

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 by email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please do not file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas Knecht
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Aug. 22, 2023 Return: Aug. 24, 2023
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Spokane Return City: Washington DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Washington Association of Wheat Growers, McGregor Company, and Northwest RiverPartners
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Tour of Lower Snake River Dam System, ports, and region.
Met with Army Corps of Engineers, local residents, and businesses impacted by Lower Snake River Dams
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 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: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: Thomas Knecht

Date: Aug. 24, 2023

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: Bruce Westerman

Date: 8/29/23

Signature of Supervising Member: Bruce Westerman

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: _____

2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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				
Accompanying Family Member				

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: Michael Fleming Date: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

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

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 delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to 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: Thomas Knecht

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): House Committee on Natural Resources

Office Address: 1324 Longworth

Telephone Number: 202-225-2761

Email Address of Contact Person: thomas.knecht@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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Thomas Knecht
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: WA State Potato Commission, WA Association of Wheat Growers, Northwest River Partners, & The McGregor Corp
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Spokane, Washington & Lewiston, Idaho
4. a. Date of Departure: Aug. 22, 2023 Date of Return: Aug. 24, 2023
 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: _____
 (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:
The tour will conclude at 8:30pm & there are no available flights at of Spokane Airport that night
7. Yes No *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

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

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

I am Counsel for the subcommittee on oversight & Investigations, House Natural Resources Committee. We are currently investigating the Administrator recent actions regarding the lower Snake River Dams in the Columbia River Basin. The educational tour will help inform our investigation & understand of the iss.

9. Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved 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 Bruce Westerman

Date July 18, 2023

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PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Washington Association of Wheat Growers

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: Washington State Potato Commission, Northwest RiverPartners and The McGregor Company

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): For each of our invitees,
we invited them because the issue portfolio that each of these staffers handle for their Member of Congress is relevant to the Columbia Snake River System.

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

6. Date of Departure: August 22, 2023 Date of Return: August 24, 2023

7. a. City of departure: Washington D.C. (Reagan Internal Airport)
b. Destination(s): Fly into Spokane International Airport and then shuttled to Lewiston, Idaho
c. City of return: Washington D.C.

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. Our tour will conclude at 8:30 at night and there are no available flights out of the Spokane Airport (2 hours away) that night.

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:

Washington State Potato Commission, Northwest RiverPartners and The McGregor Company; each of these organizations have a stake in the Lower Snake River Dam System through their constituents/members/customers. All three will be financially supporting and presenting information during the tour.

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:

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): We will have dinner available to participants on 8/22 (\$25); - Lodging includes breakfast; on 8/23 meal costs \$38.25; other than breakfast no meals 8/24
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Lewiston is the closest city to the Lower Granite Dam (one of the dams located on the Lower Snake River)

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

Hotel Name: Hells Canyon Grand Hotel City: Lewiston Cost Per Night: \$160.92
Reason(s) for Selecting: It is one of the few hotels in Lewiston that could accomodate room block size
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 the box.*

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$954.40	\$321.84	\$63.25
For each Accompanying Family Member	n/a	n/a	n/a

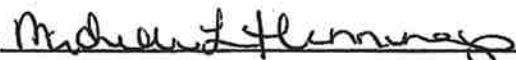
	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$32.42	Travelers' Insurance
For each Accompanying Family Member		

19. **Check only one:**

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

20. **I certify by my signature that**

- a. **I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;**
- b. **I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and**
- c. **The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.**

Signature:  Date: July 6, 2023
 Name: Michelle Hennings Title: Executive Director
 Organization: Washington Association of Wheat Growers
 Address: 109 E. First, Ritzville, WA 99169
 Email: michelle@wawg.org Telephone: 509-659-0610

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Washington Association of Wheat Growers
2. Name of your organization: Washington State Potato Commission
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
 - 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: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **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.
7. 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;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Cassidy Karas Date: 7/7/23

Name: Cassidy Karas Title: Accounts Payable

Organization: Washington State Potato Commission

Address: 108 S Interlake Rd Moses Lake WA 98837

Email: mharris@potatoes.com Telephone: (509) 765-8845



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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Washington Association of Wheat Growers
2. Name of your organization: The McGregor Company
3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. Check one. I certify that my organization:
 - 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
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that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. OR
 - c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. 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.
7. 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;
 - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
 - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Leslie Druffel Date: 07/07/2023

Name: Leslie Druffel Title: Outreach Director

Organization: The McGregor Company

Address: PO Box 740 // 401 Colfax Airport Road, Colfax WA 99111

Email: leslie.druffel@mcgregor.com Telephone: (509) 397-4355



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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Washington Association of Wheat Growers

2. Name of your organization: Northwest RiverPartners

3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?

4. Yes No Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?

5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:

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: _____ on Date: _____
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**

c. Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).

6. **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.

7. 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;

c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and

d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 07/14/2023

Name: Kurt Miller Title: Executive Director

Organization: Northwest RiverPartners

Address: 825 NE Multnomah St #1135, Portland, OR 97232

Email: kurt@nwriverpartners.org Telephone: (360) 839-2525



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3. Yes No Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
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Signature: Cassidy Karas Date: 7/7/23

Name: Cassidy Karas Title: Accounts Payable

Organization: Washington State Potato Commission

Address: 108 S Interlake Rd Moses Lake WA 98837

Email: mharris@potatoes.com Telephone: (509) 765-8845



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Signature: Leslie Druffel Date: 07/07/2023

Name: Leslie Druffel Title: Outreach Director

Organization: The McGregor Company

Address: PO Box 740 // 401 Colfax Airport Road, Colfax WA 99111

Email: leslie.druffel@mcgregor.com Telephone: (509) 397-4355

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Chairman
Susan Wild, Pennsylvania
Ranking Member

David P. Joyce, Ohio
John H. Rutherford, Florida
Andrew R. Garbarino, New York
Michelle Fischbach, Minnesota

Veronica Escobar, Texas
Mark DeSaulnier, California
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August 17, 2023

Mr. Thomas Knecht
Committee on Natural Resources
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Dear Mr. Knecht:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Lewiston, Idaho, scheduled for August 22 to 24, 2023, sponsored by Washington Association of Wheat Growers, McGregor Company, and Northwest RiverPartners. 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 \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,



Michael Guest
Chairman



Susan Wild
Ranking Member

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Lower Snake River Dam System Educational Tour

Lewiston, Idaho

August 22- 24, 2023

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- 1:45 pm Arrival to Spokane International Airport
Pick up in shuttle area for transportation to Lewiston, Idaho
- 4 pm Arrive at Hells Canyon Grand Hotel
- 6 pm Dinner provided (no formal event scheduled)

August 23

- 6:00 am Breakfast
- 6:30 am Load bus to go to Boyer Park & Marina
- 8:00 am Arrive Boyer Park & Marina 1753 Granite Rd. Colton (Hwy 195 to Hwy 194)
- Tom Kammerzell, Port of Whitman Commissioner
Get on tour boat to go through the locks to the Lower Granite Dam
- 8:45 am Arrive at Lower Granite Dam
- Tour Dam
- 11:15 am Load bus for Port of Lewiston
- Box Lunches provided*
- 12:30 pm Arrive at Port of Lewiston, 1626 N 6th Ave., Lewiston
- Scott Corbln, Port of Lewiston CEO
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Rob Rich, Shaver
- 3:30 pm Load bus to go to Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, 621 21st St.
- 4:00 pm Break time at hotel
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