 total – Lee Lonsberry (\$2,118.48 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$6452 air taxi + \$128 ground transportation)

Box 4 – Accompanying Family Member Total Transportation:

- \$8180.51 total – Donald H. Bacon (\$1600.51 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$6452 air taxi + \$128 ground transportation)

American Lands Project

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Saturday, June 13, 2026

- Travel from Washington DC or home district to Fairbanks, AK
 - Rep. Don Bacon and Donald H. Bacon
 - **6:03 a.m.** Depart OMA, Alaska #557, **7:48 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
 - Rep. Burgess Owens
 - **7:50 a.m.** Depart SLC, Delta #2874, **9:05 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:10 p.m.** Depart SEA, Delta #135, **2:54 p.m.** arrive at FAI
 - Lee Lonsberry
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska #1, **10:58 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK
- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner at The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
 - Welcome dinner and orientation to the trip and Alaska geography.
 - *Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon and Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry (Chief of Staff, Rep. Burgess Owens), Jason Paulsen (Board Member, American Lands Project)*

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie (Arctic Treks Guide)

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Arctic Village, AK (Staging Area)
 - **7:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to airport
 - **8:15* a.m.** Depart FAI, Everts Air, **10:00* a.m.** Arrive at Arctic Village, an Alaska Native village (Gwich'in) at the southern border of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Arctic Village also functions as a staging point for ingress/ egress to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- **10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Travel from Arctic Village, AK to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK (*Representative Burgess Owens, Lee Lonsberry, Jeffrey Gillespie*)
 - **10:30 a.m.** Depart staging area, Coyote Air, **11:30 a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp location.
 - Discussion en route with Dirk Nickisch, pilot/owner of Coyote Air regarding recent weather events, wildfire impacts upon aviation,

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

recreational uses of the Arctic Refuge, and changes observed over the past 20 years, which are necessitating changes in business operations.

- **11:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Learn from Arctic Treks guide about the variety of commercial and private groups that use the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge including backcountry guides, hunting guides, river guides, and private recreators. Discuss the different regulations and permits that these respective groups must follow in order to operate within the Refuge.
- **10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Travel from Arctic Village, AK to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK (*Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Jason Paulsen*)
 - **10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Walking tour of Arctic Village led by Jason Paulsen to learn about the history of Indigenous people in Arctic Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years, and their shift from nomadic lifestyles to permanent settlement in places like Arctic Village. During the tour discuss the challenges that rural Alaskan villages face including electricity, heating, and food access and costs and the critical role that subsistence hunting and fishing continues to play in these remote communities.
 - **12:30 p.m.** Depart staging area, Coyote Air, **1:30 p.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp location.
 - Discussion en route with Dirk Nickisch, pilot/owner of Coyote Air regarding recent weather events, wildfire impacts upon aviation, recreational uses of the Arctic Refuge, and changes observed over the past 20 years, which are necessitating changes in business operations.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Flightseeing tour over the Coastal Plain to observe coastal arctic habitats and discuss the importance of Arctic sea ice for wildlife, including polar bears and caribou that rely on the ice as part of their summer habitat.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Camp orientation by Arctic Treks guide to review location and safety, and additional context of the trip and the group's location within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge).
- **3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Review maps of Alaska's North Slope to become oriented with respect to the tribal, state, and federal lands, and land management designations in the Alaskan Arctic, and their relation to conservation, resource development, recreation, and subsistence uses.
- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Discussion: History leading up to and following the first federal designation of the Arctic Refuge. Established in 1960 as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, it was expanded in 1980 to its current size of 19 million acres and was renamed the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Guests will gain knowledge on the background that led to these designations and how these changes have affected management over time.
- **5:30 p.m. - 8:00 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

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

the health of the herd across the US-Canadian international border, and how entities such as the Porcupine Caribou Management Board navigate these issues.

- **8:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Review the geologic and ecological differences across the three major public land management units comprising Alaska's North Slope: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A), and 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 U.S. 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.

Monday, June 15, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of fossil fuel resources in the Arctic and the history of development in the region. 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, congressionally mandated oil and gas lease sales, and offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This will help guests better understand Alaska's fossil fuel resources and how their development and use relate to the nation's energy goals.
- **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 titles 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." These corporations were 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.
- **3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Break

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

- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe geologic features of the Arctic Refuge and view permafrost soils and other features of the tundra landscape. During the hike, discuss oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss the history and process of oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic, including which areas are open for leasing and development, the process for selecting tracks to be leased, and the actual sales. Talk about the recent March 2026 lease sale in the NPR-A and the June 5, 2026, lease sale in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to the Alaskan Arctic, and discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in regarding their roles in decisions around federal land management and development.
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.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. Review how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. View physical examples near basecamp of the slumping of surface soils and changes in water chemistry due to the melting of permafrost.
- **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: 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.”
- **1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe wildlife and plants and discuss how natural systems function in this arctic tundra landscape, and the use of the Arctic Refuge by migratory birds, caribou, polar bears, and other wildlife.
- **3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Review the background and history of the National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A), including initial designation in 1923 as an emergency oil supply for the U.S. Navy, Navy management of the land until the area was conveyed to the Department of the Interior in 1976 in accordance with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management from that conveyance until present day. Discuss the four federally designated Special Areas within the 23-million-acre landscape and the ecological importance of each as important habitat for polar bears, seals, walrus, birds, and caribou herds that have sustained the Native people of Alaska’s North Slope for over 10,000 years. In addition, review the recent announcements that the Department of the Interior has made regarding the

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NPR-A, including recently approved oil and gas projects such as the Willow Project, and the administration's recent announcements around the Integrated Activity Plan and regulatory framework for the NPR-A.

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Break
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Overview of the major caribou herds of the North Slope located outside the Arctic Refuge, including current population data and trends, and management history with a focus on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd and its associated Working Group. Overview of the role of the latest survey data on caribou population counts and fluctuations over time. The Western Arctic Caribou Working Group is composed of subsistence users, other Alaska hunters, reindeer herders, hunting guides, transporters, and conservationists, with agency staff biologists and natural resource managers serving in an advisory capacity. The Working Group meets annually to evaluate the health of what, until recent years, has been Alaska's largest caribou herd. The group also works to identify concerns, request information, and advocate for actions that will conserve and benefit the herd.

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Discussion of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Guests will learn about the history of the \$8 billion Trans-Alaska Pipeline authorized by President Nixon in 1973, including its construction and its role in the development of the North Slope and in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.
- **9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The Permanent Fund was created in 1976 via an amendment to 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 annual dividend checks to Alaska residents.
- **10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Break down camp
- **11:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.** Travel from Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK to Arctic Village, AK (*Representative Burgess Owens, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen*)
 - **11:00 a.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air. **12:30 p.m.** Arrive at Arctic Village, AK.
 - During the flight and waiting time, discuss international Arctic politics and collaborative efforts beyond Alaska, including the Arctic Council, which was created as an intergovernmental forum to foster cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic. Overview of the United States' role as an Arctic Nation, the 6 permanent participants in the Arctic Council, and impacts of increased shipping in the Arctic as a result of changing sea ice conditions.

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Management of the circumpolar Arctic and the role(s) and governance of Indigenous Arctic Peoples outside the United States will also be explored.

- **12:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Working lunch with the Arctic Village staff and residents to learn about the history of Arctic Village and the ways in which management of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge impacts their village community, including their peoples' connections to the Refuge for spiritual, cultural, and subsistence practices. Tour of Arctic Village to learn more about the history of Indigenous people in Arctic Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years, and their shift from nomadic lifestyles to permanent settlement in places like Arctic Village. During the tour discuss the challenges that rural Alaskan villages face including electricity, heating, and food access and costs and the critical role that subsistence hunting and fishing continues to play in these remote communities. Visit gravel extraction site to view new rock crusher and discuss other capital equipment investments being made by the Village, bridge replacement project, soils lab and discuss the nexus to federal funding sources.
 - *Attendees: Byron Bluehorse, Director of Infrastructure Projects, Mike Lee, Arctic Village Staff, Representative Burgess Owens, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen*
 - **3:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.** Return to Arctic Village landing strip.
 - **11:00 a.m. - 3:15 p.m.** Travel from Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK to Arctic Village, AK (*Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Jeffrey Gillespie*)
 - **11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Finish breaking down camp.
 - **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Learn from Arctic Treks guide about the variety of commercial and private groups that use the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge including backcountry guides, hunting guides, river guides, and private recreators. Discuss the different regulations and permits that these respective groups must follow in order to operate within the Refuge.
 - **1:30 p.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air. **3:15 p.m.** Arrive at Arctic Village.
 - During the flight and waiting time, discuss international Arctic politics and collaborative efforts beyond Alaska, including the Arctic Council, which was created as an intergovernmental forum to foster cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic. Overview of the United States' role as an Arctic Nation, the 6 permanent participants in the Arctic Council, and impacts of increased shipping in the Arctic as a result of changing sea ice conditions. Management of the circumpolar Arctic and the role(s) and governance of Indigenous Arctic Peoples outside the United States will also be explored.
 - Return to Fairbanks, AK
 - **3:15 p.m.** Depart Arctic Village, Everts Air, **5:00 p.m.** Arrive FAI
 - **5:30 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK
 - **5:30 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.** Break
 - **7:15 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.** Ground transportation to dinner. The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
 - **7:45 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Summarize the trip, share experiences from the
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Arctic Village tour with those who were on the second flight out, and discuss any remaining questions and topics.

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 - Lee Lonsberry
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May 26, 2026

The Honorable Don Bacon
U.S. House of Representatives
2104 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your child's proposed trip to Fairbanks and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska, scheduled for June 13 to 18, 2026, 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 \$525 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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Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Saturday, June 13, 2026

- Travel from Washington DC or home district to Fairbanks, AK
 - Rep. Don Bacon and Donald H. Bacon
 - **6:03 a.m.** Depart OMA, Alaska #557, **7:48 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
 - Rep. Burgess Owens
 - **7:50 a.m.** Depart SLC, Delta #2874, **9:05 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **10:40 a.m.** Depart SEA, Delta #135, **1:35 p.m.** arrive at FAI
 - Lee Lonsberry
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska #1, **10:58 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK
- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner at The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
 - Welcome dinner and orientation to the trip and Alaska geography.
 - *Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon and Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry (Chief of Staff, Rep. Burgess Owens), Jason Paulsen (Board Member, American Lands Project)*

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie (Arctic Treks Guide)

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK
 - **7:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to airport
 - **8:00* a.m.** Depart FAI, Everts Air, **10:00* a.m.** Arrive at landing strip and staging area outside of Arctic Refuge (location dependent on weather and conditions) to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - **10:30* a.m.** Depart staging area, Coyote Air, **11:30* a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp location.
- **11:30 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Camp orientation by Arctic Treks guide to review location and safety, and additional context of the trip and the group's location within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge).

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- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Review maps of Alaska's North Slope to become oriented with respect to the tribal, state, and federal lands, and land management designations in the Alaskan Arctic, and their relation to conservation, resource development, recreation, and subsistence uses.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Discussion: History leading up to and following the first federal designation of the Arctic Refuge. Established in 1960 as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, it was expanded in 1980 to its current size of 19 million acres and was renamed the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Guests will gain knowledge on the background that led to these designations and how these changes have affected management over time.
- **3:30 p.m. - 6:00 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 entities such as the Porcupine Caribou Management Board navigate these issues.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Review the geologic and ecological differences across the three major public land management units comprising Alaska's North Slope: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A), and 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 U.S. 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.

Monday, June 15, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of fossil fuel resources in the Arctic and the history of development in the region. 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, congressionally mandated oil and gas lease sales, and offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This will help guests better understand Alaska's fossil fuel resources and how their development and use relate to the nation's energy goals.
- **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 titles 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." These corporations were tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic

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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.
- **3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Break
- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe geologic features of the Arctic Refuge and view permafrost soils and other features of the tundra landscape. During the hike, discuss oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss the history and process of oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic, including which areas are open for leasing and development, the process for selecting tracks to be leased, and the actual sales. Talk about the recent March 2026 lease sale in the NPR-A and the June 5, 2026, lease sale in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

Attendees: Representative Burgess Owens, Representative Don Bacon, Donald H. Bacon, Lee Lonsberry, Jason Paulsen, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to the Alaskan Arctic, and discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in regarding their roles in decisions around federal land management and development.
- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.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. Review how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. View physical examples near basecamp of the slumping of surface soils and changes in water chemistry due to the melting of permafrost.
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- **11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Break down camp
- **12:00* p.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air,
- **1:00* p.m.** Arrive at Arctic Village, an Alaska Native village (Gwich'in) at the southern border of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Arctic Village also functions as a staging point to access and/or depart the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - During the flight and waiting time, discuss international Arctic politics and collaborative efforts beyond Alaska, including the Arctic Council, which was created as an intergovernmental forum to foster cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic. Overview of the United States' role as an Arctic Nation, the 6 permanent participants in the Arctic Council, and impacts of increased shipping in the Arctic as a result of changing sea ice conditions. Management of the circumpolar Arctic and the role(s) and governance of Indigenous Arctic Peoples outside the United States will also be explored.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Working lunch with the Arctic Village Council and/or other local leaders to learn about the history of Arctic Village and the ways in which management of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge impacts their village community, including their peoples' connections to the Refuge for spiritual, cultural, and subsistence practices.
- **2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Tour of Arctic Village. Learn more about the history of Indigenous people in Arctic Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years, and their shift from nomadic lifestyles to permanent settlement in places like Arctic Village. During the tour discuss the challenges that rural Alaskan villages face including electricity, heating, and food access and costs and the critical role that subsistence hunting and fishing continues to play in these remote communities.
 - *Additional Attendees: Arctic Village tour leader to be assigned.*
- **4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Return to the Arctic Village landing strip.
- Return to Fairbanks, AK
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Congressman Don Bacon
2104 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bacon,

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. Alaska Native people have been stewards of this land for centuries and continue to depend heavily on the region's subsistence resources. The Arctic Refuge supports a diverse array of wildlife, including polar bears, caribou, musk ox, and hundreds of species of migratory birds.

Land use policy for the Arctic Refuge has shifted significantly over the years, ranging from proposed restricted-use designations to authorized energy development. 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 officially invite you and an allowed guest to join ALP for a trip to the Arctic Refuge from June 13th to June 18th, 2026 – on the ground in the Arctic Refuge from June 14th to June 17th. The trip will be fully sponsored by ALP, including all travel, lodging, and meals. We will follow-up with the formal 2026 trip itinerary and will assist with the required documentation for submission to the House Committee on Ethics.

Thank you for your consideration. As with all trip guests, we would like to schedule a virtual meeting with you and your staff to share additional details about the trip, provide recommendations for preparation, and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Natalie Smink
Education & Trips Coordinator