COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☐ *Original* ☒ *Amendment*

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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: Sarah Elfreth
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Eric Costello *OR* ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☒ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 15, 2026 Return: August 21, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* ☐ None
4. Departure City: Baltimore, MD Destination: Juneau, AK Return City: Baltimore, MD
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): Congresswoman Elfreth traveled to Alaska to gain first-hand experience of the environmental issues impacting the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska. The trip included tours and meetings with local stakeholders that relate to the Congresswoman's role on the House Natural Resources Committee, more specifically land preservation and energy issues.
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: Sarah Elfreth

Date: 9/24/2026

last updated 7/2023

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Member / Officer Signature: Sarah Elfreth

Date: 8/25/2026

last updated 7/2023

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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.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: American Lands Project
2. Travel Destination(s): Juneau, AK; Hoonah, AK; Tongass National Forest, AK
3. Date of Departure: August 15, 2026 Date of Return: August 21, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Sarah Elfreth

   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	$6046.88 Total ($1541.74 flights to/from JNU, $574.05 Air Taxis, $3669.33 Boat Transport, $261.76 Ground Transport)	$1233.00 Total ($411 Hotel for 3 nights in Juneau, $822 for 3 nights on the David B)	$562.10	$333.71 (Share of float-plane tour of Taku watershed and Juneau Icefield)
Accompanying Family Member	$6046.88 Total ($1541.74 flights to/from JNU, $574.05 Air Taxis, $3669.33 Boat Transport, $261.76 Ground Transport)	$1233.00 Total ($411 Hotel for 3 nights in Juneau, $822 for 3 nights on the David B)	$553.36	$333.71 (Share of float-plane tour of Taku watershed and Juneau Icefield)

6. ☒ All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

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

Signature: Signed by: Tom Campion DC48BC5CB330465... **Date:** 8/27/2026

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.

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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: Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth

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: Sarah Elfreth

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 1213 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-4016

Email Address of Contact Person: rachel.jessee@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: Sarah Elfreth
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Lands Project
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Juneau, AK; Tenakee Springs, AK; Hoonah, AK; and Tongass National Forest, AK
4. a. Date of Departure: August 15, 2026 Date of Return: August 21, 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: Eric Costello

   (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.**

   The Congresswoman plans to attend the ALP trip in relation to her role on the House Natural Resources Committee. The trip will further continue the Congresswoman's work and interest in the policy areas of public lands and energy issues that can be seen at Tongass National Park and Southeast Alaska.
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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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. Laura Friedman and Rep. Sarah Elfreth due to their work on natural resource, public lands, and energy issues related to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.

5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 15, 2026 Date of Return: August 21, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Los Angeles, CA (Rep. Friedman); Baltimore, MD (Rep. Elfreth)
   b. Destination(s): Juneau, AK; Tenakee Springs, AK; Hoonah, AK; and Tongass National Forest, AK
   c. City of return: Los Angeles, CA (Rep. Friedman); Baltimore, MD (Rep. Elfreth)
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: Boat to access remote areas of the Tongass)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☒ (specify: Air Taxi, Commercial Float Plane)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

   See attached.

14. ☒ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Approximately $86 per day.
      $342 for meals on the David B + $263 for meals in Juneau/7 days = ~$86 per day
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: An opportunity to experience and learn first-hand about the remote Tongass National Forest and meet with local subject matter experts and stakeholders.

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

   Hotel Name: Best Western Baranof City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: $274
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Central location, comparable local seasonal price, proximity to trip locations
   Hotel Name: Motor Vessel David B City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: $274
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Only way to view and access remote regions of the Tongass National Forest
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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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	Box 1 - See attached	$1644 total - $822 for 3 nights in Juneau, $822 for 3 nights on boat	$605 total
For each Accompanying Family Member	Box 4 - See attached	$1644 total - $822 for 3 nights in Juneau, $822 for 3 nights on boat	$605 total

	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	$389.33	Share of float-plane tour of salmon watershed and Juneau Icefield.
For each Accompanying Family Member	$389.33	Share of float-plane tour of salmon watershed and Juneau Icefield.

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: Signed by: Tom Campion DC48BC3CB330463... Date: 7/10/2026

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

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 Sarah Elfreth
U.S. House of Representatives
1213 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Juneau, Alaska, scheduled for August 15 to 21, 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

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

18.

Box 1 – Member Total Transportation

- $5,699.34 total - Rep. Friedman ($1195.52 flights to/from JNU) + ($3669.33 for water transportation, $574.05 for Air Taxis, $260.40 for ground transportation)
- $6,045.56 total - Rep. Elfreth ($1541.74 flights to/from JNU) + ($3669.33 for water transportation, $574.05 for Air Taxis, $260.40 for ground transportation)

Box 4 – Accompanying Family Member Transportation

- $6,122.61 total – Wendy Friedman ($1618.79 flights to/from JNU) + ($3669.33 for water transportation, $574.05 for Air Taxis, $260.40 for ground transportation)
- $6,045.56 total - Rep. Elfreth ($1541.74 flights to/from JNU) + ($3669.33 for water transportation, $574.05 for Air Taxis, $260.40 for ground transportation)

American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest
2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary
August 15 - 21, 2026

Mission Goals: A fact-finding trip to visit Southeast Alaska and view the Tongass National Forest, learn about forest and land management planning, old-growth forests, regional economic drivers, and Alaska Native communities. Participants will have the opportunity to visit remote areas of the Tongass National Forest to gain firsthand knowledge on forest management regimes, salmon habitats, watershed health, and rural economies, and to meet with local stakeholders to learn more about local and regional policy issues.

Relevance to Official Duties: Congress and the Administration play a significant role in Alaska's land and natural resources policy due to more than 60 percent of its total land area being federally managed. As Members of Congress, Rep. Laura Friedman and Rep. Sarah Elfreth have legislative and oversight responsibilities concerning the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska. This fact-finding trip will educate the Members on the economic, tribal, and natural resource management issues related to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska. They will gain firsthand knowledge to inform their decisions on legislation, appropriations, amendments, and other congressional actions.

Location: The purpose of travel to Juneau, Alaska is to gain hands-on experience in the Tongass National Forest to educate Members on the landscape's history, ecology, management, and the many local and Tribal communities that depend on it. The American Lands Project will also take Members to several locations outside of Juneau to meet with local and Tribal communities and visit various locations in the Tongass National Forest to learn about the diverse landscapes of the forest. Locations will include an Inventoried Roadless Area, salmon spawning streams and watersheds, and wildlife habitats that can only be accessed via boat or float plane.

Saturday, August 15, 2026

- Rep. Laura Friedman
  - Travel from Los Angeles, CA to Juneau, AK
    - **9:00 a.m.** Depart LAX, Alaska 482, **11:52 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **1:43 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 435, **3:17 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Wendy Friedman
  - Travel from Boston, MA to Juneau, AK
    - **7:03 a.m.** Depart BOS, Alaska 459, **10:26 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **1:43 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 435, **3:17 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Rep. Sarah Elfreth and Eric Costello
  - Travel from Baltimore, MD to Juneau, AK

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Congressional Participants

- Congresswoman Laura Friedman
- Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth

        - **7:50 a.m.** Depart BWI, Alaska 786, **10:40 a.m.** arrive at SEA
        - **1:43 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 435, **3:17 p.m.** arrive at JNU

Full Day Participants are present for all itinerary items that day

- **3:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m**. Ground transportation from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
    - **Full Day Participants* (from arrival):** *Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Ellen Wang (Board Member, American Lands Project)*

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.** Check into the Best Western Baranof – 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801 and track down lost luggage.

Participant luggage was lost during travel to Alaska. Due to this, the walking tour was shortened in order to retrieve the lost luggage. Tim Bristol did not join the shortened walking tour.

- **5:15 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Walking tour of Juneau and the Juneau harbor. Introduction to Southeast Alaska**

  Members will take a tour of downtown Juneau and the Juneau harbor to learn about and observe the active tourism and cruise industry as well as the commercial fishing infrastructure in Juneau. The tour will demonstrate SE Alaska's complex economy, introduce the diversity of roles that the Tongass National Forest plays in the local economy, and inform participants on Juneau's role as a population center and marine hub in SE Alaska, in addition to serving as the Alaska State Capitol.

  This tour will provide the Members with foundational information on the economic value of public lands in SE Alaska that is important for the rest of the trip. As Members of Congress, it is their responsibility, along with the administration, Tribes, and local communities, to oversee and steward federal public lands.

    - **Tour Guide:** Ellen Wang

    - **Location:** Downtown Juneau and the Juneau Harbor

- **5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Twisted Fish Company - 550 S. Franklin Street Juneau, AK 99801

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

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Working Dinner and Discussion of Alaska Native History**

  The participants will meet with SE Alaska Native representatives and residents at dinner for presentations and discussions on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). The presenters will also explain the impacts of economic transitions in the region and tribal engagement in Southeast Alaska.

  Federal land and water management in Alaska, along with Alaska Native governance have a unique legislative background. Representatives will benefit from understanding this history and the on-the-ground circumstances shaping tribal engagement and regional economic transitions.

  - **Presenters:**
    - Katie Riley - Deputy Director, Sitka Conservation Society
    - Tim Bristol - Executive Director, Salmonstate
    - ***Anthony Mallot (Spruce Root, former CEO of Sealaska) and Natalie Dawson (Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alaska Venture Fund) were unable to attend this dinner due to personal schedule changes.***

  - **Location**: Twisted Fish Company Restaurant

<u>Sunday, August 16, 2026</u>

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Hoonah, AK
  - **8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Ground transportation to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801
  - **9:30 a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes
  - **9:50 a.m.** Arrive at Hoonah (HNH)

- **10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Ground Transport by rental car from Hoonah Airport to Hoonah Indian Association - 310 Hill St, Hoonah, AK 99829

- **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Meeting with Tribal Government Staff**

  Participants will meet with the Hoonah Indian Association (HIA). HIA staff will present on forestry issues impacting their community and local economy as well as the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. HIA staff will lead participants on a tour of their current restoration projects in previously harvested areas of the forest surrounding Hoonah.

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Alaska Native communities rely on and are stewards of the public lands and waters in SE Alaska, including the Tongass National Forest. In doing so, they partner with the U.S. Forest Service, Congress, and other government agencies. By hearing directly from Alaska Native leaders about issues of importance to them, Members of Congress are able to more fully understand these issues when they work on relevant legislation and other congressional actions.

- **Presenters and Guides**:
  - Ian Johnson - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association
  - ***Nathan Moulton (Tribal Administrator, Hoonah Indian Association) was unable to attend this meeting due to personal schedule changes.***

- **Location:** Hoonah Indian Association Offices, Hoonah, AK

- **2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Board the Motor Vessel David B (M/V David B)**

  Participants will receive an introduction to the vessel, which will serve as both a water taxi and lodging through August 19th, to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Participants will receive a safety training from Christine and Jeffrey Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.

  - **Additional Participants:**
    - Christine and Jeffrey Smith - Owners and Operators of M/V David B
    - Matt Millner - Deckhand, M/V David B

  - **Location:** Hoonah Harbor, Hoonah, AK

- **2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Introductory Presentation on Tongass National Forest**

  The ALP Trip Leader and SE Alaska expert will give an introductory presentation on SE Alaska, the Tongass National Forest, and the geographies that the Members will observe during the remainder of the trip. The Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country, totaling 16.7 million acres of land in Southeast Alaska, and is the traditional homeland of three distinct Alaska Native tribes: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. With much of the Forest consisting of remote islands and undeveloped areas, visiting by boat or air is the only way to view much of the Forest.

  Congress often acts on legislation related to federal land management in Alaska and Alaska Native communities. An overview of the SE Alaska public lands, the Tongass National Forest, and the Alaska Native Tribes who live in SE Alaska offers the Members a baseline for understanding the region, the people, and the landscape.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Deck, M/V David B - Northeastern Coast of Chichagof Island, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

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- **4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Map Review and Discussion**

  Following the presentation, participants will review maps of the State of Alaska to gain foundational knowledge on the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State of Alaska as they relate to locations participants will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole. Members will participate in a discussion on how Alaska's many geographies influence the natural resources and economies across the state with a focus on the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska.

  It is important for the Members to gain a foundational understanding of Alaska's geography and land-use patterns as they evaluate legislative and oversight actions that impact the region.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol, Christine Smith, Jeffrey Smith
  - **Location:** Saloon, M/V David B

- **5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Break.

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Working Dinner on Small Business Tourism**

  Presentation by M/V David B owners Jeffrey and Christine Smith about the role of small boat tourism in Alaska and how small tourism businesses operate in SE Alaska's economy.

  Recreation and tourism on national forests generate billions of dollars in economic activity for local communities and support more than 150,000 jobs. Nearly 50,000 Alaskans depend on tourism for their livelihoods. The Members will hear directly from business owners in the small boat tourism sector of the tourism industry. Firsthand stories from small business owners will help inform decisions as Congress addresses legislation related to outdoor recreation and tourism businesses dependent on our public lands.

  - **Presenters:** Christine Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Matt Millner
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

Monday, August 17, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Smith, Matt Millner

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on M/V David B.

- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Guided Hike to Learn about Salmon Lifecycles and Habitats**

  Participants will take an onshore hike to gain firsthand insights into salmon spawning habitat and salmon streams. During the hike, Members will learn about the economic value of healthy watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass National Forest produce 75% of the commercial salmon harvested annually from SE Alaska. This harvest of about 40 million salmon is valued at $68 million annually.

  Observing an active salmon spawning stream gives the Members direct, firsthand knowledge of watershed health in the Tongass and its impact on salmon populations — evidence that briefings and written testimony alone cannot provide. Wild Alaskan salmon is a key economic driver for the region - providing jobs and resources for the Tribes and local communities - and are consumed across the United States and the world. When Congress considers legislation regarding fishing, wildlife and habitat, it is important that the Members understand the value of salmon and the rivers and streams on which they rely.

  - **Leaders:** Christine Smith, Tim Bristol

  - **Location:** Northeastern Coast of Chichagof Island, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch Seminar on Public Lands in Alaska**

  During lunch, House attendees will participate in a presentation and discussion on public lands in the State of Alaska. Topics will cover:
  - Land management directives for resource development
  - Recreation, conservation, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in the State of Alaska.

  Distinguishing land-management authorities and permitted uses across tribal, state, and federal lands is essential background for Members evaluating any Alaska-specific public lands legislation.

  - **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol

  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Guided Hike to Learn about Tongass Wildlife and Ecology**

  Members will take an onshore hike to view Alaska's iconic wildlife. On the hike, the leaders will educate participants on how natural systems function in this landscape and the importance of the Tongass National Forest to salmon, grizzly bears, marine mammals, and other regional wildlife. Participants will observe the interactions

between wild salmon and other Alaskan wildlife, and the guides will lead a discussion on the economic impacts of tourism and wildlife viewing in Alaska.

Wildlife is at the heart of SE Alaska's way of life. It is relevant to understand the wildlife species and how they relate to the region's outdoor recreation and tourism economy. Congress addresses a host of bills related to wildlife management and the industries that depend on healthy populations of various species. Learning about, and observing firsthand, this interdependence provides the Members with valuable insight for when they make decisions on legislation and other congressional actions.

- **Leaders:** Christine Smith, Tim Bristol
- **Location**: Freshwater Bay, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Break.

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Presentation on Rural Southeast Alaska and Tourism**

  While underway, the Members will listen to and participate in a presentation by Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol, and Christine Smith, followed by a discussion on SE Alaska communities, the expansion of tourism into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, the role the Forest plays in the regional economy, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.

  There are many aspects of the tourism economy that should be considered when making policy decisions. It is important to understand the benefits as well as the challenges of the tourism industry. As Congress considers legislation that could impact the tourism sector, understanding both the opportunities and the challenges facing these communities can help to inform that work.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol, and Christine Smith
  - **Location:** Deck, M/V David B - Northeast Coast of Chichagof Island, Tongass National Forest, AK

- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Working Dinner Discussion on Southeast Alaska Economy**

  Participants will discuss details surrounding historic and current economic drivers of the SE Alaska economy, including natural resource extraction, tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and land restoration. Discuss the role of federal initiatives in the region, its history and current status, and the recent history of partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service and its impact on the region and its economy.

  Regional economies shift over the years. In areas such as SE Alaska, it is imperative that the federal government engages with local communities and Tribes to identify

land management directives and uses that benefit those who live in the region and beyond. This discussion will educate the Members about the partnerships between the federal government, tribal communities, and local residents to help Members understand how federal lands can be managed in ways that are responsive to the unique needs of the local communities.

- **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
- **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Smith, Matt Millner

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on M/V David B.
- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation and Discussion on Tongass Forest Plan**

  While underway, Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol will educate participants on the current Tongass Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the U.S. Forest Service's efforts to update the Forest Plan. The current Forest Plan was developed in 1997, and a revision process for the Tongass Forest Plan, announced in 2023, is currently in progress. This conversation will include a discussion on the Forest Plan and the revision process currently in progress.

  Bills related to land and resource management planning are regularly discussed and debated in Congressional committees and on the House Floor. By gaining firsthand knowledge of the landscapes and land management directives in the Tongass National Forest, Members can make more informed decisions on related legislation or oversight actions.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Deck, M/V David B - Freshwater Bay, Tongass National Forest, Alaska
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion on ANILCA**

  Presentation and discussion led by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol regarding the history and legislation that have shaped federal land ownership and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated many of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and wild and scenic rivers across the state. ANILCA also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife

resources for rural residents of Alaska during times of scarcity. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions regarding resource management and utilization.

Federal public lands in Alaska are managed under a unique legislative framework based on ANILCA. Current Alaska-specific public lands bills are often related to ANILCA and its history. To help Members make informed decisions on these bills, they must understand this foundational legislation.

- **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
- **Location:** Saloon, M/V David B

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Working Lunch Presentation and Discussion of ANCSA**

  Presentation and discussion led by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Presenters will review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities - which Congress termed "Alaska Native Corporations" (ANCs) - tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. This discussion will familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in Southeast Alaska and the nuances of ANCSA.

  ANCSA is another piece of unique Alaska legislation. Alaska Native Corporations are different from cultural structures found in the Lower 48. Since the passage of ANCSA, Congress has considered many legislative proposals that focus on amending ANCSA, making it important for the Members to understand the history of the legislation and the formulation and purposes of ANCs when making decisions about relevant policies.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Break.

- **2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Guided Hike to Visit an Inventoried Roadless Area**

  Onshore hike led by Christine Smith and Tim Bristol. Participants will visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area in the Tongass National Forest. This area has no road access and can only be reached via boat or float plane. On the hike, Members will observe old-growth stands and intact forest ecosystems without roads or other manmade infrastructure. This hike will educate House attendees on how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast

Alaska. In June 2025, the administration announced its intention to rescind Roadless Rule protections nationwide, including in the Tongass National Forest.

Congress works with and has oversight responsibilities over the U.S. Forest Service. As the administration is currently moving forward to rescind the Roadless Rule, Members of Congress have engaged in oversight regarding the administration's actions and legislation has been introduced related to the rescission. Seeing a Roadless Area firsthand gives Members direct, firsthand knowledge – rather than secondhand testimony – for evaluating the practical effects of retaining or repealing those protections in the Tongass National Forest.

- **Leaders:** Christine Smith, Tim Bristol
- **Location:** Freshwater Bay, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation on the History of Southeast Alaska and Tongass National Forest**

  Presentation by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol giving a detailed overview of the history of SE Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, including the history of timber and mineral development, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

  Because of the vastness and diversity of federal lands in Alaska, Congress and the Administration play a large role in land and water management. Members vote on legislation addressing an array of land uses, including mineral extraction, timber harvest, restoration and conservation.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Smith, Matt Millner

On this day, the participants were scheduled to travel from Tenakee Springs to Juneau via an Alaska Seaplanes flight. Due to extreme fog at Tenakee Springs, which prevented safe flying conditions, the return flight was cancelled. The group changed course and returned to Juneau via the M/V David B.

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on M/V David B.

- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Presentation on Southeast Alaska Land Ownership**

  Presentation by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol while underway, on the different land ownership regimes in Southeast Alaska including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Following the presentation participants will discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on forest management in the Tongass National Forest.

  ANCSA and ANILCA are the foundation for federal public lands management in Alaska. Understanding how these laws underlie management and land ownership in the Tongass helps to inform Members' decisions on policies related to the forest.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation on Mariculture**

  Introductory presentation by Tim Bristol around the emerging mariculture industry (shellfish and seaweed farming) as an economic diversification strategy, including regulatory frameworks and investment opportunities in Southeast Alaska.

  The Blue Economy, including the mariculture industry, has been the topic of congressional hearings and legislative initiatives. Learning about mariculture and other emerging ocean-based industries helps inform decision-making when Members address bills and other congressional actions.

  - **Presenter:** Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Deck, M/V David B - Freshwater Bay, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Break.

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Working Lunch Presentation and Discussion on Subsistence**

  Presentation and discussion led by Tim Bristol on subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the State. Federal law defines subsistence use as "the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles… for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade."

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Subsistence is one of the primary uses of public lands in SE Alaska. It is an important component of many pieces of legislation related to federal lands and waters in Alaska. Gaining a better understanding of its importance to Alaska Native and rural Alaskan communities is valuable for Members when they consider future legislation.

- **Presenter:** Tim Bristol
- **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Presentation on Mining, Logging, and Fossil Fuels**

  Presentation and discussion led by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol on mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history and economic impacts of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.

  Mining, fossil fuel development, and logging have a long history in Alaska. Congressional committees have hosted hearings on these topics, and bills addressing resource development in Alaska are pending before Congress. It is important that Members understand the history and current status of these industries in Alaska when they consider future legislation.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

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

- **3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Group Reflection and Discussion**

  Participants will reflect on and discuss key topics from their visit to the Tongass National Forest aboard the M/V David B. Topics of discussion:
  - The Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska's economy
  - Impacts of Alaska's unique public land policy on forest management
  - Key ecological aspects of the Tongass National Forest

  This session allows Members to synthesize multiple days of firsthand observation — salmon habitat, the Roadless Area, tribal consultation, and the regional economy — into specific conclusions and any follow-up actions they intend to pursue.

  - **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

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

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- **5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Arrive at Auke Bay Harbor and disembark the M/V David B.
- **6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Rental car from Auke Bay Harbor to Best Western Baranof – 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
- **6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.** Check-in to the hotel.
- **6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Hangar on the Wharf - 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK 99801
- **7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation and Discussion on Southeast Alaska Tourism**

  Presentations by local representatives of the tourism industry on the economic history of SE Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, with a focus on the recent expansion of tourism in SE Alaska and its impacts on the Tongass National Forest and its communities.

  SE Alaska has a growing tourism industry, fueled in part by the lands, waters, and wildlife in the Tongass National Forest. As Congress addresses legislation regarding management of our public lands, it is advantageous to learn directly from the tourism industry and small business owners who rely on public lands for their livelihoods.

  - **Presenters**:
    - Alexandra Pierce - Visitor Industry Director, City and Borough of Juneau
    - Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau
    - Dan Blanchard - Owner, Uncruise Adventures
  - **Location**: Hangar on the Wharf Restaurant

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Ellen Wang

Tim Bristol was unable to attend this day due to a family emergency.

- **8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Rental car to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801

- **8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Guided Flightseeing Tour of Taku Watershed and Juneau Icefield**

  Participants will receive a short presentation on transboundary mining in SE Alaska and the impacts of warming temperatures and extreme weather on the region's watersheds. They will then have a guided flightseeing tour to view the Taku watershed and Juneau Icefield to discuss the importance of the Taku River and the icefields for watershed health and salmon populations. Access will be provided via commercial float plane (Alaska Seaplanes), as it is the only way to reach this site.

  Salmon are an essential Tongass species, and important salmon watersheds could be impacted by transboundary mining. Viewing the watersheds up close gives Members a firsthand look at potentially impacted areas and helps them understand efforts by Congress to prevent future habitat damage.

  - **Presenter and Guide**: Bre Walker - Salmon Beyond Borders Director, SalmonState

  - **Location**: Juneau Airport, Taku River, and Juneau Icefield

- **10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 6000 Glacier Spur Rd, Juneau, AK 99801

- **11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tour of Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area**

  Participants will tour the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area and take a short hike with U.S. Forest Service staff. The hike will include stops at the Mendenhall Glacier and a tour of the visitor center and wildlife viewing boardwalks. Accessible natural areas like the Mendenhall Visitor Center and many of the wild salmon watersheds help draw over 1 million tourists and generate approximately $1 billion in revenue for the region annually. Approximately 90% of summer visitors to Mendenhall are brought to the site by tourism operators that generate approximately $700,000 annually for the Forest Service in fees.

  The Mendenhall Glacier is one of the most popular sites in SE Alaska. A visit allows the Members to talk with Forest Service staff, better understand visitation and maintenance challenges, and to view the glacier up close. As Congress debates legislation to address public lands' infrastructure and visitor services needs, seeing places such as Mendenhall helps to inform their decisions.

  - **Additional Participants**:
    - Nicole Grewe - Deputy Regional Forester; USFS
    - Barb Miranda - Deputy Forest Supervisor; USFS
    - ***Laurie Cooper (Senior Advisor to the Regional Forester; USFS) was unable to attend this meeting due to a personal schedule change.***

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- **Location**: Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Lunch at Deckhand Dave's - 139 S Franklin St. Juneau, AK 99801.

- **2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** Ground transportation to Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska offices, 320 W Willoughby Ave, Juneau, AK 99801

- **2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Meeting with Alaska Native Leaders**

  Participants will meet with Alaska Native leaders from the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to discuss their perspectives and priorities as they relate to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.

  Meeting with Tlingit & Haida leadership gives Members the government-to-government perspective that written testimony alone doesn't provide, and is directly relevant to any Tongass National Forest or Southeast Alaska legislation that Congress may address. Members will benefit from having these direct conversations to better understand Alaska Native priorities when making decisions in Congress that directly affect Southeast Alaskan tribes.

  - **Additional Participants:**
    - Richard Peterson - President, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
    - Jill Weitz - Natural Resource Manager for Native Lands & Resources Division, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
    - ***Arielle Halpern (Forest Policy and Research Manager, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska) and Ralph Wolfe (Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska) were unable to attend this meeting due to personal schedule changes.***

  - **Location:** Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska offices

- **4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Ground Transportation to Best Western Baranof – 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

- **5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Break.

- **6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Walk to In Bocca Al Lupo - 120 2nd St Suite B, Juneau, AK 99801.

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- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Working Dinner and Final Discussions**

  Summarize the trip, and discuss any remaining questions and topics. Topics to cover:
  - Members summarize key takeaways from the trip and any follow-up steps they intend to pursue.
  - Summarize key pieces of Alaska public lands policy and the influence they continue to have in Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest.
    - ANILCA and ANCSA
    - The Roadless Rule
    - The Tongass Forest Plan

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

  - **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Christine Smith, Jeffrey Smith
  - **Additional Attendee:** Matt Millner

  - **Location:** In Bocca Al Lupo Restaurant

Friday, August 21, 2026

- Rep. Laura Friedman
  - Travel from Juneau, AK, to Los Angeles, CA
    - **7:03 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 332, **10:38 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **11:41 a.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 487, **2:37 p.m.** arrive at LAX.
- Wendy Friedman
  - Travel from Juneau, AK to Boston, MA
    - **7:03 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 332, **10:38 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **3:29 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 460, **11:54 p.m.** arrive at BOS.
- Rep. Sarah Elfreth and Eric Costello
  - Travel from Juneau, AK to Baltimore, MD
    - **5:03 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 333, **8:25 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **10:00 a.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 378, **6:04 p.m.** arrive at BWI.

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American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest
2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary
August 15 - 21st, 2026

Mission Goals: A fact-finding trip to visit Southeast Alaska and view the Tongass National Forest, learn about forest and land management planning, old-growth forests, regional economic drivers, and Alaska Native communities. Participants will have the opportunity to visit remote areas of the Tongass National Forest to gain firsthand knowledge on forest management regimes, salmon habitats, watershed health, and rural economies, and to meet with local stakeholders to learn more about local and regional policy issues.

Relevance to Official Duties: Congress and the Administration play a significant role in Alaska's land and natural resources policy due to more than 60 percent of its total land area being federally managed. As Members of Congress, Rep. Laura Friedman and Rep. Sarah Elfreth have legislative and oversight responsibilities concerning the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska. This fact-finding trip will educate the Members on the economic, tribal, and natural resource management issues related to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska. They will gain firsthand knowledge to inform their decisions on legislation, appropriations, amendments, and other congressional actions.

Location: The purpose of travel to Juneau, Alaska is to gain hands-on experience in the Tongass National Forest to educate Members on the landscape's history, ecology, management, and the many local and Tribal communities that depend on it. The American Lands Project will also take Members to several locations outside of Juneau to meet with local and Tribal communities and visit various locations in the Tongass National Forest to learn about the diverse landscapes of the forest. Locations will include an Inventoried Roadless Area, salmon spawning streams and watersheds, and wildlife habitats that can only be accessed via boat or float plane.

Saturday, August 15, 2026

- Rep. Laura Friedman
  - Travel from Los Angeles, CA to Juneau, AK
    - **9:00 a.m.** Depart LAX, Alaska 482, **11:52 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **1:43 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 435, **3:17 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Wendy Friedman
  - Travel from Boston, MA to Juneau, AK
    - **7:03 a.m.** Depart BOS, Alaska 459, **10:26 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **1:43 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 435, **3:17 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Rep. Sarah Elfreth and Eric Costello
  - Travel from Baltimore, MD to Juneau, AK

        - **7:50 a.m.** Depart BWI, Alaska 786, **10:40 a.m.** arrive at SEA
        - **1:43 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 95, **3:17 p.m.** arrive at JNU

- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m**. Ground transportation from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
    - *Full Day Participants* (from arrival): Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Ellen Wang (Board Member, American Lands Project)*
      **Full Day Participants are present for all itinerary items that day*

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

- **4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Walking tour of Juneau and the Juneau harbor. Introduction to Southeast Alaska**

  Members will take a tour of downtown Juneau and the Juneau harbor led by SE Alaska guide Tim Bristol to learn about and observe the active tourism and cruise industry as well as the commercial fishing infrastructure in Juneau. The tour will demonstrate SE Alaska's complex economy, introduce the diversity of roles that the Tongass National Forest plays in the local economy, and inform participants on Juneau's role as a population center and marine hub in SE Alaska, in addition to serving as the Alaska State Capitol.

  This tour will provide the Members with foundational information on the economic value of public lands in SE Alaska that is important for the rest of the trip. As Members of Congress, it is their responsibility, along with the administration, Tribes, and local communities, to oversee and steward federal public lands.

    - **Tour Guide:** Tim Bristol - Executive Director, Salmonstate

    - **Location:** Downtown Juneau and the Juneau Harbor

- **5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Twisted Fish Company - 550 S. Franklin Street Juneau, AK 99801

- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Working Dinner and Discussion of Alaska Native History**

  The participants will meet with SE Alaska Native representatives and residents at dinner for presentations and discussions on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act

(ANCSA) and the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). The presenters will also explain the impacts of economic transitions in the region and tribal engagement in Southeast Alaska.

Federal land and water management in Alaska, along with Alaska Native governance have a unique legislative background. Representatives will benefit from understanding this history and the on-the-ground circumstances shaping tribal engagement and regional economic transitions.

- **Presenters:**
  - Katie Riley - Deputy Director, Sitka Conservation Society
  - Anthony Mallot - Spruce Root, Former CEO of Sealaska
  - Natalie Dawson - Director of Strategic Partnerships, Alaska Venture Fund
  - Tim Bristol

- **Location**: Twisted Fish Company Restaurant

Sunday, August 16, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Hoonah, AK
  - **8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801
  - **9:30 a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes
  - **9:50 a.m.** Arrive at Hoonah (HNH)

- **10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Ground Transport by rental car from Hoonah Airport to Hoonah Indian Association - 310 Hill St, Hoonah, AK 99829

- **11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Meeting with Tribal Government Staff**

  Participants will meet with the Hoonah Indian Association (HIA). HIA staff will present on forestry issues impacting their community and local economy as well as the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. HIA staff will lead participants on a tour of their current restoration projects in previously harvested areas of the forest surrounding Hoonah.

  Alaska Native communities rely on and are stewards of the public lands and waters in SE Alaska, including the Tongass National Forest. In doing so, they partner with the U.S. Forest Service, Congress, and other government agencies. By hearing directly from Alaska Native leaders about issues of importance to them, Members of Congress are able to more fully understand these issues when they work on relevant legislation and other congressional actions.

- **Presenters and Guides**:
  - Ian Johnson - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association
  - Nathan Moulton - Tribal Administrator, Hoonah Indian Association

- **Location:** Hoonah Indian Association Offices, Hoonah, AK

- **2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. Board the Motor Vessel David B**

  Participants will receive an introduction to the vessel, which will serve as both a water taxi and lodging through August 19th, to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Participants will receive a safety training from Christine and Jeffrey Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.

  - **Additional Participants:**
    - Christine and Jeffrey Smith - Owners and Operators of the David B
    - Matt Millner - Deckhand, David B

  - **Location:** Hoonah Harbor, Hoonah, AK

- **2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Introductory Presentation on Tongass National Forest**

  The ALP Trip Leader and SE Alaska expert will give an introductory presentation on SE Alaska, the Tongass National Forest, and the geographies that the Members will observe during the remainder of the trip. The Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country, totalling 16.7 million acres of land in Southeast Alaska, and is the traditional homeland of three distinct Alaska Native tribes: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. With much of the Forest consisting of remote islands and undeveloped areas, visiting by boat or air is the only way to view much of the Forest.

  Congress often acts on legislation related to federal land management in Alaska and Alaska Native communities. An overview of the SE Alaska public lands, the Tongass National Forest, and the Alaska Native Tribes who live in SE Alaska offers the Members a baseline for understanding the region, the people, and the landscape.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location*:** Deck, M/V David B - Northeastern Coast of Chichagof Island, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Map Review and Discussion**

  Following the presentation, participants will review maps of the State of Alaska to gain foundational knowledge on the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State of Alaska as they relate to locations participants will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole. Members will participate in a discussion on how Alaska's many geographies influence the natural

resources and economies across the state with a focus on the Tongass National Forest in southeast Alaska.

It is important for Members to gain a foundational understanding of Alaska's geography and land-use patterns as they evaluate legislative and oversight actions that impact the region.

- **Additional Participants:** Christine Smith, Jeffrey Smith
- **Location:** Saloon, M/V David B

- **5:15 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Break.

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Working Dinner on Small Business Tourism**

  Presentation by Motor Vessel David B owners Jeffrey and Christine Smith about the role of small boat tourism in Alaska and how small tourism businesses operate in SE Alaska's economy.

  Recreation and tourism on national forests generate billions of dollars in economic activity for local communities and support more than 150,000 jobs. Nearly 50,000 Alaskans depend on tourism for their livelihoods. The Members will hear directly from business owners in the small boat tourism sector of the tourism industry. Firsthand stories from small business owners will help inform decisions as Congress addresses legislation related to outdoor recreation and tourism businesses dependent on our public lands.

  - **Presenters:** Christine Smith, Jeffrey Smith, Matt Millner
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

Monday, August 17, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Smith, Matt Millner

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on the David B.

- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Guided Hike to Learn about Salmon Lifecycles and Habitats**

  Participants will take an onshore hike to gain firsthand insights into salmon spawning habitat and salmon streams. During the hike, Members will learn about the economic value of healthy watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass National Forest produce 75% of the commercial

salmon harvested annually from SE Alaska. This harvest of about 40 million salmon is valued at $68 million annually.

Observing an active salmon spawning stream gives the Members direct, firsthand knowledge of watershed health in the Tongass and its impact on salmon populations — evidence that briefings and written testimony alone cannot provide. Wild Alaskan salmon is a key economic driver for the region - providing jobs and resources for the Tribes and local communities - and are consumed across the United States and the world. When Congress considers legislation regarding fishing, wildlife and habitat, it is important that the Members understand the value of salmon and the rivers and streams on which they rely.

- **Leaders:** Christine Smith, Tim Bristol
- **Location*:** Northeastern Coast of Chichagof Island, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Working Lunch Seminar on Public Lands in Alaska**

  During lunch, House attendees will participate in a discussion on public lands in the State of Alaska. Topics will cover:
  - Land management directives for resource development
  - Recreation, conservation, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in the State of Alaska.

  Distinguishing land-management authorities and permitted uses across tribal, state, and federal lands is essential background for Members evaluating any Alaska-specific public lands legislation.

  - **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **12:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Guided Hike to Learn about Tongass Wildlife and Ecology**

  Members will take an onshore hike to view Alaska's iconic wildlife. On the hike, the leaders will educate participants on how natural systems function in this landscape and the importance of the Tongass National Forest to salmon, grizzly bears, marine mammals, and other regional wildlife. Participants will observe the interactions between wild salmon and other Alaskan wildlife, and the guides will lead a discussion on the economic impacts of tourism and wildlife viewing in Alaska.

  Wildlife is at the heart of SE Alaska's way of life. It is relevant to understand the wildlife species and how they relate to the region's outdoor recreation and tourism economy. Congress addresses a host of bills related to wildlife management and the

industries that depend on healthy populations of various species. Learning about, and observing firsthand, this interdependence provides the Members with valuable insight for when they make decisions on legislation and other congressional actions.

- **Leaders:** Christine Smith, Tim Bristol
- **Location***: Freshwater Bay, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Break.

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Presentation on Rural Southeast Alaska and Tourism**

  While underway, Members will listen to and participate in a short presentation by Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol, and Christine Smith, followed by a discussion on SE Alaska communities, the expansion of tourism into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, the role the Forest plays in the regional economy, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.

  There are many aspects of the tourism economy that should be considered when making policy decisions. It is important to understand the benefits as well as the challenges of the tourism industry. As Congress considers legislation that could impact the tourism sector, understanding both the opportunities and the challenges facing these communities can help to inform that work.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol, and Christine Smith
  - **Location*:** Deck, M/V David B - Northeast Coast of Chichagof Island, Tongass National Forest, AK

- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Working Dinner Discussion on Southeast Alaska Economy**

  Participants will discuss details surrounding historic and current economic drivers of the SE Alaska economy, including natural resource extraction, tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and land restoration. Discuss the role of federal initiatives in the region, its history and current status, and the recent history of partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service and its impact on the region and its economy.

  Regional economies shift over the years. In areas such as SE Alaska, it is imperative that the federal government engages with local communities and Tribes to identify land management directives and uses that benefit those who live in the region and beyond. This discussion will teach Members about the partnerships between the federal government, tribal communities, and local residents to help Members understand how federal lands can be managed in ways that are responsive to the unique needs of t local communities.

  - **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol

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- **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

Tuesday, August 18, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Smith, Matt Millner

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on M/V David B.

- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Presentation and Discussion on Tongass Forest Plan**

  While underway, Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol will educate participants on the current Tongass Land Management Plan (Forest Plan) and the U.S. Forest Service's efforts to update the Forest Plan. The current Forest Plan was developed in 1997, and a revision process for the Tongass Forest Plan, announced in 2023, is currently in progress. This conversation will include a discussion on the Forest Plan and the revision process currently in progress.

  Bills related to land and resource management planning are regularly discussed and debated in Committees and on the House Floor. By gaining firsthand knowledge of the landscapes and land management directives in the Tongass National Forest, Members can make more informed decisions on related legislation or oversight actions.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol

  - **Location*:** Deck, M/V David B - Tenakee Inlet, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Presentation and Discussion on ANILCA**

  Presentation and discussion led by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol regarding the history and legislation that have shaped federal land ownership and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated many of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and wild and scenic rivers across the state. ANILCA also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents of Alaska during times of scarcity. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions regarding resource management and utilization.

  Federal public lands in Alaska are managed under a unique legislative framework based on ANILCA. Current Alaska-specific public lands bills are often related to ANILCA and its history. To help Members make informed decisions on these bills, they must understand this foundational legislation.

- **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
- **Location:** Saloon, M/V David B

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Working Lunch Presentation and Discussion of ANCSA**

  Presentation and discussion led by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol on the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA). Presenters will review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities - which Congress termed "Alaska Native Corporations" (ANCs) - tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. This discussion will familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in Southeast Alaska and the nuances of ANCSA.

  ANCSA is another piece of unique Alaska legislation. Alaska Native Corporations are different from cultural structures found in the Lower 48. Since the passage of ANCSA, Congress has considered many legislative proposals that focus on amending ANCSA, making it important for the Members to understand the history of the legislation and the formulation and purposes of ANCs when making decisions about relevant policies.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Break.

- **2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Guided Hike to Visit an Inventoried Roadless Area**

  Onshore hike led by Christine Smith and Tim Bristol. Participants will visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area in the Tongass National Forest. This area has no road access and can only be reached via boat or float plane. On the hike, Members will observe old-growth stands and intact forest ecosystems without roads or other manmade infrastructure. This hike will educate House attendees on how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast Alaska. In June 2025, the administration announced its intention to rescind Roadless Rule protections nationwide, including in the Tongass National Forest.

  Congress works with and has oversight responsibilities over the U.S. Forest Service. As the administration is currently moving forward to rescind the Roadless Rule, Members of Congress have engaged in oversight regarding the administration's actions and legislation has been introduced related to the rescission. Seeing a Roadless Area firsthand gives Members direct, firsthand knowledge – rather than

secondhand testimony – for evaluating the practical effects of retaining or repealing those protections in the Tongass National Forest.

- **Leaders:** Christine Smith, Tim Bristol
- **Location*:** Tenakee Inlet, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Working dinner Presentation on History of Southeast Alaska and Tongass National Forest**

  Presentation by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol giving a detailed overview of the history of SE Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, including the history of timber and mineral development, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

  Because of the vastness and diversity of federal lands in Alaska, Congress and the Administration play a large role in land and water management. Members vote on legislation addressing an array of land uses, including mineral extraction, timber harvest, restoration and conservation.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Jeffrey Smith, Christine Smith, Matt Millner

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast.

- **9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Presentation on Southeast Alaska Land Ownership**

  Presentation by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol while underway, on the different land ownership regimes in Southeast Alaska including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Following the presentation participants will discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on forest management in the Tongass National Forest.

  ANCSA and ANILCA are the foundation for federal public lands management in Alaska. Understanding how these laws underlie management and land ownership in the Tongass helps to inform Members' decisions on policies related to the forest.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol

- **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Presentation on Mariculture**

  Introductory presentation by Tim Bristol around the emerging mariculture industry (shellfish and seaweed farming) as an economic diversification strategy, including regulatory frameworks and investment opportunities in Southeast Alaska.

  The Blue Economy, including the mariculture industry, has been the topic of congressional hearings and legislative initiatives. Learning about mariculture and other emerging ocean-based industries helps inform decision-making when Members address bills and other congressional actions.

  - **Presenter:** Tim Bristol

  - **Location*:** Deck, M/V David B - Tenakee Inlet, Tongass National Forest, Alaska

- **11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Break.

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Working Lunch Presentation and Discussion on Subsistence**

  Presentation and discussion led by Tim Bristol on subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the State. Federal law defines subsistence use as "the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles… for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade."

  Subsistence is one of the primary uses of public lands in SE Alaska. It is an important component of many pieces of legislation related to federal lands and waters in Alaska. Gaining a better understanding of its importance to Alaska Native and rural Alaskan communities is valuable for Members when they consider future legislation.

  - **Presenter:** Tim Bristol

  - **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Group Reflection and Discussion**

  Participants will reflect on and discuss key topics from their visit to the Tongass National Forest aboard the Motor Vessel David B. Topics of discussion:
  - The Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska's economy
  - Impacts of Alaska's unique public land policy on forest management

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- Key ecological aspects of the Tongass National Forest

This session lets Members consolidate multiple days of firsthand observation — salmon habitat, the Roadless Area, tribal consultation, and the regional economy — into specific conclusions and any follow-up actions they intend to pursue.

- **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
- **Location:** Galley, M/V David B

- **2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Tenakee Springs to Juneau.

- Return to Juneau, AK.
  - **3:00 p.m.** Depart Tenakee Springs (TKE), Alaska Seaplanes
  - **3:35 p.m.** Arrive at Juneau (JNU)

- **4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Rental car from airport to Best Western Baranof –127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Presentation on Mining, Logging, and Fossil Fuels**

  Presentation and discussion led by Ellen Wang and Tim Bristol on mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history and economic impacts of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.

  Mining, fossil fuel development, and logging have a long history in Alaska. Congressional committees have hosted hearings on these topics, and bills addressing resource development in Alaska are pending before Congress. It is important that Members understand the history and current status of these industries in Alaska when they consider future legislation.

  - **Presenters:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol
  - **Location:** Best Western Baranof Lobby

- **5:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Break.

- **6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Rental car to dinner at Hanger on the Wharf - 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK 99801

- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Working Dinner Presentation and Discussion on Southeast Alaska Tourism**

  Presentations by local representatives of the tourism industry on the economic history of SE Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, with a focus on the recent

expansion of tourism in SE Alaska and its impacts on the Tongass National Forest and its communities.

SE Alaska has a growing tourism industry, fueled in part by the lands, waters, and wildlife in the Tongass National Forest. As Congress addresses legislation regarding management of our public lands, it is advantageous to learn directly from the tourism industry and small business owners who rely on public lands for their livelihoods.

- **Presenters**:
  - Alexandra Pierce - Visitor Industry Director, City and Borough of Juneau
  - Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau
  - Dan Blanchard - Owner, Uncruise
- **Location**: Hanger on the Wharf Restaurant

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Full Day Participants: Rep. Laura Friedman, Wendy Friedman, Rep. Sarah Elfreth, Eric Costello, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang

- **8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.** Rental car to Alaska Seaplanes at the Juneau International Airport - 1873 Shell Simmons Dr. Juneau, AK 99801

- **8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Guided Flightseeing Tour of Taku Watershed and Juneau Icefield**

  Participants will receive a short presentation on transboundary mining in SE Alaska and the impacts of warming temperatures and extreme weather on the region's watersheds. They will then have a guided flightseeing tour to view the Taku watershed and Juneau Icefield to discuss the importance of the Taku River and the icefields for watershed health and salmon populations. Access will be provided via commercial float plane (Alaska Seaplanes), as it is the only way to reach this site.

  Salmon are an essential Tongass species, and important salmon watersheds could be impacted by transboundary mining. Viewing the watersheds up close gives Members a firsthand look at potentially impacted areas and helps them understand efforts by Congress to prevent future habitat damage.

  - **Presenter and Guide**:
    - Bre Walker - Salmon Beyond Borders Director, SalmonState
  - **Location**: Juneau Airport, Taku River, and Juneau Icefield

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

- **10:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 6000 Glacier Spur Rd, Juneau, AK 99801

- **11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Tour of Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area**

  Participants will tour the Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area and take a short hike with U.S. Forest Service staff. The hike will include stops at the Mendenhall Glacier and a tour of the visitor center and wildlife viewing boardwalks. Accessible natural areas like the Mendenhall Visitor Center and many of the wild salmon watersheds help draw over 1 million tourists and generate approximately $1 billion in revenue for the region annually. Approximately 90% of summer visitors to Mendenhall are brought to the site by tourism operators that generate approximately $700,000 annually for the Forest Service in fees.

  The Mendenhall Glacier is one of the most popular sites in SE Alaska. A visit allows the Members to talk with Forest Service staff, better understand visitation and maintenance challenges, and to view the glacier up close. As Congress debates legislation to address public lands' infrastructure and visitor services needs, seeing places such as Mendenhall helps to inform their decisions.

  - **Additional Participants**:
    - Nicole Grewe - Deputy Regional Forester; USFS
    - Barb Miranda - Deputy Forest Supervisor; USFS
    - Laurie Cooper - Senior Advisor to the Regional Forester; USFS

  - **Location**: Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Lunch.

- **2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** Ground transportation to Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska offices, 320 W Willoughby Ave, Juneau, AK 99801

- **2:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. Meeting with Alaska Native Leaders**

  Participants will meet with Alaska Native leaders from the Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska to discuss their perspectives and priorities as they relate to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.

  Meeting with Tlingit & Haida leadership gives Members the government-to-government perspective that written testimony alone doesn't provide, and is directly relevant to any Tongass National Forest or Southeast Alaska legislation that Congress may address. Members will benefit from having these direct conversations to better understand Alaska Native priorities when making decisions in Congress that directly affect Southeast Alaskan tribes.

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- **Additional Participants:**
    - President Richard Peterson - President, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
    - Jill Weitz - Natural Resource Manager for Native Lands & Resources Division, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
    - Arielle Halpern - Forest Policy and Research Manager, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska
    - Ralph Wolfe - Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska

- **Location:** Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska offices

- **4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Ground Transportation to Best Western Baranof –127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.

- **5:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Break.

- **6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Walk to In Boco Al Lupo - 120 2nd St Suite B, Juneau, AK

- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Working Dinner and Final Discussions**

  Summarize the trip, and discuss any remaining questions and topics. Topics to cover:
  - Members summarize key takeaways from the trip and any follow-up steps they intend to pursue.
  - Summarize key pieces of Alaska public lands policy and the influence they continue to have in Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest.
    - ANILCA and ANCSA
    - The Roadless Rule
    - The Tongass Forest Plan

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

  - **Leaders:** Ellen Wang, Tim Bristol

  - **Location:** In Boco Al Lupo Restaurant

Friday, August 21, 2026

- Rep. Laura Friedman

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

    - Travel from Juneau, AK, to Los Angeles, CA
        - **7:03 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 332, **10:38 a.m.** arrive at SEA
        - **11:41 a.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 487, **2:37 p.m.** arrive at LAX.
- Wendy Friedman
    - Travel from Juneau, AK to Boston, MA
        - **7:03 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 332, **10:38 a.m.** arrive at SEA
        - **3:29 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 460, **11:54 p.m.** arrive at BOS.
- Rep. Sarah Elfreth and Eric Costello
    - Travel from Juneau, AK to Baltimore, MD
        - **5:03 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska 333, **8:25 a.m.** arrive at SEA
        - **10:00 a.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 378, **6:04 p.m.** arrive at BWI.

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Congresswoman Sarah Elfreth
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Elfreth,

The American Lands Project appreciates your interest in the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska and public lands in the state of Alaska. At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the largest National Forest in the country. It is home to wild salmon watersheds that are among the most productive in the country, and it supports a $1 billion commercial fishing industry. The region's glaciers, forests, and wildlife are a global attraction that generates another $1 billion from tourism annually. The region's forests provide key subsistence resources to the Alaska Native community and broader cultural and historic connections to the land. Forest management for the Tongass National Forest has shifted significantly over the years, from phasing out old growth logging to re-opening significant parts of the forest to road building and timber harvest.

We would like to invite you and an allowed guest to join American Lands Project for a trip to the Tongass National Forest from August 15th to 21st, 2026. The trip will be fully sponsored by ALP, including all travel, lodging, and meals, and provides the opportunity to see and experience the Tongass National Forest firsthand, learn about ecological, cultural and economic facets of the region and state, and use the region as a lens through which to gain knowledge on a broader array of public lands topics in the State of Alaska. 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.

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

Sincerely,

Natalie Smink
Education & Trip Coordinator