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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual *Financial Disclosure Statements* of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

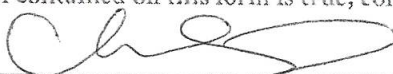
NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

1. Name of Traveler: Christine Sur
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: April 16, 2019 Return: April 18, 2019
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Pinedale, WY Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservancy, The National Audubon Society
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: See Attached Document

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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
 - c. page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; 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: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 5/1/19

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Name of Supervising Member: Jared Huffman Date: 5/1/2019

Signature of Supervising Member: 



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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservancy, The National Audubon Society

2. Travel Destination(s): Pinedale, WY

3. Date of Departure: April 16, 2018 Date of Return: April 18, 2018

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kyle Sharp, Christine Sur

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	See Attached	See Attached	See Attached	See Attached
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

Signature: Date: 4/28/19

Name: America Fitzpatrick Title: Sr Campaign Representative

Organization: The Wilderness Society

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

Address: 1615 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Telephone: (301) 219-2323 Email: america_fitzpatrick@tw.org

Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Christine Sur

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: The Wilderness Society, The Nature Conservancy, The National Audubon Society

3. Travel Destination(s): Pinedale, WY

4. a. Date of Departure: 4/16/19 Date of Return: 4/18/19

b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? Yes No

If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? Yes No If yes:

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

(2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____

(3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age: Yes No

6. a. 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)? Yes No

b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

The second night of travel is due to the distance of the location from the airport, the need to start the first day of travel at 5AM mountain time for wildlife viewing purposes, and the safety concerns of driving in this area at night in the dark.

7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms: Yes No

NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

As the natural resources and wildlife advisor for Rep. Huffman (Chair of the Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee), legislation regarding Sage Grouse conservation plans are important

for me to understand. This trip will provide me with irreplaceable firsthand experience with the Sage Grouse and allow me to meet, question, and interact with local stakeholders, like ranchers

and energy producers, who have personal and professional experience working with the Sage Grouse conservation plans.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip? Yes No

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 3/15/19



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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should *NOT* submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: The Wilderness Society
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. Check only one. I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: OR
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: OR
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: The National Audubon Society, The Nature Conservancy
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): See attached document
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? Yes No
6. Date of Departure: April 16, 2019 Date of Return: April 18, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
b. Destination(s): Pinedale, WY
c. City of return: Washington, DC
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:
 - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
 - 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: See attached document



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. *Check only one of the following:*
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:* OR
 - b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
 See attached document
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13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:*
- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: _____)
 - b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: _____)
 - c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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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): See attached document
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See attached document
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Lakeside Lodge City: Pinedale Cost Per Night: \$90/night
 Reason(s) for Selecting: This hotel was selected because it is a good value and conveniently located.

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
 Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached document	See attached document	See attached document
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached document	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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19. Check only one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below: OR
 b. Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: *America Fitzpatrick* Date: March 14, 2019

Name: America Fitzpatrick

Title: Senior Representative, Government Relations

Organization: The Wilderness Society

Address: 1615 M Street NW, Washington, DC, 20036

Telephone: (202) 429-2655

Email: america_fitzpatrick@tws.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

Committee on Ethics
 U.S. House of Representatives
 1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515
 Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392



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Grantmaking Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by a public charity or private foundation (both as defined under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code) that provides a grant of funds to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): National Audubon Society
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Yes No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Wilderness Society
3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):
 - a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR
 - b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Pinedale, WY on Date: April 16-18, 2019
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check only one:
 - a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR
 - b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: [Handwritten Signature] Date: 3/1/19

Name: Allison Holloran Title: V. President, Exec. Director

Organization: National Audubon Society

Address: 116 N. College Avenue, Suite 1 Fort Collins, CO 80524

Telephone: 970-416-6931 Email: aholloran@audubon.org

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): The Nature Conservancy
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Yes No

2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Wilderness Society

3. I certify that my organization (check and complete a or b):

a. Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. OR

b. Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
Destination: Pinedale, WY on Date: April 16-18, 2019
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.

4. Check only one:

a. My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent OR
b. My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.

5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: [Signature] Date: 3/11/2019

Name: Tomer Hasson Title: Senior Policy Adviser

Organization: The Nature Conservancy

Address: 4245 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 100, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1608

Telephone: 9497518042 Email: tomer.hasson@gmail.com

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April 10, 2019

Ms. Christine Sur
Office of the Honorable Jared Huffman
1527 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Sur:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Pinedale, Wyoming, scheduled for April 16 to 18, 2019, sponsored by Wilderness Society, National Audubon Society, and Nature Conservancy. We remind you that, because the trip sponsor employs a federal lobbyist, you may participate in officially-connected activity on one calendar day only.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Theodore E. Deutch".

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kenny Marchant".

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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5. Action amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	Airfare: Roundtrip flight from Washington, DC to Jackson, WY: \$652.85 Rental Car for transportation from Jackson, WY to Pinedale, WY (as share of rental car): \$72.41 Gas (as share of total): \$10.32 Total: \$735.58	Lakeside Lodge (99 Forest Service Road, Pinedale, WY 82941) \$65/night Total: \$130	Lunch Day 1: \$19.45/person Dinner day one: \$17.64/person Breakfast day two: - Breakfast car snacks: \$4.80/person - Breakfast: \$20.60/person Lunch day two: \$16.41/person Dinner day two: \$21.65/person Breakfast day three: \$11.62/person Total: \$112.17
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

April 17th Sage Grouse Trip
Meetings and Events Description

- At 5:15 AM we visited the Speedway Lek where we used binoculars to view the mating ground (lek) to view sage grouse. The event allowed us to view the bird's activities, which include males chasing each other, and practicing their calls to attract females.
- At 7:30 AM we arrived at a local restaurant, the Pinedale Café, where Wildlife biologist and researchers talked in more detail about the sage grouse ecosystem and learn about the current state of the greater sage-grouse and research, as this area is where a lot of the research came from that is now used to influence policy.
- From 10:00 AM –11:30 AM we met with Paul Ulrich at Jonah Energy, where we received a presentation on Jonah Energy drilling practices in sage-brush and around sage-grouse habitat and safety instructions for viewing the oil field.
- From 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM we toured the Jonah Energy field. We took a driving tour of the 30,500-acre oil and gas field, stood below an oil rig while learning about its parts and functions, and what was happening underground. We stood atop a separator, which separated the water and mud from each other, which was done to recycle water used to break formations below the earth and allow capture of the oil and gas, and we visited a reclamation site to see old growth and new growth sagebrush and hear about the company's efforts to preserve the landscape.
- From 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM we ate dinner and discussed the tours with TNC, TWS, and Audubon staff, as well as local scientist Matt Holloran and local Audubon members, Pete and Ruth Arnold.

Subject: Greater Sage-grouse Tour Itinerary

Location: Pinedale, WY | 75 miles southeast of Jackson, WY

Date: April 16th - 18th, 2019 (including travel days)

Points of Contact:

- Nick Miner, nick_miner@tws.org, 202.429.2610
- America Fitzpatrick, america_fitzpatrick@tws.org, 301.219.2323

April 16th, 2019 - Travel Day

6:05 AM EST

- Participants depart Washington, D.C. (DCA) on American Airlines Flight 2210 to Dallas (DFW)
 - **The airfare for this flight has not been purchased as of March 18, 2019 but we will purchase this flight or similar**

8:43 AM MST

- Participants arrive in Dallas (DFW)

9:45 AM MST

- Participants depart Dallas (DFW) on American Airlines flight 2596 to Jackson, WY (JAC)

11:38 AM MST

- Participants arrive in Jackson, WY (JAC)

11:38-12:15 PM MST

- Participants deplane and collect baggage

12:15 PM MST

- Participants depart Jackson and drive to lodging in Pinedale (Lakeside Lodge, 99 FS Rd 111, Pinedale, WY)

2:15 PM MST

- Arrive at lodging and check into rooms

5:45 PM MST

- Depart for group dinner (optional)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM MST

- Optional group dinner

8:00 PM MST

- Depart for lodging

8:15 PM MST

- Arrive at lodging.
- End of planned activities for the day

April 17th – See the Greater Sage-Grouse and Visit Jonah Energy

Breakfast and snacks will be provided at the lek and Jonah Energy

4:15 AM – 9:30 AM MST Greater Sage-Grouse Lek Tour

- 4:15 AM MST
 - Staff wakeup call
- 4:45 AM MST
 - Group departure from Pinedale to the "Speedway Lek" (there is no physical address for the Lek. The closest navigational point is milepost 73 on Hwy 191, approximately 27 miles south of Pinedale). This lek is situated in the shadow of the Tetons and near an oil and gas operator, Jonah Energy. The diversity of use within driving distance gives staff the opportunity to hear about how various uses of the land are impacted by the BLM Land Management Plans, and how they partner in conservation. Packed breakfast will be provided during the drive to the lek.
 - Coffee and snacks available on drive
- 5:15 AM
 - Arrive at lek and experience sunrise (approximately 5:30 AM MST).
 - View sage grouse strut in local habitat and mating ritual, and the landscape needed to preserve the species and ecosystem. Wildlife biologist and researchers will be on hand to educate staff about the natural history of the sage-grouse, discuss current management and need to prevent legislative, or other, changes to the plans.
 - Discuss the background/history of the area, as it pertains to sage grouse and preservation of the sage grouse ecosystem. Learn about the current state of the greater sage-grouse and research, as this area is where a lot of the research came from that is now used to influence policy.
- 7:00 AM MST
 - Depart Speedway Lek for Pinedale cafe (47 W. Pine Street, Pinedale, WY 82941)
- 7:30 AM MST
 - Arrive at Pinedale café (47 W. Pine Street, Pinedale, WY 82941)
 - At the cafe, staffers will have the opportunity to talk in more detail about the experience at the Lek with experts on the bird, learn even more about sage-grouse and current conservation efforts to protect the bird and its habitat.
 - Food will be provided
 - Opportunity to use restroom
- 9:30 AM MST
 - Depart Pinedale for Jonah Energy (83 Luman Road, Pinedale, Wyoming 82941)

10:00 AM – 4:00 PM MST Jonah Energy Site Visit and Briefing

- 10:00 AM MST
 - Arrive Jonah Energy. As a major producer in one of North America's most prolific natural gas fields and a leader in reducing methane emissions from oil and gas development, staff will have the chance to ask questions about coexisting next to wildlife habitat.
- 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM MST
 - Safety training and background briefing. Jonah Field is a major producer in one of North America's most prolific natural gas fields and a leader in reducing methane emissions from oil and gas development. The briefing will cover the gas deposits, how they access the energy deposits, and fracking technology.
 - Hear about Jonah Energy's development and management, and newest technology

- Learn about how Jonah Energy is managing their drilling operations while simultaneously working to protect Sage Grouse habitat and not disturb the birds.
- Boxed lunch will be available for participants
- Opportunity to use restroom
- 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM MST
 - Tour Jonah Field. In the field we will visit a well site and see how collaborative planning between states, federal government, and local companies allows habitats and development to coexist.
 - Visit an example of Jonah Energy's reclamation work that helps restore wildlife habitat.
- 2:30 PM MST
 - Depart Jonah Energy and travel to lodging (Lakeside Lodge, 99 FS Rd 111, Pinedale, WY)

3:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST Free time and Catered Dinner

- 3:00 PM MST
 - Arrive at lodging (Lakeside Lodge, 99 FS Rd 111, Pinedale, WY)
- 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM MST
 - Free time for participants
 - If conditions allow, participants may go on option hikes around the adjacent Freemont Lake or nearby Bridger-Teton National Forest.
- 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM MST
 - Group dinner at the Lakeside Lodge (Lakeside Lodge, 99 FS Rd 111, Pinedale, WY)
- 7:30 PM MST
 - End of scheduled activities

April 18th - Travel Day

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM MST

- Breakfast available at the Lakeside Lodge (Lakeside Lodge, 99 FS Rd 111, Pinedale, WY)

8 AM MST

- Depart Pinedale for Jackson, WY (JAC) airport

10:00 AM MST

- Arrive at Jackson, WY (JAC) airport

12:27 PM MST

- Participants depart Jackson, WY (JAC) airport on American Airlines flight 2377 to Dallas (DFW)
 - **The airfare for this flight has not been purchased as of March 18, 2019 but we will purchase this flight or similar**

4:20 PM MST

- Participants arrive in Dallas (DFW)

5:32 PM MST

- Participants depart Dallas (DFW) on American Airlines flight 804 for Washington, D.C. (DCA)

9:25 PM EST

- Participants arrive in Washington D.C. (DCA)

9:25 PM EST

- End of trip

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Supplemental Answers

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9. D

The trip requires a second overnight stay due to the distance of the location from the airport, the need to start the first day of travel before 5 AM Mountain Time for wildlife viewing purposes, and safety concerns surrounding driving in this area in the dark at night and during cold weather.

10.

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12.

A. The Wilderness Society is the primary sponsor of this trip and will be providing funding as well as organizing and inviting staff members to participate. The Wilderness Society supports balanced and collaborative management of the BLM Land Management Plans announced in Sept. 2015. It is in our interest to show staff the habitat and species within to share our concerns for legislation that impacts the habitat.

B. Audubon is providing funding and helping to organize the itinerary and logistics in Wyoming as well as leading the Greater Sage Grouse lek tour. Audubon's interest in supporting the tour is to elevate the knowledge base regarding the sagebrush ecosystem and issues that affect the ecosystem and our working lands in the West.

C. The Nature Conservancy has prioritized stabilizing and increasing populations of the Greater Sage-grouse (sage-grouse) across their range and supports the 2015 BLM land use plans to accomplish that goal. They will be providing funding as well as attending all events on the trip and providing information both the organizations work and information on sage-grouse habitat and populations.

15.

A. Depending on meal options and incidentals, meals should range around \$50 per day, but no more than the \$76 per diem for meals and incidentals.

B. The Sage Grouse lives in the sagebrush, located in the Western half of the United states and this is the only habitat where Leks –their ritualistic mating dance - occur. This particular Lek is situated near the Grand Tetons, Jonah Energy, and the Audubon Rockies' office. This trip provides participants the chance to see the mating dance, or at least the bird, visit with energy producers and talk with local stakeholders, to hear how all are balanced in a high recreation area.

18.

Total Expenses for Each Participant:

Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	Airfare: Roundtrip flight from Washington, DC to Jackson, WY: \$700 Roundtrip transportation from Jackson, WY to Pinedale, WY (as share of rental car): \$45 Total: \$745	Lakeside Lodge (99 Forest Service Road, Pinedale, WY 82941) \$90/night Total: \$180	Breakfast: \$10/day (2 days) Lunch: \$15/day (3 days) Dinner: \$20/day (2 days) Total: \$105
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A	N/A

Good Faith Estimates	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fees, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	N/A	N/A
For each accompanying relative	N/A	N/A

From: [Sur, Christine](#)
To: [Opachan, Mark](#)
Subject: RE: Request to Accept Privately Offered Travel from the Wilderness Society
Date: Thursday, April 04, 2019 4:46:00 PM

I will. Thank you.

From: Opachan, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 4:46 PM
To: Sur, Christine
Subject: RE: Request to Accept Privately Offered Travel from the Wilderness Society

Christine –

Please ensure that you file this email with your post travel disclosure documents that you complete when you return from your trip.

Best,
Mark

From: Sur, Christine
Sent: Thursday, April 4, 2019 2:27 PM
To: Opachan, Mark
Subject: RE: Request to Accept Privately Offered Travel from the Wilderness Society

Hi Mark – My official title is Legislative Assistant.

Thanks!

From: Opachan, Mark
Sent: Thursday, April 04, 2019 2:07 PM
To: Sur, Christine
Subject: Request to Accept Privately Offered Travel from the Wilderness Society

Christine –

I am the ethics attorney assigned to review your request to accept privately sponsored travel offered by the Wilderness Society for travel to Pinedale, WY.

I just wanted to confirm - what is your official position title with the Member's office? Your Traveler Form indicates that you are the "natural resources and wildlife advisor" to the Member, but I'm assuming that your official title may be something else.

Thanks!
Mark

Member of Congress/Committee	Invitations	Rationale
House Committee on Natural Resources / Rep. Grijalva		Majority staff for House Natural Resources Committee.
House Appropriations-Interior / Rep. McCollum		Appropriations subcommittee of jurisdiction, majority staff.
Majority Leader Hoyer		House leadership staff
Speaker Pelosi		Environment staff
Rep. Huffman		Environment staff. Rep. Huffman chairs Natural Resources Water, Oceans, and Wildlife Subcommittee
Rep. Cheney		Each WY office is invited as the event is taking place in WY.
Rep. Horsford		NV is impacted by sage grouse and BLM plans regarding its habitat. Member of House Natural Resources.
Rep. Neguse		CO is impacted by sage grouse and BLM plans regarding its habitat. Member of House Natural Resources.
Rep. Crow		CO is impacted by sage grouse and BLM plans regarding its habitat.