

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: Kiara Tringali
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 14, 2025 Return: August 20, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Boston, MA Destination: See Attached Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Please see the itinerary. A fact finding trip to experience and learn firsthand about the Tongass National Forest and its natural systems, tourism infrastructure, climate impacts, and local communities.
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: Kiara Tringali Digitally signed by Kiara Tringali
Date: 2025.08.28 15:22:25 -04'00' Date: _____

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: Hon. Jared Huffman Date: 9/3/2025

Signature of Supervising Member:

last updated 7/2023



4. Destination: Juneau, AK; Tenakee Springs, AK; Hoonah, AK; Tongass National Forest, AK

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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: American Lands Project

2. Travel Destination(s): Juneau, AK; Tenakee Springs, AK; Hoonah, AK; Tongass National Forest, AK

3. Date of Departure: August 14, 2025 Date of Return: August 20, 2025

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Kiara Tringali

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 | \$4,341.85 Total (\$943.62 flights to/from JNU, \$400.21 Air Taxi, \$2,828 Boat Transport, \$160.02 Ground Transport) | \$1644.00 Total (\$822 Hotel for 3 nights in Juneau, \$822 for 3 nights on the David B) | \$525.27 | \$60 (Goldbelt Tram Ticket) |
| Accompanying Family Member | N/A | N/A | N/A | N/A |

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

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

Signed by: Tom Campion
 Signature: DC48BC5CB330465... Date: 08/26/2025

Name: Thomas D. Campion Title: Board President

Organization: American Lands Project

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

Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, Suite 406, Seattle, WA 98101

Telephone: 720-951-4327 Email: Tom@americanlandsproject.org

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

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

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: Kiara Tringali

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: Kiara Tringali

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

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

Office Address: 186 Ford HOB

Telephone Number: 202-569-1674

Email Address of Contact Person: natalie@americanlandsproject.org

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: Kiara Tringali
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: American Lands Project
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Juneau, Alaska
4. a. Date of Departure: 08/14/2025 Date of Return: 08/20/2025
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.**
Professional Staff Member on Federal Lands Subcommittee. This trip will provide direct learning experience on natural resource issues in Southeast Alaska.

9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.



Signature of Employing Member: _____ Date: 07/15/2025

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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:

American Lands Project
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
 - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
 - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
 - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If “c” is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): _____

See attached final page
5. Yes No Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: Aug 14, 2025 Date of Return: Aug 20, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC; Boston, MA (Kiara Tringali)
 b. Destination(s): Juneau, Alaska; Tenakee Springs, Alaska; Hoonah, Alaska; Tongass National Forest, Alaska
 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:

ALP seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part through facilitating fact-finding travel centered around place-based education. This trip will provide history, context, and understanding for the attendees in support of their offices' responsibilities related to public lands in Alaska. ALP is organizing and conducting all aspects of the trip outside of logistical support provided by guides and transportation operators.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

- a. Mode of travel: Air Rail Bus Car Other (specify: Boat to access remote areas of the Tongass)
- b. Class of travel: Coach Business First Charter Other (specify: Air Taxi, Commercial Helicopter)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

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

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

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If “b” is checked:
 - 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Approximately \$80 per day for meals, including meals supplied by the David B, and five meals in Juneau.
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: An opportunity to experience and learn first-hand about the remote Tongass National Forest ecosystem and meet with local subject matter experts and stakeholders.

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

Hotel Name: Hotel Baranof City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: \$274

Reason(s) for Selecting: Central location, comparable local seasonal price, proximity to trip locations

Hotel Name: Motor Vessel David B City: Juneau, AK Cost Per Night: \$274

Reason(s) for Selecting: Only way to view and access remote regions of the Tongass National Forest

Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____

Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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 | \$4211.98 total (\$905 flights to/from JNU, \$2798 water transportation, \$400.21 air taxi, \$108.77 for ground transportation) | \$1644 total (\$822 for 3 nights in Juneau, \$822 for 3 nights on boat) | \$555 total (\$380 total for David B meals and \$175 total for Juneau meals) |
| 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 | \$530 | Share of helicopter and glacier tour of Juneau Icefield |
| 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: 7/28/2025
DC48BC5CB330465...
 Name: Thomas D. Campion Title: Board President
 Organization: American Lands Project
 Address: 1904 3rd Avenue, Suite 406, Seattle, WA 98101
 Email: tom@americanlandsproject.org Telephone: 720-951-4327

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2024 Tongass National Forest Fact Finding Trip

House Invite List:

- Kiara Tringali (Professional Staff Member, House Natural Resources Committee)
- Michael Stein (Chief Counsel, Democratic, House Agriculture Committee)

The above staff have been invited due to their work on natural resource issues and their work's associated connection to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.

American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest 2025 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary August 14 - 20th, 2025

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- Micheal Stein
 - Travel from Washington DC to Juneau, AK
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska #1, **10:56 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **1:40 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #95, **3:12 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- Kiara Tringali
 - Travel from Boston to Juneau, AK
 - **7:20 a.m.** Depart BOS, Alaska #1, **10:38 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **1:40 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #95, **3:12 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
 - *Attendees: Maya Hermann (Natural Resources Policy Director, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee), Kiara Tringali (Professional Staff Member, House Natural Resources Committee), Michael Stein (Chief Council Democratic, House Agriculture Committee), Tim Bristol (Executive Director, Salmonstate), Ellen Wang (American Lands Project, Board Member), Natalie Smink (American Lands Project, Trip Leader)*
- **3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Check into Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
- **4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.** Walking tour introduction to Juneau along the Juneau harbor.
- **5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.** Break
- **6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Hanger on the Wharf, 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK
- **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Working dinner: Discussion of the economic history of Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, with a focus on commercial fishing and the recent expansion of tourism in Southeast Alaska and its impacts on the Tongass National Forest and its communities.
 - *Additional Attendees:*

- *Tyson Fick - Commercial Fisherman and Skipper of Fishing Vessel
Heather Anne*
- *Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau*
- *Jan Rumble - Tim Bristol's Spouse*

Friday, August 15, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Tenakee Springs, AK
 - **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Ground transportation to Juneau Airport
 - **10:00* a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes,
 - **10:45* a.m.** Arrive at Tenakee Springs (TKE)

- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Walking tour of the Tenakee Springs community. Overview of subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the state. Federal law defines subsistence use as “the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles... for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade.”

- **12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Board the Motor Vessel David B and receive an introduction to the vessel which will serve as both water-taxi and lodging through August 18th to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Guests will receive a safety training from Jeffrey and Christine Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Introductory discussion of Southeast Alaska and the geographies that will be observed during the remainder of the trip. The Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country, totalling 16.7 million acres of land in Southeast Alaska, and is the traditional homeland of three distinct Alaska Native tribes: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. The forest represents the largest intact tract of coastal temperate rainforest on earth. With much of the forest consisting of remote islands and roadless areas, visiting by boat or air is the only way to view much of the Forest.

- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Review maps of the State of Alaska to gain a better understanding of the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State as they relate to locations guests will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole.

- **3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Onshore hike. Visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area on the Tongass National Forest and discuss how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast Alaska. In January 2023,

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

“Roadless Rule” protections were reinstated on 9.37 million acres of the Tongass National Forest. In June 2025, the administration announced its intention to repeal Roadless Rule protections nationwide, including in the Tongass National Forest.

Observe old-growth forests and discuss the role that public lands in Alaska play in our nation’s carbon management. Alaska contains one-third the country’s federally managed lands, but stores an even larger share of terrestrial ecosystem carbon stocks -- 62% of all carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska.

- **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Learn from Motor Vessel David B owners Jeffrey and Christine Smith about the role of small boat tourism in Alaska and how small tourism businesses operate in the Southeast Alaskan economy.

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on the David B.
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of public lands in the state of Alaska. Review maps and discuss the various land management priorities for conservation, resource development, research, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in the State of Alaska.
- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.** View the surrounding landscape from the deck and discuss Southeast Alaska communities, the expansion of tourism into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, the significance of the forest to the regional economy, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.
- **11:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion presenting an overview of the current Tongass Forest Plan and plans the US Forest Service has announced for updating the Forest Plan in the coming years. The current Forest Plan was developed in 1997, and a revision process for the Tongass Forest Plan, announced in 2023, is currently in progress.
- **1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Break
- **1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Guided Hike onshore. On the hike, view Alaska’s iconic wildlife and discuss how natural systems function in this landscape and the importance of the Tongass National Forest to salmon, grizzly bears, marine mammals, and other regional wildlife. Learn about the important interactions between wild salmon and other Alaskan wildlife and discuss the economic implications of tourism and wildlife viewing in Alaska.

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

- **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Break
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss details surrounding historic and current economic drivers of Southeast Alaska, including natural resource extraction, tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and land restoration. Discuss the role of federal initiatives in the region, such as the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, its history and current status, and the recent history of partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service, and their impact on the region and its economy.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on David B
- **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Onshore hike to observe salmon spawning habitat. Discussion on the economic value of healthy Tongass watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass produce 80% of the commercial salmon harvested annually from Southeast Alaska. This harvest of about 50 million salmon is valued at \$60 million annually.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Discussion regarding the history and legislation that have shaped public lands and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and national monuments across the state. ANILCA also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents during times of scarcity. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions surrounding resource management and utilization in Alaska.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities - which Congress termed “Alaska Native Corporations” - tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. Familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in SE Alaska.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Break
- **2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Viewing the landscape from the deck of the David B while underway, and using maps, observe the different land ownership regimes in the

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Tongass, including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on Tongass forest management.

- **3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Observe forests after various harvest techniques from the deck of the David B and discuss the ecological implications including erosion and loss of habitat for species such as deer and salmon of historic clear-cut techniques. Review the history of Hoonah as a community that transitioned from a timber-focused economy to one more focused on tourism. Discuss the importance of tourism and natural resource industries like timber and commercial fishing to the local economy. (*Location change made due to longer than anticipated travel time, the group was unable to reach Hoonah and anchored east of Hoonah this evening.*)
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Detailed overview of the history of Southeast Alaska, and the Tongass National Forest, including timber history, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

Monday, August 18, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Visit with Hoonah Indian Association about forestry issues impacting their community. Meet with local expert Ian Johnson about the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. Learn about current restoration projects in previously logged areas of the forest.
 - *Additional Attendee:*
 - *Ian Johnson - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association*
 - *Nathan Moulton - Tribal Administrator, Hoonah Indian Association*
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Group reflection and discussion of morning field session at The Fisherman's Daughter, 357 Harbor Dr, Hoonah, AK 99829.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discuss mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Hoonah to Juneau. Ground transportation to Hoonah Airport.
- Return to Juneau, AK.
 - **3:30* p.m.** Depart Hoonah (HNN), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **3:50* p.m.** Arrive at Juneau (JNU)

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

- **4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Rental car from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801
- **4:30 - 5:45 p.m.** Break
- **5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Rental car to Deckhand Dave's - 139 S Franklin St. Juneau, AK 99801
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 - *Laurie Cooper - Senior Advisor to the Regional Forester; USFS*
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August 8, 2025

Ms. Kiara Tringali
Committee on Natural Resources
186 Ford House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Tringali:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Juneau, Alaska, scheduled for August 14 to 20, 2025, sponsored by American Lands Project.

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

Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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American Lands Project

Tongass National Forest 2025 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary August 14 - 20th, 2025

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Heather Anne*
- *Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau*
- *Dan Blanchard - Owner & CEO, UnCruise Adventures*

Friday, August 15, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Tenakee Springs, AK
 - **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Ground transportation to Juneau Airport
 - **10:00* a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes,
 - **10:45* a.m.** Arrive at Tenakee Springs (TKE)
- **11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** Walking tour of the Tenakee Springs community. Overview of subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the state. Federal law defines subsistence use as “the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles... for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade.”
- **12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Board the Motor Vessel David B and receive an introduction to the vessel which will serve as both water-taxi and lodging through August 18th to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Guests will receive a safety training from Jeffrey and Christine Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.
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- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Review maps of the State of Alaska to gain a better understanding of the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State as they relate to locations guests will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole.
- **3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Onshore hike. Visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area on the Tongass National Forest and discuss how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast Alaska. In January 2023,

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Observe old-growth forests and discuss the role that public lands in Alaska play in our nation’s carbon management. Alaska contains one-third the country’s federally managed lands, but stores an even larger share of terrestrial ecosystem carbon stocks -- 62% of all carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska.

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- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities - which Congress termed “Alaska Native Corporations” - tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. Familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in SE Alaska.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Break
- **2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Viewing the landscape from the deck of the David B while underway, and using maps, observe the different land ownership regimes in the

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Tongass, including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on Tongass forest management.

- **3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Arrive at Hoonah, Alaska, for an on-shore visit. Visit with local leaders/experts in the Alaska native community of Hoonah and learn about their history as a community that transitioned from a timber-focused economy to one more focused on tourism. Discuss the importance of tourism and natural resource industries like timber and commercial fishing to the local economy.
 - *Additional Attendees: Local speakers in Hoonah to be determined.*
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Detailed overview of the history of Southeast Alaska, and the Tongass National Forest, including timber history, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

Monday, August 18, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Visit with Hoonah Indian Association about forestry issues impacting their community. Meet with local expert Ian Johnston about the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. Learn about current restoration projects in previously logged areas of the forest.
 - *Additional Attendee:*
 - *Ian Johnston - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association*
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Group reflection and discussion of morning field session and concluding discussions with Jeffrey and Christine aboard the Motor Vessel David B.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discuss mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Hoonah to Juneau. Ground transportation to Hoonah Airport.
- Return to Juneau, AK.
 - **3:30* p.m.** Depart Hoonah (HNN), Alaska Seaplanes
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- **9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Onshore hike to observe salmon spawning habitat. Discussion on the economic value of healthy Tongass watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass produce 80% of the commercial salmon harvested annually from Southeast Alaska. This harvest of about 50 million salmon is valued at \$60 million annually.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Discussion regarding the history and legislation that have shaped public lands and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and national monuments across the state. ANILCA also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents during times of scarcity. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions surrounding resource management and utilization in Alaska.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities - which Congress termed “Alaska Native Corporations” - tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. Familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in SE Alaska.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Break
- **2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Viewing the landscape from the deck of the David B while underway, and using maps, observe the different land ownership regimes in the Tongass, including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on Tongass forest management.

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- **3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Arrive at Hoonah, Alaska, for an on-shore visit. Visit with local leaders/experts in the Alaska native community of Hoonah and learn about their history as a community that transitioned from a timber-focused economy to one more focused on tourism. Discuss the importance of tourism and natural resource industries like timber and commercial fishing to the local economy.
 - *Additional Attendees: Local speakers in Hoonah to be determined.*
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Detailed overview of the history of Southeast Alaska, and the Tongass National Forest, including timber history, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

Monday, August 18, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Alex Noffsinger, Tim Bristol, Heather Urban, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Visit with Hoonah Indian Association about forestry issues impacting their community. Meet with local expert Ian Johnston about the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. Learn about current restoration projects in previously logged areas of the forest.
 - *Additional Attendee:*
 - *Ian Johnston - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association*
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Group reflection and discussion of morning field session and concluding discussions with Jeffery and Christine aboard the Motor Vessel David B.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discuss mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Hoonah to Juneau. Ground transportation to Hoonah Airport.
- Return to Juneau, AK.
 - **3:30* p.m.** Depart Hoonah (HNH), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **3:50* p.m.** Arrive at Juneau (JNU)
- **4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Rental car from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801
- **4:30 - 5:45 p.m.** Break

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- **5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Rental car to Deckhand Dave's - 139 S Franklin St. Juneau, AK 99801
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion surrounding the expansion of tourism in Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest with a local business leader.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Linda Behnken - Executive Director, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association*

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Alex Noffsinger, Tim Bristol, Heather Urban, Natalie Smink

- **8:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m.** Breakfast at hotel.
- **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Transport to Juneau Airport by NorthStar Trekking and glacier hiking safety briefing.
- **9:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.** Glacier Hike. Discuss the role of glaciers and climate change in the Alaskan ecosystem, glaciers' role in the tourism economy, and public safety. Take a guided hike on a glacier to observe the shrinking glaciers first hand and discuss the changes to the Juneau icefield with a local glaciology expert. Access will be provided by Northstar Trekking and a commercial helicopter, as it is the only way to reach this site.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Eran Hood - Glaciologist, University of Alaska Southeast*
- **1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Transport to Baranof Hotel by NorthStar Trekking.
- **1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** Rental car to Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska offices, 9097 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK
- **2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.** Meet with Alaska Native leaders to discuss their perspectives and priorities as relating to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *President Richard Peterson - President, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
 - *Jill Weitz - Natural Resource Manager for Native Lands & Resources Division, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
 - *Ralph Wolfe - Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Central*

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- *Arielle Halpern - Forest Policy and Research Manager, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

- **4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Rental car to Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 6000 Glacier Spur Rd, Juneau, AK 99801
- **4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Tour of Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area and short hike with US Forest Service staff. The hike will include stops at the Mendenhall Glacier and a tour of the visitor center and wildlife viewing boardwalks. Accessible natural areas like the Mendenhall Visitor Center and many of the wild salmon watersheds help draw over 1 million tourists and generate approximately \$1 billion in revenue for the region annually. Approximately 90% of summer visitors to Mendenhall are brought to the site by tourism operators that generate approximately \$700,000 annually for the Forest Service in fees.
- **6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Rental car to In Boco Al Lupo, 120 2nd St Suite B, Juneau, AK
- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner at In Bocca Al Lupo
 - Summarize the trip, and discuss any remaining questions and topics.

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- Travel from Juneau, AK to DC or home district
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska #42, **10:29 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **1:35 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #2, **9:44 p.m.** arrive at DCA.

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