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: Charles Hite
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 8/13/2024 Return: 8/16/2024
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: Did not accept return transportation ***OR*** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington DC Destination: Palo Alto, CA Return City: N/A
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Briefings on wildfire policy and forest management as well as s
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: Chas Hite **Date:** 9/3/24

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: Rep. Mike Garcia **Date:** 9/3/24

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

last updated 7/2023

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: Stanford Woods Institute for the Envrionment
2. Travel Destination(s): San Francisco, Stanford, and Boulder Creek, California
3. Date of Departure: 08/13/2024 Date of Return: 08/15/2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Charles Hite

   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	$422.78	$398	$156	
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: Camayia Daniels **Date:** 08/30/2024

Name: Camayia Daniels **Title:** Program Coordinator

Organization: Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

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

Address: 1616 P Street NW Washington, DC, 20036

Telephone: 202-821-6578 **Email:** camayia@stanford.edu

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

1. Name of Traveler: Charles Hite

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: San Francisco, Stanford, and Boulder Creek California

4. a. Date of Departure: 8/13/24 Date of Return: 8/16/24

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

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: Not accepting return transportation

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:

7. Yes ☒ No ☐ *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

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

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

   Rep. Garcia's district contains the largest urban to wild lands interface in the country, causing the constant threats of wildfires. Attendance of this Boot Camp will aid in my ability to assist the Congressman in advancing wildfire policies. I am a Legislative Assistant.

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:** 7/15/24

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: Charles Hite

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: Chas Hite

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Mike Garcia

Office Address: 144 Cannon HOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-1956

Email Address of Contact Person: chase.hite@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*.

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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:

   Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

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):

   Please see list attached. The Wildfire Boot Camp was open to applications from all Congressional staff, both House and Senate.

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 13, 2024 Date of Return: August 15, 2024
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): San Francisco, Stanford, and Boulder Creek California
   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; **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:

   _____

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): _____
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: so that staff may meet with Stanford faculty and other CA practitioners and experts to learn about wildfire causes and response and to visit actual wildfire burn and recovery sites
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

   Hotel Name: Stanford Guest House City: Menlo Park, CA Cost Per Night: 199.00
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Located conveniently near Stanford campus

   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:**

☐ 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	712.00	398.00	196.00
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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		
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: Lea Rosenbohm Digitally signed by Lea Rosenbohm Date: 2024.05.31 15:08:36 -04'00' Date: May 31, 2024

Name: Lea Rosenbohm Title: Associate Director, Policy

Organization: Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment

Address: 1616 P Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Email: lrosenbohm@stanford.edu Telephone: 301-318-9352

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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July 30, 2024

Mr. Charles Hite
Office of the Honorable Mike Garcia
144 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Hite:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Menlo Park, California, scheduled for August 13 to 15, 2024, sponsored by Stanford University. We note you are not accepting return transportation expenses from the sponsor.

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

MG/SW:mc

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WILDFIRE BOOT CAMP
August 13-15, 2024

Flight Itinerary
August 13 - IAD to SFO on United flight #1116 departing at 8:25am and arriving at 10:59am
August 15 - SFO to IAD on United flight #1849 departing at 4:35pm and arriving at 12:49am (on August 16)

Tuesday, August 13 – (at Stanford)

11:000am Arrivals from DC (United flight #1116- departs IAD at 8:25am)
Check in at hotel, drop bags

12:30-1:30 *Lunch Welcome and Overview*:
Chris Field, Director, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Michael Wara, Director of the Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford Woods Institute for the

Introduction to the program with presenters setting the stage for what is to be covered during the event. Participants will learn about why wildfire is a growing safety, economic and public health issue – in directly affected regions as well as thousands of miles away - and receive an overview of each session as well as presenters.

1:30-2:30 *Climate and Weather*:
Noah Diffenbaugh, Senior Fellow, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Park Williams, Professor, UCLA

This session will broadly address climate, weather and the role these factors play in preventing, predicting and mitigating wildfires. Participants will learn about our changing climate and how weather conditions such as winds, temperature and humidity can adversely or positively affect fire behavior.

2:30-3:30 *Wildfire and Human Impacts*
Marshall Burke, Associate Professor, Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability
Michael Wara, Director of the Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford Woods Institute for the
Gabrielle Wong Parodi, Assistant Professor, the Stanford Doerr School of Sustainability

Participants will hear from experts on the human health effects resulting from wildfire exposures. This includes measurable public health outcomes such as increased emergency room visits, aggravated respiratory issues and cardiovascular incidents as well as immediate and longer-term social and mental health effects to communities and individuals.

3:30 Break

4:00-5:00 *Forest Health*
Chris Field, Director, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Malcolm North, Associate Professor Forest Ecology, UC Davis

A healthy forest is better able to withstand and resist damage from extreme wildfires. This session will focus on forest health indicators, covering topics such as drought effects on vegetation, invasive species and destructive pests, and the role of biodiversity in ecosystems.

5:00-5:30 Networking reception with speakers and attendees

5:30-7:00 Dinner

7:00 Return to hotel

<u>Wednesday, August 14 – at Stanford</u>

8:15-9:00 Hotel pick up and breakfast

9:00-10:00 *Fire Management and Prescribed Burn:*
Crystal Kolden, Associate Professor, Management of Complex Systems, UC Merced
Lenya Quinn Davidson, Fire Advisor and the Fire Network Director, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR)

Fire science experts will provide a background history on forest/wildfire management along with current scientific knowledge related to best practices. They will focus on prescribed burns as a management tool to create healthy forests that are more resilient to extreme wildfire events and which recover more quickly when burned.

10:00-11:00 *Tribal Resource Management and Cultural Burning:*
Tony Marks-Block, Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Geography, and Environmental Studies at California State University
Don Hankins, Professor of Geography and Planning, California State University, Chico

Indigenous tribes practiced what is known as prescribed or selective burning for millennia to manage forests and landscapes, ensuring that sufficient resources were available to sustain both livelihoods and cultural activities. This practice was outlawed with the passage of the *1850 Act for the Government and Protection of Indians*. Tribal and TEK experts will discuss the resurgence of cultural burning as part of Tribal landback and sovereignty efforts as well as the now widely acknowledged acceptance of the practice as a key wildfire mitigation strategy.

11:00-11:30 Break

11:30-12:30 *Other Approaches to Fire Reduction:*

Fire resource managers will share current best practices to reduce the incidence of wildland fires along with some of the alternative strategies now being deployed. New technologies for fire prediction as well as landscape treatment will also be discussed.

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-2:30 Wildfire *Workforce*
Kelly Martin, International Association of Wildland Fire

The most critical component of wildfire fighting is the human workforce: wildland firefighters who are on the ground engaged in combatting fires as well as those who develop strategies and direct their efforts. Participants will learn what is being done to recruit and retain these invaluable frontline workers and improve their labor conditions including economic benefits, training and career opportunities, and physical and mental health care.

2:30-3:30 *Community Mitigation:*
Sara McCaffrey, Retired Forest Service
Kim Guiliacci, Division Chief / Fire Marshal / Fire Investigator, Woodside Fire Protection District

To prevent fire devastation to humans and property, the best defense is a good offense, particularly in communities which are identified at high fire risk. These communities can engage in group actions to better prepare and prevent a fire-borne disaster such as clearing vegetation to create defensible space, undertaking home hardening projects, educating residents and developing evacuation plans. This session will focus on community-based efforts to improve fire safety and discuss how similar programs can be more widely adopted.

3:30-4:00 Break

4:00-5:00 *Insurance:*

Nancy Watkins, Principal and consulting actuary, Milliman
Penny Liao, Fellow, Resources for the Future

As climate change related disasters like wildfires increase and cause billions of dollars in property damages, insurers are pulling coverage for homeowners and businesses where their losses are significant. California offers a 'plan of last resort' for individuals or entities who aren't eligible for traditional coverage, but even that system is failing. Insurance experts will discuss the state of the industry and potential pathways to provide consumers with insurance coverage options that are equitable and affordable.

5:00-7:30 Dinner with speaker

<u>Thursday, August 15 – Off Campus (Site visits to Burn sites and Field Trip to Santa Cruz)</u>

8:00 Bus departs Stanford
Chris Field, Director, Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment
Michael Wara, Director of the Climate and Energy Policy Program, Stanford Woods Institute for the

Background and overview of the site visits during trip to Big Basin State Park

9:30 Arrive Big Basin State Park:
Talk with: ***Chief George Morriss***, Norther Region Fire Chief, Cal Fire

The group will tour the park burn site and hear from resource managers about the effects of the CZU Lightning Complex fire including damages to the forest ecosystem, the immediate aftermath and ongoing recovery of the redwoods.

11:00 Leave Big Basin State Park

11:30 Arrive Boulder Creek:
Talk with: ***Chief George Morriss***, Norther Region Fire Chief, Cal Fire

Participants will view residential burn sites and hear from municipal managers and residents about the effects of the CZU Lightning Complex fire – the damages to property and infrastructure, effects on the community/individual residents and ongoing recovery efforts.

1:00 Leave Boulder Creek - Boxed lunches on bus- travel to SFO

4:35 Depart SFO on United flight #1849

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Wildfire Boot Camp – House Invitation List

These staff have portfolios that include work on wildfire, forests, conservation or other related issues that will be addressed during the boot camp

Shaina Zarkin-Scott
Legislative Assistant
Office of Representative Marie Perez Gluesenkamp

Kevin Fox
Legislative Director
Office of Representative Ro Khanna

Daniel Dziadon
Staff Director
House Science Committee

Shanta Katipamula
Legislative Assistant
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Kate Rohr
Legislative Director
Office of Representative Kim Schrier

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March 28, 2024
Sent via Email: chase.hite@mail.house.gov

Dear Chase:

I am pleased to share that the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment is now accepting applications for its Congressional Wildfire Boot Camp. The boot camp will take place at Stanford University in Palo Alto, California from Tuesday, August 13th through Thursday August 15th, 2024. Woods is launching this new boot camp program in recognition of the challenges facing congressional staff in understanding and addressing the causes and potential mitigation strategies of wildfires.

This inaugural program will include lectures and discussions with experts including Chris Field, Director of the Woods Institute, Michael Wara, Director of Woods' Climate and Energy Policy Program, and additional faculty members from Stanford, the University of California, tribal and community leaders, and other distinguished state fire practitioners. Instructional talks will explore a range of topics relevant to wildfire science and policy, allowing participants to gain a greater understanding of the mechanisms and contributing factors that produce mega fires and the conditions required to maintain healthy forests.

The intensive boot camp format includes a day and a half of programming on Stanford's main campus, complemented by an additional day of field visits to wildfire burn sites in neighboring communities. The site visits will include briefings from academic and policy experts as well as community members.

Mid- to senior-level congressional staff with an interest in wildfire, conservation, healthy forests and related natural resource issues are encouraged to apply. Note that this program is only open to congressional staff. Additional information on the program and a short on-line application form can be found on the Woods website. Feel free to share this announcement with other colleagues who may be interested in applying.

Please contact me at the email or phone number below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Lea Rosenbohm

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May 31, 2024
Sent via Email: chase.hite@mail.house.gov

Dear Chase:

Congratulations! On behalf of the Stanford Woods Institute for the Environment, we are pleased to inform you that you have been selected to be part of the inaugural 2024 cohort of the Woods Congressional Wildfire Boot Camp. We are excited by the strong interest and diversity of the applications submitted.

The Boot Camp will begin with a lunch session on Tuesday, August 13 after a morning arrival into SFO from DC and will end on Thursday, August 15 with an evening departure from SFO back to Washington. The Woods Institute will pay for and arrange all aspects of the program including air travel between Washington, DC and San Francisco, food, lodging and ground transportation.

Additional materials will be provided to you within the next few days that will be necessary for you to submit to the Ethics Committee for the required travel pre-approval. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions. We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Lea Rosenbohm

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