

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: Rachel Lentz
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: October 1, 2024 Return: October 4, 2024
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Grand Junction, CO (flying in/out), Moab, UT Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with local staff from the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance as they toured us around lands covered in America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, discussed current and future protections, and shared information about concerns and roadblocks. Also participated in an overflight with EcoFlight and a 1.5 day river trip on the Colorado River. Participated in small hikes to see areas of natural significance in Southern Utah, including Arches National Park.
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: Rachel Lentz Date: 10/16/2024

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: Raúl M. Grijalva Date: 10/16/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: Raúl M. Grijalva

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: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance, EcoFlight

2. Travel Destination(s): Grand Junction, CO (flying in/out of), Moab, UT

3. Date of Departure: 10/01/24 Date of Return: 10/04/24

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rachel Lentz

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	\$986.74	\$858.45	\$94.07	\$384.50 - overnight river trip (included meals and sleeping arrangements) \$5.19 - additional snacks
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:  Date: 10/16/24

Name: Lauren Hainsworth Title: Legislative Advocate

Organization: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

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

Address: 122 C St NW Suite 650, Washington, DC. 20001

Telephone: (202) 266-0473 Email: lauren@suwa.org

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

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

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Rachel Lentz

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 1332 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515

Telephone Number: (202) 225-6065

Email Address of Contact Person: rachel.lentz@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via email: travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Rachel Lentz
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Grand Junction, CO & Moab, UT
4. a. Date of Departure: October 1, 2024 Date of Return: October 4, 2024
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:

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.**
I serve as a Professional Staff Member for the House Natural Resources Committee and more specifically on the Federal Lands Subcommittee.
This trip is to explore public/federal lands management and outdoor recreation issues within southern Utah, which falls directly under our jurisdiction as the authorizing committee for federal land management.
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: Rail M. Hrijalva Date: 8/20/2024

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

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): See attached documents

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

6. Date of Departure: October 1, 2024 Date of Return: October 4, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington DC

b. Destination(s): Grand Junction, CO, Moab UT

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. _____
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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 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:
SUWA is entirely responsible for the organization and conduction of the trip. SUWA works on public lands management within Utah but wants a wider range of offices to be educated about these public lands and their potential threats.
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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: Boat to access areas inaccessible)
 - 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): Roughly \$50/ day. Food is included in the cost of the river trip cost to the remote locations.
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: These locations highlight the work that SUWA does and help demonstrate what is at stake when our public lands are threatened by development.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Gravity Haus Moab City: Moab Cost Per Night: 175
 Reason(s) for Selecting: It is reasonably priced and located in a good central spot for the areas we will be visiting.
- 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	\$57.75	\$525	\$145
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	checked bags (2 ways) - \$70 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	reimbursement for checked backage if applicable, river trip (\$400/person) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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: 8/2/24
 Name: Lauren Hainsworth Title: Legislative Advocate
 Organization: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
 Address: 122 C Street, NW Suite 650 Washington, DC 20001
 Email: lauren@suwa.org Telephone: (208) 999-2469

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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September 30, 2024

Ms. Rachel Lentz
Committee on Natural Resources
1332 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Lentz:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Moab, Utah, scheduled for October 1 to 4, 2024, sponsored by Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and EcoFlight.

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:rp

Invitees to SUWA's House Staffers CoDel trip to Southern Utah October 1-4, 2024

1. Brandon Bragato (Staff Director) - Works on public lands issues within HNR and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
2. Rachel Lentz (Professional Staff Member) - Works on public lands issues within HNR and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
3. Kaila Hood (Senior Policy Advisor) - Handles public lands issues and her boss sponsors America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (H.R. 3031), a bill containing the areas we will be visiting and we want to increase on the ground knowledge of these areas
4. Morgan McCue (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
5. Glenn Miller (Senior Policy Adviser) - Handles the public lands issues and with their boss as the Ranking Minority Member of HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
6. Mark Zientek (Policy Adviser) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
7. Gabrielle Howard (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
8. Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
9. Emma Reidy (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
10. Abbie Callahan (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
11. Grayson Flood (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
12. Matthew Clarkin (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles the environment portfolio and has supported wilderness designations so we want to increase the awareness of these public lands issues
13. Niko Keddy (Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and their boss co-chairs the Climate Solutions Caucus and we want to increase awareness of these public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
14. Andrew Haring (Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
15. Jack Rayburn (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and their boss is outspoken on environmental issues so we want to increase their awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
16. Kate Schisler (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau

17. Lauren Rhodeside (Senior Counsel/Operations Director) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
18. Dylan Cheek (Staff Assistant; Legislative Correspondent) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau



Join the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance for a

TRIP TO AMERICA'S RED ROCK COUNTRY

OCTOBER 1-4, 2024

Join staff from the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance in Moab, UT for a trip to better understand America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, the importance of protecting public lands to local stakeholders, the climate, wildlife, and recreation.

Trip will include hiking to access areas, an overnight trip on the Colorado River (with camping) and time to meet with local officials about public lands in Utah

Trip itinerary included in email that included this invitation

**RSVP TO LAUREN HAINSWORTH BY AUGUST 23
LAUREN@SUWA.ORG**

October 2024 Congressional Trip Itinerary

All times are in Mountain Time unless otherwise stated

Day 1 – October 1 – Tuesday

6:50am ET – 9:15am CT

Depart Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA) and arrive in Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW)
American Airlines Flight 454

9:15am CT – 10:20am CT

Layover in Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW)

10:20am CT – 12:00pm MT

Depart Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW) for Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)
American Airlines Flight 4871

12:00pm – 3:00pm

Travel from Grand Junction Airport (GJT) to Moab, UT via rental vehicle driven by SUWA staffer
(lunch en route)

3:00pm – 4:15pm

Arrive to Gravity Haus Moab (hotel), check in and get settled

4:15pm – 4:30pm

Travel from Gravity Haus Moab to Sand Flats Recreation Area/ Juniper Campground in SUWA
vehicle

4:30pm – 6:30pm

Visit Sand Flats Recreation Area to discuss off-road vehicle management/recreation. Moab has
been a focal point of public land controversies, especially over the recent off-highway vehicle
plan for BLM lands around Labyrinth Canyon. The town also represents the challenges of a
tourism/recreation-based economy based on public land. Additionally, we will discuss the
controversial decision by the Utah State Legislature to allow “Sides by Sides” or UTVs to operate
legally on public roads in communities like Moab.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Picnic Dinner at Juniper Campground

8:00pm – 8:15pm

Return to Gravity Haus in SUWA vehicle, return to rooms

8:15pm – End of Day 1

Day 2 – October 2 – Wednesday

7:30am – 8:00am

Depart Gravity Haus in SUWA vehicles for Canyonlands Regional Airport to meet with EcoFlight, the non-profit educational overflight organization. Pilot is EcoFlight founder Bruce Gordon.

8:00am – 9:00am

Overflight over Labyrinth Canyon, a recently (2019) designated wilderness area on one side of the Green River. Discussions will include the current Bureau of Land Management Travel Management process and the recent issues that have come up between the federal government, state government, Utah Congressional Delegation, and local sentiment. The goal for this overflight is to see the boundaries of protected and unprotected lands, federal/state/private lands, and the interplay between management agencies, and what can be done to address these issues.

Speakers during this portion:

- Bruce Gordon, EcoFlight Founder and Pilot
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

9:00am – 12:00pm

After returning to Canyonlands Regional Airport, depart the airport in SUWA vehicle and drive along Highway 313 to view RS2477 claim conflicts, energy development, and recreation management issues. Stop at the Long Canyon viewpoint to discuss various land management (BLM, USFS, NPS, State Lands) as lands managed by each agency can be seen from this overlook. Drive back along river road to view uranium tailings clean up, discuss Mining Law of 1972 and public liabilities and ecological threats. This goal of this portion of the trip is to show how complicated things can be when it comes to land management when dealing with multiple agencies and what can be done to address these issues.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Stop along river road for lunch and answer questions that may have come up during the morning's events.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Travel back to Gravity Haus hotel in SUWA vehicle

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Self-directed time for packing and getting ready for river trip

2:15pm – 3:15pm

Travel from Gravity Haus to Hittle Bottom boat ramp in SUWA vehicle. Along the way, view and discuss land management regime (BLM management on left bank, Arches NP on the right bank, and the riverbed managed by the State of Utah) again, pointing to the complications of different missions, views, and management principles of adjacent management agencies. Discuss recreation issues that arise in seasonally visited areas such as Moab in Utah.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

3:15pm-3:30pm

Meet with river guide company, Holiday Expeditions, and pack boats, go over safety equipment and procedures for time on the river.

River guides provided by Holiday Expeditions:

- Matt Williams (River Guide)
- Elizabeth Hall (River Guide)

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Float down Colorado River towards Onion Creek Campground. While on water, discuss water issues surrounding the Colorado River Plateau, view Dome Plateau, Fisher Towers, Mary Jane Canyon proposed wilderness areas, discuss Wilderness Study Areas and how they are used to provide interim protections, and implications for future protection. The goal of being on the river is to view places not easily accessible that are proposed for wilderness designation. Additionally, we will discuss the principles of “wilderness” when it comes to the definitions provided in the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976, especially relating to the idea of “solitude”.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Arrive to Onion Creek Campground. Dinner prepared by guides. Set up campsites.

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Dinner at Onion Creek Campground

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Evening discussion to discuss recreation on the Colorado River, over-recreation and it's implications for communities like Moab, answer questions that have arisen through the day, discuss dark night sky designations and what threats to the important dark areas for flora/fauna as well as for people. River guides will discuss their experiences working in the area with a fluctuating recreation season and what designations of future protected areas would mean for their jobs and families.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate
- Matt Williams (River Guide)

- Elizabeth Hall (River Guide)

10:00pm – return to tents, end of Day 2

Day 3 – October 3 – Thursday

8:00am – 9:00am

Breakfast provided by guides, break camp, pack rafts. Pack lunches to eat while on river.

9:00am – 12:00pm

Launch back on to the river. Discussions will continue from previous day's on-river and in-camp discussions. We will also be discussing the process by which Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments were created, SUWA's part in the process, the changes by the Trump Administration in 2017, the lawsuits in federal court filed by groups in support of the monuments to overturn the Trump Administration's decision, the re-establishment of the monuments by President Biden in 2021, the lawsuits that followed by the State of Utah and opposition groups, and the current status of the monuments and the lawsuits. We will also discuss the relationship SUWA has in working with Tribal partners in the state of Utah, especially in conjunction with advocacy on Bears Ears National Monument.

Speakers during this portion:

- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

12:00pm – 12:30pm

Arrive at Rocky Rapid/Big Sandy/Take Out Beach – take out point dependent upon water levels and flow speeds.

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Depart river take out point and travel back to Gravity Haus Moab in SUWA vehicle

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Self-directed time to unpack, clean up, rest in hotel

2:30pm – 4:30pm

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- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

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5:30pm – 6:00pm

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6:00pm – 7:30pm

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Speakers during this portion:

- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

7:30pm – 9:00pm

Return to Moab in SUWA vehicle for dinner

9:00pm - 9:15pm

Return to Gravity Haus hotel in SUWA vehicle, return to rooms

9:15pm

End of Day 3

Day 4 – October 4 – Friday

7:00am – 9:15am

Self-directed morning, breakfast in hotel restaurant

9:15am – 9:30am

Check out of hotel rooms, pack SUWA's rental vehicle

9:30am – 11:00am

Travel from Moab to Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)

11:00am – 12:30pm

Check in to flights and await departure

12:30pm – 3:43pm

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American Airlines Flight 4871

3:43pm – 4:45pm

Layover in Dallas Fort Worth International Airport (DFW)

4:45pm MT – 8:45pm ET

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American Airlines Flight 472

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October 2024 Congressional Trip Itinerary

All times are in Mountain Time unless otherwise stated

Day 1 – October 1 – Tuesday

6:50am ET – 9:15am CT

Depart Washington Reagan National Airport (DCA) and arrive in Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW)
American Airlines Flight 454

9:15am CT – 10:20am CT

Layover in Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW)

10:20am CT – 12:00pm MT

Depart Dallas Fort Worth Airport (DFW) for Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)
American Airlines Flight 4871

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Travel from Grand Junction Airport (GJT) to Moab, UT via rental vehicle driven by SUWA staffer (lunch en route)

2:00pm – 2:45pm

Arrive to Gravity Haus Moab (hotel), check in and get settled

2:45pm – 3:00pm

Travel from Gravity Haus Moab to Grand County Library in SUWA vehicle

3:00pm – 6:00pm

Meet with Grand County elected officials and discuss position of Grand County Commission on Labyrinth Canyon/Gemini Bridges travel plan, contrasting with State of Utah and Utah congressional delegation. Discuss Grand County Wilderness process and relationship with the Utah congressional delegation. The goal is for the attendees to connect with elected officials that work, live, and represent people from the area that are affected by federal lands management decisions.

Grand County Officials in attendance:

- Kevin Walker, At-Large Commissioner
- Trisha Hedin, District 1 Commissioner

Additional speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director

6:00pm – 6:15pm

Travel from Grand County Library to Sand Flats Recreation Area/Juniper Campground in SUWA vehicle for picnic dinner

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Picnic Dinner at Juniper Campground

7:00pm – 9:45pm

Visit Sand Flats Recreation Area to discuss off-road vehicle management/recreation. Moab has been a focal point of public land controversies, especially over the recent off-highway vehicle plan for BLM lands around Labyrinth Canyon. The town also represents the challenges of a tourism/recreation-based economy based on public land. Additionally, we will discuss the controversial decision by the Utah State Legislature to allow “Sides by Sides” or UTVs to operate legally on public roads in communities like Moab.

Speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

9:45pm – 10:00pm

Return to Gravity Haus in SUWA vehicle, return to rooms

10:00pm – End of Day 1

Day 2 – October 2 – Wednesday

7:30am – 8:00am

Depart Gravity Haus in SUWA vehicles for Canyonlands Regional Airport to meet with EcoFlight, the non-profit educational overflight organization. Pilot is EcoFlight founder Bruce Gordon.

8:00am – 9:00am

Overflight over Labyrinth Canyon, a recently (2019) designated wilderness area on one side of the Green River. Discussions will include the current Bureau of Land Management Travel Management process and the recent issues that have come up between the federal government, state government, Utah Congressional Delegation, and local sentiment. The goal for this overflight is to see the boundaries of protected and unprotected lands, federal/state/private lands, and the interplay between management agencies, and what can be done to address these issues.

Speakers during this portion:

- Bruce Gordon, EcoFlight Founder and Pilot
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

9:00am – 12:00pm

After returning to Canyonlands Regional Airport, depart the airport in SUWA vehicle and drive along Highway 313 to view RS2477 claim conflicts, energy development, and recreation management issues. Stop at the Long Canyon viewpoint to discuss various land management (BLM, USFS, NPS, State Lands) as lands managed by each agency can be seen from this overlook. Drive back along river road to view uranium tailings clean up, discuss Mining Law of 1972 and public liabilities and ecological threats. This goal of this portion of the trip is to show how complicated things can be when it comes to land management when dealing with multiple agencies and what can be done to address these issues.

Speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Stop along river road for lunch and answer questions that may have come up during the morning's events.

Speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Travel back to Gravity Haus hotel in SUWA vehicle

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Self-directed time for packing and getting ready for river trip

2:15pm – 3:15pm

Travel from Gravity Haus to Hittle Bottom boat ramp in SUWA vehicle. Along the way, view and discuss land management regime (BLM management on left bank, Arches NP on the right bank, and the riverbed managed by the State of Utah) again, pointing to the complications of different missions, views, and management principles of adjacent management agencies. Discuss recreation issues that arise in seasonally visited areas such as Moab in Utah.

Speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

3:15pm-3:30pm

Meet with river guide company, Holiday Expeditions, and pack boats, go over safety equipment and procedures for time on the river.

River guides provided by Holiday Expeditions:

- Nicholas Smith (River Guide)
- Elizabeth Hall (River Guide)

3:30pm – 5:00pm

Float down Colorado River towards Onion Creek Campground. While on water, discuss water issues surrounding the Colorado River Plateau, view Dome Plateau, Fisher Towers, Mary Jane Canyon proposed wilderness areas, discuss Wilderness Study Areas and how they are used to provide interim protections, and implications for future protection. The goal of being on the river is to view places not easily accessible that are proposed for wilderness designation. Additionally, we will discuss the principles of "wilderness" when it comes to the definitions provided in the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976, especially relating to the idea of "solitude".

Speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
- Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director

- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Arrive to Onion Creek Campground. Dinner prepared by guides. Set up campsites.

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Dinner at Onion Creek Campground

7:00pm – 10:00pm

Evening discussion to discuss recreation on the Colorado River, over-recreation and its implications for communities like Moab, answer questions that have arisen through the day, discuss dark night sky designations and what threats to the important dark areas for flora/fauna as well as for people. River guides will discuss their experiences working in the area with a fluctuating recreation season and what designations of future protected areas would mean for their jobs and families.

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10:00pm – return to tents, end of Day 2

Day 3 – October 3 – Thursday

8:00am – 9:00am

Breakfast provided by guides, break camp, pack rafts. Pack lunches to eat while on river.

9:00am – 12:00pm

Launch back on to the river. Discussions will continue from previous day's on-river and in-camp discussions. We will also be discussing the process by which Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments were created, SUWA's part in the process, the changes by the Trump Administration in 2017, the lawsuits in federal court filed by groups in support of the monuments to overturn the Trump Administration's decision, the re-establishment of the monuments by President Biden in 2021, the lawsuits that followed by the State of Utah and opposition groups, and the current status of the monuments and the lawsuits. We will also discuss the relationship SUWA has in working with Tribal partners in the state of Utah, especially in conjunction with advocacy on Bears Ears National Monument.

Speakers during this portion:

- Scott Groene, SUWA Executive Director
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- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

12:00pm – 12:30pm

Arrive at Rocky Rapid/Big Sandy/Take Out Beach – take out point dependent upon water levels and flow speeds.

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Depart river take out point and travel back to Gravity Haus Moab in SUWA vehicle

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- Ray Bloxham, SUWA Field Director
- Travis Hammill, SUWA DC Director
- Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

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1. Brandon Bragato (Staff Director) - Works on public lands issues within HNR and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
2. Rachel Lentz (Professional Staff Member) - Works on public lands issues within HNR and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
3. Kaila Hood (Senior Policy Advisor) - Handles public lands issues and her boss sponsors America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (H.R. 3031), a bill containing the areas we will be visiting and we want to increase on the ground knowledge of these areas
4. Morgan McCue (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
5. Glenn Miller (Senior Policy Adviser) - Handles the public lands issues and with their boss as the Ranking Minority Member of HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
6. Mark Zientek (Policy Adviser) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
7. Gabrielle Howard (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
8. Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
9. Emma Reidy (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
10. Abbie Callahan (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
11. Grayson Flood (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
12. Matthew Clarkin (Senior Legislative Assistant) - Handles the environment portfolio and has supported wilderness designations so we want to increase the awareness of these public lands issues
13. Niko Keddy (Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and their boss co-chairs the Climate Solutions Caucus and we want to increase awareness of these public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
14. Andrew Haring (Legislative Assistant) - Handles public lands issues and with their boss on HNR we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
15. Jack Rayburn (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and their boss is outspoken on environmental issues so we want to increase their awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
16. Kate Schisler (Legislative Director) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau

17. Lauren Rhodeside (Senior Counsel/Operations Director) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau

18. Dylan Cheek (Staff Assistant; Legislative Correspondent) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau

Confirmed Attendees

1. Kaila Hood (Senior Policy Advisor, Rep. Stansbury)
2. Rachel Lentz (Professional Staff Member, HNRC Federal Lands Subcommittee)
3. Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Levin)