

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: Suzanne Lee
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Cody Lee **OR** ☐ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☒ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 08/16/26 Return: 08/22/26
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Las Vegas, NV Destination: Fairbanks, AK Return City: Las Vegas, NV
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached itinerary

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: Suzanne Lee

Date: 09/04/26

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ Original ☐ Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated 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: August 16, 2026 Date of Return: August 22, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Susie Lee

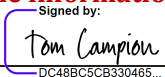
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if **all** information is **identical** for each person listed.

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	\$7561.40 (\$850.80 travel to/from FAI, \$6568.33 Air taxi, \$142.28 ground transport)	\$708.00 (\$254/night for two nights in Fairbanks, \$200 total for backcountry tent/ gear rental)	\$497.02	\$3251.67 (Backcountry guide and fees)
Accompanying Family Member	\$7432.40 (\$721.80 travel to/from FAI, \$6568.33 Air taxi, \$142.28 ground transport)	\$708.00 (\$254/night for two nights in Fairbanks, \$200 total for backcountry tent/ gear rental)	\$487.28	\$3251.67 (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.

Signature:  Signed by: Tom Campion Date: 8/28/2026

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.

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: Suzanne Kelley Lee

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

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: 365 Cannon House Office Building

Telephone Number: (202) 225-3252

Email Address of Contact Person: quinn.fisher1@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: Suzanne Kelley Lee
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: August 16th, 2026 Date of Return: August 22nd, 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: Cody Daniel Lee
(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.**
~~As a member of the House Committee on Natural Resources, this experience will facilitate a better understanding of a key region, resources, and wildlife in Alaska that often feature prominently in committee business — but are just as often vastly different from my own region, our resources, and our wildlife in Nevada.~~

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. Susie Lee and Rep. Maxine Dexter 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: August 16th, 2026 Date of Return: August 22, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Las Vegas, NV (Rep. Lee); Portland, OR (Rep. Dexter)

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

c. City of return: Las Vegas, NV (Rep. Lee); Portland, OR (Rep. Dexter)

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 National Wildlife Refuge 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. \$73/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: \$50

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)	\$508 (\$100 for dinners in Fairbanks, \$408 for backcountry guide meals)
For each Accompanying Family Member	See attached - Box 4	\$708 (same)	\$508 (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	\$3149.17	Backcountry guide and fees
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$3149.17	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.**

Signature:  Date: 7/10/2026
Signed by: DC48BC9CB330465...
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.

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August 10, 2026

The Honorable Susie Lee
U.S. House of Representatives
365 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 child's proposed trip to Fairbanks, Alaska, scheduled for August 16 to 22, 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
Chairman

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

MG/MD:kjf

Congressional Participants

- Congresswoman Maxine Dexter
- Congresswoman Susie Lee

18.

Box 1 – Member, Officer, or Employee Total Transportation

- \$9359.69 total – Rep. Maxine Dexter (\$727.80 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$8485 air taxi + \$146.90 ground transportation)
- \$9482.69 total – Rep. Susie Lee (\$850.80 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$8485 air taxi + \$146.90 ground transportation)

Box 4 – Accompanying Family Member Total Transportation:

- \$9521.69 total – Sophia Dexter (\$727.80 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$8485 air taxi + \$146.90 ground transportation)
- \$9353.69 total – Cody Lee (\$721.80 flights to/from Fairbanks + \$8485 air taxi + \$146.90 ground transportation)

American Lands Project

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary August 16 - 22, 2026

Mission Goals: A fact-finding trip to visit Alaska's North Slope and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge), and learn about the federal land-management framework, energy development history and current activity, wildlife and habitat conservation, landscape change, and Indigenous community engagement across these landscapes. Participants will have the opportunity to visit remote areas of the Arctic Refuge to gain firsthand knowledge of land-management frameworks, energy leasing and development, subsistence uses, and Arctic landscape changes, and to meet with local and Tribal stakeholders to learn more about regional policy issues. Members will examine firsthand the specific geography and communities affected by ongoing and prospective legislative decisions on Arctic public lands.

Relevance to Official Duties: Congress and the Administration play a significant role in Alaska's land and natural resources policy, including energy development and Indigenous affairs on the North Slope. As Members of Congress, Rep. Susie Lee (NV-03) and Rep. Maxine Dexter (OR-03) have legislative and oversight responsibilities concerning the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the broader North Slope. This fact-finding trip will educate the Members on the energy, tribal, and natural resource management issues related to the Arctic Refuge and North Slope. They will gain firsthand knowledge to inform their decisions on legislation, appropriations, amendments, and other congressional actions concerning the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the North Slope, and Alaska's federal public lands.

Location: The purpose of travel to Fairbanks, Alaska is to gain hands-on experience within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to educate Members on the landscape's history, ecology, management, and the Indigenous communities that depend on it. The American Lands Project will also take Members to Arctic Village, a Gwich'in community on the Refuge's southern border, to meet with local and Tribal community members. Locations will include the Refuge's Coastal Plain, basecamp sites accessible only by air taxi, and Arctic Village itself.

Sunday, August 16, 2026

- Rep. Susie Lee and Cody Lee
 - Travel from Las Vegas, NV to Fairbanks, AK
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart LAS, Alaska 479, **9:43 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 1507, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
- Rep. Maxine Dexter and Sophia Dexter
 - Travel from Portland, OR to Fairbanks, AK
 - **9:19 a.m.** Depart PDX, Alaska 427, **10:21 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 1507, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI

Full Day Participants are present for all itinerary items that day

- **3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by

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

Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK

- *Full Day Participants** (from arrival): U.S. Representative Susie Lee, U.S. Representative Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray (Board Member, American Lands Project), Natalie Smink (Education & Trips Coordinator, American Lands Project)*

- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Working Dinner at Pikes Landing Restaurant - 4438 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709**

Members will learn about the Gwich'in Steering Committee's history, mission and the cultural, spiritual, and subsistence relationship between the Gwich'in people and the Arctic Refuge, providing context that recurs throughout the trip's programming on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, its management, and Indigenous consultation.

This briefing will provide Members with an introduction to the Arctic Refuge through the lens of a tribal perspective to help inform future legislation or oversight affecting the Arctic Refuge and its Coastal Plain (e.g., oil and gas leasing, wilderness designation, or ANCSA/ANILCA-related provisions).

- **Presenter:** Kristen Moreland - Executive Director, Gwich'in Steering Committee
- **Location:** Pikes Landing Restaurant, Fairbanks, AK

Monday, August 17, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie (Guide, Arctic Treks)

- 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 Arctic Village, AK landing strip and staging area outside of the Arctic Refuge to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - **10:30 a.m.** Depart Arctic Village, AK, Coyote Air, **11:15 a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp location.
 - **Additional Attendees:** Dirk Nickisch (Owner and Pilot, Coyote Air)
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp (Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge)

Due to inclement weather conditions north of the Brooks Range, Coyote Air was unable to fly to Sunset Pass and instead the group basecamp location was established at Spring Creek.

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

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Camp orientation**

The Arctic Treks guide will give a camp orientation to review location and safety, and additional context of the trip and the group's location within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge).

Members will be briefed on camp safety procedures and oriented to the camp's precise location within the Arctic Refuge, grounding the site-specific discussions and field outings that follow.

Presenters: Jeffrey Gillespie; Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Review Maps of Alaska's North Slope**

Participants will review maps of Alaska's North Slope with ALP trip leaders 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, research, and subsistence uses.

Members will be able to identify and distinguish tribal, state, and federal land ownership and management designations across the North Slope, and understand how those designations map onto conservation, resource development, research and subsistence uses. This map literacy is a prerequisite for informed legislative and appropriations decisions that vary by land designation (e.g., wilderness vs. multiple-use BLM lands vs. Alaska Native Corporation lands).

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion on Arctic Refuge Designation History**

Presentation on the history leading up to and following the first designation of the Arctic Refuge. Members will learn the history of the Refuge's 1960 designation as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, its 1980 expansion under ANILCA to 19 million acres and renaming it as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Participants will discuss how these changes have affected management for the Arctic Refuge over time.

Congress continues to legislate on the Refuge's status (e.g., Coastal Plain leasing provisions). This legislative history is important in allowing Members to evaluate proposed amendments, appropriations, or oversight questions related to the Refuge.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

*(*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 to observe the Ecology and Landscape of the Southern Brooks Range**

Members will observe a valley on the south side of the Brooks Range firsthand and learn its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which uses the valley as a migration corridor that extends north over Carter Pass and into the Canning River watershed as part of the longest land migration of any land mammal (1,500+ miles, spanning the Alaska–Yukon border), and to numerous other wildlife species. Participants will also learn how the health of the herd is managed across the U.S.–Canadian border, including the role of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board.

This hike takes the Members to an overlook of the Spring Creek valley which serves as a migration route for the Porcupine Caribou herd which travels to the Coastal Plain, or "1002 Area" — that is the subject of the Refuge's most active legislative and regulatory disputes, including congressionally mandated lease sales, to calve every year. Direct physical observation of the caribou migration route is fact-finding that cannot be replicated by a briefing alone, and is the basis for the Members' independent judgment on pending legislation, appropriations, and oversight affecting this specific unit of land.

Leaders: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation and Discussion on North Slope Public Lands**

ALP trip leader will present on the geologic and ecological differences across the three major public land units on Alaska's North Slope – the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR-A), and State of Alaska land – and how these differences influence land management, as well as the distinct management structures and roles of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Arctic Refuge), the Bureau of Land Management (NPR-A), and the State of Alaska (including Prudhoe Bay). Participants will discuss how each agency approaches management of the lands within their jurisdiction, and how that management is influenced by the land's geology and ecology.

These discussions will help inform any oversight of USFWS or BLM, and any appropriations or legislative decisions that treat these three units differently – a recurring feature of North Slope energy and conservation policy.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast**

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- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Presentation on Arctic Fossil Fuel Resources History**

Using maps, Members will learn the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope, recent assessments of North Slope fossil fuel resources, congressionally mandated oil and gas lease sales, and offshore drilling in state and federal waters.

This session will inform Members' understanding of Alaska's fossil fuel resources and how their development relates to national energy goals – foundational for energy, appropriations, or public lands legislation and oversight Members may take up.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA)**

ALP trip leader will present on the history and key elements of ANCSA (1971), which extinguished aboriginal land title claims in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on shared Alaska Native heritage and interests, and created for-profit Alaska Native Corporations (ANCs) tasked with the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people (plus a 13th corporation for Alaska Natives no longer residing in the state). Participants will then have a discussion on ANCSA to become familiar with the ANCs active on the North Slope and how ANCSA differs from federal policy toward Indigenous nations and communities in the Lower 48.

ANCSA remains a subject of congressional oversight and periodic amendment. Understanding its history, and the relationships between the federal government and ANCs on the North Slope, is important for Members evaluating any legislation touching Alaska Native Corporations, land conveyances, or related federal programs.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)**

Members will learn from a presentation given by ALP trip leaders about the history and landscape-shaping impact of ANILCA (1980), which designated most of Alaska's National Park Service units, wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges (including the Arctic Refuge), and national monuments, and established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife by rural residents. Participants will then discuss ANILCA's continuing influence on management of the Arctic Refuge and other Alaska public land units.

ANILCA is the foundational statute governing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge

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Members are visiting. Understanding this history helps Members make informed decisions on current legislative and regulatory debates over resource management and utilization in Alaska, including any proposed amendments they may be asked to consider.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Break
- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Guided Hike - Geological Features and Oil and Gas Exploration Practices**

Members will observe permafrost soils and other tundra features firsthand, and will discuss oil and gas exploration practices used in this environment, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.

Firsthand observation of permafrost and tundra terrain, paired with an understanding of the specific exploration technologies used on it, is necessary for Members evaluating environmental-review standards, permitting requirements, and technology-specific regulations (e.g., seasonal ice-road restrictions) in pending energy legislation.

Leaders: Jeffrey Gillespie, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Dinner

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Presentation on Indigenous Arctic Communities**

Members will learn about Indigenous community connections across the Alaskan Arctic and about discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in peoples regarding their roles in federal land management and development decisions.

This presentation informs Members' understanding of the trust responsibility and consultation obligations the federal government has established toward both peoples, relevant to any legislation or oversight affecting either community.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

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- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation on Permafrost and Saltwater Intrusion**

Members will learn about evidence of melting permafrost and saltwater intrusion from the coast into freshwater systems due to rising Arctic temperatures, trends in these impacts over time, effects on wildlife and North Slope communities, and how communities are adapting infrastructure and practices in response.

Climate-driven adaptation needs inform infrastructure, appropriations, and disaster-resilience decisions Members may vote on or oversee for North Slope communities.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Working Lunch Presentation on Subsistence**

ALP trip leader and the guide will present on how subsistence use supports rural Alaskans, including the federal statutory definition: "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." Participants will then discuss the rural priority for subsistence resources and how subsistence-use data factors into federal refuge-management decisions.

The rural subsistence priority is a statutory framework Congress created and continues to oversee. Subsistence is one of the primary uses of public lands on the North Slope. It is an important component of many pieces of legislation related to federal lands in Alaska. Understanding its real-world application is valuable for Members when they consider future amendments, appropriations, or agency-oversight questions.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Break down camp.**

- **2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Basecamp Relocation and In-Air Discussion with Pilot on Small Aviation Business and Weather Impacts**

Members will hear directly from a North Slope air-taxi operator about recent weather events, wildfire impacts on aviation, recreational use of the Refuge, and changes observed over the past 20 years that are reshaping his business operations.

This time interacting with an air-taxi operator will provide Members a firsthand, small-business perspective on climate and land-use change in rural Alaska and on the aviation infrastructure the Refuge and surrounding communities depend on — relevant

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to any rural aviation, FAA, or North Slope economic development matters within Members' portfolios.

Presenter: Dirk Nickisch - Pilot and Owner, Coyote Air

Location: Brooks Range, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Set-up camp at a new location (Junjik River Basecamp) within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and break time to get oriented in the new landscape.

- **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation on North Slope Borough**

Using maps, Members will learn the size and location of the North Slope Borough's eight communities (Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiagvik, and Wainwright), home to roughly 11,000 permanent residents, with Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) serving as the Borough seat of government.

Understanding local government structure and community scale is foundational for any federal program — revenue sharing, infrastructure, or subsistence management — affecting these communities that Members may fund or oversee.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Presentation on the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska**

ALP trip leader will present on the background and history of the NPR-A: its 1923 designation as an emergency Navy oil supply, Navy management until conveyance to the Department of the Interior in 1976 and BLM management since, and recent Interior Department announcements, including the Willow Project and the Integrated Activity Plan/regulatory framework for the NPR-A.

The Willow Project and the NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan are high-profile executive-branch actions that Congress oversees through BLM appropriations and potential legislative response — directly relevant to Members' oversight and appropriations responsibilities.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

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- **10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation on History of Arctic Oil and Gas Lease Sales**

Members will learn the history and process of oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic, including which areas are open for leasing, how tracts are selected, and how sales are conducted — including the March 2026 NPR-A lease sale and the June 5, 2026 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge lease sale. Reviewing maps, Members will understand where lease tracts from the June 5, 2026 lease sale are in relation to their camp locations.

Members will benefit from understanding the federal oil and gas leasing process and current status for the Arctic landscapes to better inform decision-making when addressing energy development legislation, funding and oversight activities.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch Discussion and Observation of Melting Permafrost**

Members will review the impacts of thawing permafrost on communities and wildlife, and view physical examples near basecamp of slumping surface soils, changing water chemistry, and shifts in the local plant community due to rising temperatures. Participants will discuss recent scientific studies on changing Arctic conditions and their global implications.

Direct physical observation of climate impacts, paired with current research, supports Members' climate-adaptation and infrastructure related legislative and oversight work.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Guided Hike to Observe Arctic Wildlife and Ecology**

Members will observe wildlife and plants firsthand and discuss how natural systems function in this Arctic tundra landscape, including the Refuge's use by migratory birds, caribou, polar bears, and other wildlife. Members will also observe Arctic vegetation and learn how increasing temperatures and changing weather patterns are altering plant dispersal patterns and causing certain vegetation types to encroach northward.

This hike provides Members with a direct observation of species and habitat subject to Refuge-management decisions they oversee through appropriations and any Refuge-specific legislation.

Leaders: Jeffrey Gillespie, Natalie Smink, Danielle Murray

Location: Junjik River Valley, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Break**

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- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation on Arctic Caribou Herds**

Members will learn about the major caribou herds of the North Slope located outside the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, with a focus on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH). The presentation will cover current population data and trends, management history, and the structure and role of the WACH Working Group (subsistence users, hunters, reindeer herders, guides, transporters, and conservationists, with agency biologists and resource managers advising). Participants will discuss how this collaborative model compares to the Porcupine Caribou Herd management discussed earlier in the week.

Comparing WACH's collaborative, multi-stakeholder management model to the Porcupine Caribou Herd/Coastal Plain discussion gives Members a concrete basis for evaluating co-management and appropriations approaches for caribou herds under different jurisdictional and development pressures.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

Friday, August 21, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Working Breakfast Presentation on the Trans-Alaska Pipeline**

ALP trip leader will educate Members on the history of the \$8 billion Trans-Alaska Pipeline, authorized by President Nixon in 1973 — its construction, its role in North Slope development, and its role in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.

Pipeline infrastructure policy and its historical link to the Permanent Fund revenue-sharing model are relevant to any federal energy-infrastructure or mineral-revenue distribution legislation Members consider.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Presentation on the Alaska Permanent Fund**

Members will learn about the Alaska Permanent Fund, created in 1976 via state constitutional amendment, which requires at least 25% of mineral lease rentals, royalties, sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue-sharing payments, and bonuses to be deposited into the Fund, and which distributes dividends to Alaska residents.

Revenues from activities on federal lands are utilized in a number of ways. Congress oversees and determines changes to federal energy and mineral development revenue

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distribution. Alaska's permanent fund is an example of how one state handles natural resources revenue distribution.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Base Camp - Junjik River, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- **10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Break down camp
- **10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Flightseeing Tour of Coastal Plain**

Members will observe the Coastal Plain firsthand and learn its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd, migratory birds, polar bears, and other Arctic wildlife. This area is the summer calving grounds of the Porcupine Caribou Herd, the summer nesting grounds for hundreds of bird species from around the world, and the winter denning grounds for polar bears. Members will observe the unique landscape of the Coastal Plain and learn about the interactions between permafrost, water, and snow to form the lakes and habitats critical for Arctic wildlife. They will also view areas that were leased in the June 5, 2026 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge lease sale.

This flightseeing tour takes Members to visit the specific, legally defined Coastal Plain, or "1002 Area". This area is the subject of the Refuge's most active legislative and regulatory disputes, including congressionally mandated lease sales. Direct physical observation of caribou calving habitat and oil and gas lease sale tracts is fact-finding that cannot be replicated by a briefing alone, and is the basis for Members' independent judgment on pending legislation, appropriations, and oversight affecting this specific unit of land.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Dirk Nickisch

Location: Coastal Plain, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

- Travel from Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK to Arctic Village, AK
 - **12:30 p.m.** Depart Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Coyote Air; **1:30 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 or depart the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Inflight Presentation - International Arctic Politics**

While inflight, Members will learn about international Arctic politics and circumpolar cooperation, including the Arctic Council (an intergovernmental forum fostering cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic), the United States' role as an Arctic nation, the Council's six permanent participants, the impact of increased shipping from changing sea ice conditions, and the governance and roles of Indigenous Arctic peoples outside the United States.

This presentation and discussion are relevant to any Member work touching U.S.

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Arctic foreign policy, Arctic Council-related legislation, or Arctic shipping and Coast Guard oversight.

■ **Presenters:** Danielle Murray, Dirk Nickisch

■ **Location:** Brooks Range, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

Due to the recent death of an esteemed elder in Arctic Village, funeral preparations prevented Arctic Village Councilmembers from meeting for lunch.

- **1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tour of Arctic Village**

Members will take a tour with Arctic Village local experts to learn the history of Indigenous people in Arctic Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years, and about the Village, its people, and their spiritual, cultural, and subsistence connections to the Arctic Refuge.

This is a walking tour of an occupied Native community whose members are direct stakeholders in Refuge policy. Observing the community's day-to-day relationship to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is direct evidence Members can cite when evaluating subsistence and consultation provisions in any Refuge-related legislation or oversight.

Presenter: Lee DeWilde - Arctic Village Tribal Administrator

Location: Arctic Village, AK

- **4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Return to the Arctic Village landing strip.
- Travel from Arctic Village, AK to Fairbanks, AK.
 - **4:30 p.m.** Depart Arctic Village, Everts Air, **6:15 p.m.** Arrive FAI
 - **6:30 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK
- **7:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Check-in to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport.
- **7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Ground transportation to The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
- **8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Working Dinner and Final Discussions**

Members will synthesize the week's fact-finding into a coherent understanding of the competing land-management, energy, and tribal-consultation considerations bearing on the Arctic Refuge and North Slope, in preparation for future legislative and oversight work. Topics to cover:

- Members summarize key takeaways from the trip and any follow-up steps they intend to pursue.

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- Summarize key pieces of North Slope public lands and energy policy and the influence they continue to have on the Arctic Refuge:
 - The Coastal Plain lease-sale mandate
 - ANCSA and ANILCA
 - Subsistence and tribal consultation

This session lets Members summarize all the information presented and discussed throughout the trip and connect it to the firsthand knowledge they gained while visiting the Arctic Refuge and Arctic Village earlier in the week. This allows them to identify key takeaways, requests for additional educational information, and any follow-up actions to the trip.

Presenters: All Trip Participants, Jim Campbell - Owner and Founder, Arctic Treks

Location: The Pump House Restaurant, Fairbanks, AK

Saturday, August 22, 2026

- Rep. Susie Lee and Cody Lee
 - Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Las Vegas, NV
 - **8:01 a.m.** Depart FAI, Alaska 285, **12:48 p.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **2:48 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 678, **5:27 p.m.** arrive at LAS.
- Rep. Maxine Dexter and Sophia Dexter
 - Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Portland, OR
 - **8:01 a.m.** Depart FAI, Alaska 285, **12:48 p.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **3:50 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 441, **4:49 p.m.** arrive at PDX.

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American Lands Project

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary August 16 - 22nd, 2026

Mission Goals: A fact-finding trip to visit Alaska's North Slope and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and learn about the federal land-management framework, energy development history and current activity, wildlife and habitat conservation, landscape change, and Indigenous community engagement across these landscapes. Participants will have the opportunity to visit remote areas of the Arctic Refuge to gain firsthand knowledge of land-management frameworks, energy leasing and development, subsistence uses, and Arctic landscape changes, and to meet with local and Tribal stakeholders to learn more about regional policy issues. Members will examine firsthand the specific geography and communities affected by ongoing and prospective legislative decisions on Arctic public lands.

Relevance to Official Duties: Congress and the Administration play a significant role in Alaska's land and natural resources policy, including energy development and Indigenous affairs on the North Slope. As Members of Congress, Rep. Susie Lee (NV-03) and Rep. Maxine Dexter (OR-03) have legislative and oversight responsibilities concerning the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the broader North Slope. This fact-finding trip will educate the Members on the energy, tribal, and natural resource management issues related to the Arctic Refuge and North Slope. They will gain firsthand knowledge to inform their decisions on legislation, appropriations, amendments, and other congressional actions concerning the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the North Slope, and Alaska's federal public lands.

Location: The purpose of travel to Fairbanks, Alaska is to gain hands-on experience within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to educate Members on the landscape's history, ecology, management, and the Indigenous communities that depend on it. The American Lands Project will also take Members to Arctic Village, a Gwich'in community on the Refuge's southern border, to meet with local and Tribal community members. Locations will include the Refuge's Coastal Plain, basecamp sites accessible only by air taxi, and Arctic Village itself.

Sunday, August 16, 2026

- Rep. Susie Lee and Cody Lee
 - Travel from Las Vegas, NV to Fairbanks, AK
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart LAS, Alaska 479, **9:43 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 1507, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
- Rep. Maxine Dexter and Sophia Dexter
 - Travel from Portland, OR to Fairbanks, AK
 - **9:19 a.m.** Depart PDX, Alaska 427, **10:21 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **12:00 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 1507, **2:55 p.m.** arrive at FAI
- **3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK
 - *Full Day Participants** (from arrival): U.S. Representative Susie Lee, U.S. Representative Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray (Board*

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Member, American Lands Project), Natalie Smink (Education & Trips Coordinator, American Lands Project)

- ***Full Day Participants are present for all itinerary items that day*

- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Working dinner at Pikes Landing Restaurant - 4438 Airport Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709**

Members will learn about the Gwich'in Steering Committee's history, mission and the cultural, spiritual, and subsistence relationship between the Gwich'in people and the Arctic Refuge, providing context that recurs throughout the trip's programming on the Porcupine Caribou Herd, its management, and Indigenous consultation.

This briefing will provide Members with an introduction to the Arctic Refuge through the lens of a tribal perspective to help inform future legislation or oversight affecting the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and its Coastal Plain (e.g., oil and gas leasing, wilderness designation, or ANCSA/ANILCA-related provisions).

- **Presenter:** Kristen Moreland - Executive Director, Gwich'in Steering Committee
- **Location:** Pikes Landing Restaurant, Fairbanks, AK

Monday, August 17, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie (Guide, Arctic Treks)

- 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.
 - **Additional Attendees:** Dirk Nickisch (Owner and Pilot, Coyote Air)
- **12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp (Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge)
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Camp orientation**

The Arctic Treks guide will give a camp orientation to review location and safety, and additional context of the trip and the group's location within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge).

Members will be briefed on camp safety procedures and oriented to the camp's precise location within the Arctic Refuge, grounding the site-specific discussions and field outings that follow.

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Presenters: Jeffrey Gillespie; Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Review maps of Alaska's North Slope**

Participants will review maps of Alaska's North Slope with ALP trip leaders 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, research, and subsistence uses.

Members will be able to identify and distinguish tribal, state, and federal land ownership and management designations across the North Slope, and understand how those designations map onto conservation, resource development, research and subsistence uses. This map literacy is a prerequisite for informed legislative and appropriations decisions that vary by land designation (e.g., wilderness vs. multiple-use BLM lands vs. Alaska Native Corporation lands).

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion on Arctic Refuge Designation History**

Presentation on the history leading up to and following the first designation of the Arctic Refuge. Members will learn the history of the Refuge's 1960 designation as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, its 1980 expansion under ANILCA to 19 million acres and renaming it as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Participants will discuss how these changes have affected management for the Arctic Refuge over time.

Congress continues to legislate on the Refuge's status (e.g., Coastal Plain leasing provisions). This legislative history is important in allowing Members to evaluate proposed amendments, appropriations, or oversight questions related to the Refuge.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Guided hike to observe the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge.**

Members will observe the Coastal Plain firsthand and learn its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd, which uses the area as its summer calving ground after the longest land migration of any land mammal (1,500+ miles, spanning the Alaska-Yukon border), and to numerous other wildlife species. Members will also learn how the health of the herd is managed across the U.S.–Canadian border, including the role of the Porcupine Caribou Management Board.

This hike takes Members to an overlook of the specific, legally defined geography — the

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Coastal Plain, or "1002 Area" — that is the subject of the Refuge's most active legislative and regulatory disputes, including congressionally mandated lease sales. Direct physical observation of caribou calving habitat is fact-finding that cannot be replicated by a briefing alone, and is the basis for Members' independent judgment on pending legislation, appropriations, and oversight affecting this specific unit of land.

Leaders: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Northern Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation and Discussion on North Slope Public Lands**

ALP trip leader will present on the geologic and ecological differences across the three major public land units on Alaska's North Slope – the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR-A), and State of Alaska land – and how these differences influence land management, as well as the distinct management structures and roles of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Arctic Refuge), the Bureau of Land Management (NPR-A), and the State of Alaska (including Prudhoe Bay). Participants will discuss how each agency approaches management of the lands within their jurisdiction, and how that management is influenced by the land's geology and ecology. These discussions will help inform any oversight of USFWS or BLM, and any appropriations or legislative decisions that treat these three units differently – a recurring feature of North Slope energy and conservation policy.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Presentation on Arctic Fossil Fuel Resources History**

Using maps, Members will learn the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope, recent assessments of North Slope fossil fuel resources, congressionally mandated oil and gas lease sales, and offshore drilling in state and federal waters.

This session will inform Members' understanding of Alaska's fossil fuel resources and how their development relates to national energy goals – foundational for energy, appropriations, or public lands legislation and oversight Members may take up.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

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- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of ANCSA**

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ANCSA remains a subject of congressional oversight and periodic amendment. Understanding its history, and the relationships between the federal government and ANCs on the North Slope, is important for Members evaluating any legislation touching Alaska Native Corporations, land conveyances, or related federal programs.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Presentation and Discussion of Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)**

Members will learn from a presentation given by ALP trip leaders about the history and landscape-shaping impact of ANILCA (1980), which designated most of Alaska's National Park Service units, wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges (including the Arctic Refuge), and national monuments, and established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife by rural residents. Participants will then discuss ANILCA's continuing influence on management of the Arctic Refuge and other Alaska public land units.

ANILCA is the foundational statute governing the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Members are visiting. Understanding this history helps Members make informed decisions on current legislative and regulatory debates over resource management and utilization in Alaska, including any proposed amendments they may be asked to consider.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Break**

- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Guided Hike - Geological Features and Oil and Gas Exploration Practices**

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surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.

Firsthand observation of permafrost and tundra terrain, paired with an understanding of the specific exploration technologies used on it, is necessary for Members evaluating environmental-review standards, permitting requirements, and technology-specific regulations (e.g., seasonal ice-road restrictions) in pending energy legislation.

Leaders: Jeffrey Gillespie, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Northern Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Dinner

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Presentation on Indigenous Arctic Communities**

Members will learn about Indigenous community connections across the Alaskan Arctic and about discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in peoples regarding their roles in federal land management and development decisions.

This presentation informs Members' understanding of the trust responsibility and consultation obligations the federal government has established toward both peoples, relevant to any legislation or oversight affecting either community.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation on Permafrost and Saltwater Intrusion**

Members will learn about evidence of melting permafrost and saltwater intrusion from the coast into freshwater systems due to rising Arctic temperatures, trends in these impacts over time, effects on wildlife and North Slope communities, and how communities are adapting infrastructure and practices in response.

Climate-driven adaptation needs inform infrastructure, appropriations, and disaster-resilience decisions Members may vote on or oversee for North Slope communities.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Working Lunch: Presentation on Subsistence**

ALP trip leader and the guide will present on how subsistence use supports rural Alaskans, including the federal statutory definition: "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." Participants will then discuss the rural priority for subsistence resources and how subsistence-use data factors into federal refuge-management decisions.

The rural subsistence priority is a statutory framework Congress created and continues to oversee. *Subsistence is one of the primary uses of public lands on the North Slope. It is an important component of many pieces of legislation related to federal lands in Alaska. Understanding its real-world application is valuable for Members when they consider future amendments, appropriations, or agency-oversight questions.*

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Southern Sunset Pass, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Break down camp.
- **2:00* p.m. - 3:00* p.m. Discussion with Pilot on Small Aviation Business and Weather Impacts**

Members will hear directly from a North Slope air-taxi operator about recent weather events, wildfire impacts on aviation, recreational use of the Refuge, and changes observed over the past 20 years that are reshaping his business operations.

This time interacting with an air-taxi operator will provide Members a firsthand, small-business perspective on climate and land-use change in rural Alaska and on the aviation infrastructure the Refuge and surrounding communities depend on — relevant to any rural aviation, FAA, or North Slope economic development matters within Members' portfolios.

Presenter: Dirk Nickisch - Pilot and Owner, Coyote Air

Location: Brooks Range, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Set-up camp at a new location within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and break time to get oriented in the new landscape.
- **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation on North Slope Borough**

Using maps, Members will learn the size and location of the North Slope Borough's eight communities (Anaktuvuk Pass, Atkasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiagvik, and Wainwright), home to roughly 11,000 permanent residents, with Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) serving as the Borough seat of government.

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Understanding local government structure and community scale is foundational for any federal program — revenue sharing, infrastructure, or subsistence management — affecting these communities that Members may fund or oversee.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Presentation on the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska**

ALP trip leader will present on the background and history of the NPR-A: its 1923 designation as an emergency Navy oil supply, Navy management until conveyance to the Department of the Interior in 1976 and BLM management since, and recent Interior Department announcements, including the Willow Project and the Integrated Activity Plan/regulatory framework for the NPR-A.

The Willow Project and the NPR-A Integrated Activity Plan are high-profile executive-branch actions that Congress oversees through BLM appropriations and potential legislative response — directly relevant to Members' oversight and appropriations responsibilities.

Presenter: Danielle Murray

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation on History of Arctic Oil and Gas Lease Sales**

Members will learn the history and process of oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic, including which areas are open for leasing, how tracts are selected, and how sales are conducted — including the March 2026 NPR-A lease sale and the June 5, 2026 Arctic National Wildlife Refuge lease sale. Reviewing maps, Members will understand where lease tracts from the June 5, 2026 lease sale are in relation to their camp locations.

Members will benefit from understanding the federal oil and gas leasing process and current status for the Arctic landscapes to better inform decision-making when addressing energy development legislation, funding and oversight activities.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

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- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch Discussion and Observation of Melting Permafrost**

Members will review the impacts of thawing permafrost on communities and wildlife, and view physical examples near basecamp of slumping surface soils, changing water chemistry, and shifts in the local plant community due to rising temperatures. Participants will discuss recent scientific studies on changing Arctic conditions and their global implications.

Direct physical observation of climate impacts, paired with current research, supports Members' climate-adaptation and infrastructure related legislative and oversight work.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Guided hike to Observe Arctic Wildlife and Ecology**

Members will observe wildlife and plants firsthand and discuss how natural systems function in this Arctic tundra landscape, including the Refuge's use by migratory birds, caribou, polar bears, and other wildlife. Members will also observe Arctic vegetation and learn how increasing temperatures and changing weather patterns are altering plant dispersal patterns and causing certain vegetation types to encroach northward.

This hike provides Members with a direct observation of species and habitat subject to Refuge-management decisions they oversee through appropriations and any Refuge-specific legislation.

Leaders: Jeffrey Gillespie, Natalie Smink, Danielle Murray

Location: Spring Creek Valley, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **2:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Break**

- **5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Working Dinner: Presentation on Arctic Caribou Herds**

Members will learn about the major caribou herds of the North Slope located outside the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, with a focus on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd (WACH). The presentation will cover current population data and trends, management history, and the structure and role of the WACH Working Group (subsistence users, hunters, reindeer herders, guides, transporters, and conservationists, with agency biologists and resource managers advising). Participants will discuss how this collaborative model compares to the Porcupine Caribou Herd management discussed earlier in the week.

Comparing WACH's collaborative, multi-stakeholder management model to the Porcupine Caribou Herd/Coastal Plain discussion gives Members a concrete basis for evaluating co-management and appropriations approaches for caribou herds under different jurisdictional and development pressures.

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Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

Friday, August 21, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Susie Lee, Rep. Maxine Dexter, Cody Lee, Sophia Dexter, Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Working Breakfast Presentation of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline**

ALP trip leader will educate Members on the history of the \$8 billion Trans-Alaska Pipeline, authorized by President Nixon in 1973 — its construction, its role in North Slope development, and its role in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.

Pipeline infrastructure policy and its historical link to the Permanent Fund revenue-sharing model are relevant to any federal energy-infrastructure or mineral-revenue distribution legislation Members consider.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Presentation on the Alaska Permanent Fund**

Members will learn about the Alaska Permanent Fund, created in 1976 via state constitutional amendment, which requires at least 25% of mineral lease rentals, royalties, sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue-sharing payments, and bonuses to be deposited into the Fund, and which distributes dividends to Alaska residents.

Revenues from activities on federal lands are utilized in a number of ways. Congress oversees and determines changes to federal energy and mineral development revenue distribution. Alaska's permanent fund is an example of how one state handles natural resources revenue distribution.

Presenters: Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink, Jeffrey Gillespie

Location: Base Camp - Spring Creek, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Break down camp**

- Travel from Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK to Arctic Village, AK
 - **11:00* a.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air,
 - **12:00* 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 or depart the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - **Inflight Presentation - International Arctic Politics**

While inflight, Members will learn about international Arctic politics and circumpolar cooperation, including the Arctic Council (an intergovernmental

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forum fostering cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic), the United States' role as an Arctic nation, the Council's six permanent participants, the impact of increased shipping from changing sea ice conditions, and the governance and roles of Indigenous Arctic peoples outside the United States.

This presentation and discussion are relevant to any Member work touching U.S. Arctic foreign policy, Arctic Council-related legislation, or Arctic shipping and Coast Guard oversight.

- **Presenters:** Danielle Murray, Natalie Smink
- **Location:** Brooks Range, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK*

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Working Lunch with the Arctic Village Council and Staff**

Members will hear directly from Arctic Village's elected and traditional Gwich'in leadership about the community's priorities and its relationship to the Arctic Refuge.

This opportunity to meet with leaders and community members in a village located adjacent to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge provides Members a localized perspective needed on subsistence, leasing, and infrastructure questions.

Presenters: Arctic Village Council and Staff

Location: Arctic Village, AK

- **1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Tour of Arctic Village**

Members will take a tour with Arctic Village local experts to learn the history of Indigenous people in Arctic Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years, and about the Village, its people, and their spiritual, cultural, and subsistence connections to the Arctic Refuge.

This is a walking tour of an occupied Native community whose members are direct stakeholders in Refuge policy. Observing the community's day-to-day relationship to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is direct evidence Members can cite when evaluating subsistence and consultation provisions in any Refuge-related legislation or oversight.

Presenters: Arctic Village Tour Guide TBD

Location: Arctic Village, AK

- **3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Return to the Arctic Village landing strip.
- Return to Fairbanks, AK.
 - **4:00* p.m.** Depart Arctic Village, Everts Air, **6:00* p.m.** Arrive FAI
 - **6:20 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK

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- **6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Check-in to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport.
- **7:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Ground transportation to The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
- **8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Working Dinner and Final Discussions**

Members will synthesize the week's fact-finding into a coherent understanding of the competing land-management, energy, and tribal-consultation considerations bearing on the Arctic Refuge and North Slope, in preparation for future legislative and oversight work. Topics to cover:

- Members summarize key takeaways from the trip and any follow-up steps they intend to pursue.
- Summarize key pieces of North Slope public lands and energy policy and the influence they continue to have on the Arctic Refuge:
 - The Coastal Plain lease-sale mandate
 - ANCSA and ANILCA
 - Subsistence and tribal consultation

This session lets Members summarize all the information presented and discussed throughout the trip and connect it to the firsthand knowledge they gained while visiting the Arctic Refuge and Arctic Village earlier in the week. This allows them to identify key takeaways, requests for additional educational information, and any follow-up actions to the trip.

Presenters: All Trip Participants

Location: The Pump House Restaurant, Fairbanks, AK

Saturday, August 22, 2026

- Rep. Susie Lee and Cody Lee
 - Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Las Vegas, NV
 - **8:01 a.m.** Depart FAI, Alaska 285, **12:48 p.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **2:48 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 678, **5:27 p.m.** arrive at LAS.
- Rep. Maxine Dexter and Sophia Dexter
 - Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Portland, OR
 - **8:01 a.m.** Depart FAI, Alaska 285, **12:48 p.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **3:50 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 441, **4:49 p.m.** arrive at PDX.

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