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: Mitch Heidenreich
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 16, 2026 Return: June 21, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Fairbanks AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: American Lands Project
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Please see attached itinerary. Fact finding trip to experience and learn about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and meet with Gwich'in leaders and local residents that rely on the lands.
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: [signature] **Date:** 07/01/2026

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

Name of Supervising Member: Rep. Dave Min **Date:** 07/01/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: [signature]

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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: American Lands Project
2. Travel Destination(s): Fairbanks, AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK
3. Date of Departure: June 16, 2026 Date of Return: June 21, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Mitchell Heidenreich

   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	$6114.26 ($2441.31 travel to/from FAI, $3578.33 Air taxi, $124.62 ground transport)	$708.00 ($254/night for two nights in Fairbanks, $200 total for backcountry tent/ gear rental)	$480.95	$3023.33 (Backcountry guide and fees)
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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

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

Signature: Signed by: Tom Campion DC48BC5CB330465... **Date:** 6/30/2026

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 Ave, 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.

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Mitch Heidenreich

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: Fairbanks, AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK

4. a. Date of Departure: June 16, 2026 Date of Return: June 21, 2026

   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.**

   As the Legislative Director for Rep. Dave Min, who is a member of the House Natural Resources Committee, this trip would provide a unique opportunity to better understand the impacts of federal policy on public lands, energy, and indigenous communities, which will help me better advise Rep. Min on these issues when they're before the Committee.

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:** 05/14/2026

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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.
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: June 16, 2026 Date of Return: June 21, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
   b. Destination(s): Fairbanks, AK; Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

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:

American Lands Project seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part through facilitating fact-finding travel centered around place-based education. American Lands Project has developed the agenda of this trip and has organized all invitations to congressional guests.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:***
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
   b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☒ (specify: Air Taxi - to access remote areas of Alaska)
   c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

The flights in and out of the Arctic will be via air taxi, which is the only way to access the remote locations being visited.

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): Approx. $100/day for meals, including backcountry meals supplied by guide and two meals in Fairbanks, AK.
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: The opportunity to experience and learn firsthand about remote Arctic landscapes and meet with local residents that rely on these lands.

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

Hotel Name: La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport City: Fairbanks Cost Per Night: $254
Reason(s) for Selecting: Room availability, reasonable cost in line with government rate, basic room selected.

Hotel Name: Basecamp/Tent in Arctic Refuge City: Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Cost Per Night: $66.67
Reason(s) for Selecting: Individual backcountry tents are the only option to stay in this remote location; there are no hotels in the vicinity.

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

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	See attached - Box 1	$708 ($254/night for two nights in a hotel Fairbanks, $200 for tent rental in the backcountry)	$450 ($100 for dinners in Fairbanks, $350 for backcountry guide meals)
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$3056.67	Backcountry guide and fees
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A

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: Jason Paulsen (May 19, 2026 15:50:09 PDT) Date: 05/19/2026

Name: Jason M. Paulsen Title: Board Vice-President

Organization: American Lands Project

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

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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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May 29, 2026

Mr. Mitchell Heidenreich
Office of the Honorable Dave Min
1034 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Heidenreich:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Fairbanks, Alaska, scheduled for June 16 to 21, 2026, 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 $525 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

MG/MD:nl

4. House Invitees

- Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mike Levin)
- Clara Tibbetts (Legislative Director, Rep. Paul Tonko)
- Karson Healy (Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jen Kiggans)
- Mitchell Heidenreich (Legislative Director, Rep. Dave Min)
- Yusuf Nekzad (Legislative Director, Rep. Nikki Budzinski)

The above staff have been invited due to their work on natural resources, energy and environment, public lands, and Native American issues and that work's connection to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and America's Arctic.

18.

Box 1 – Member, Officer, or Employee Total Transportation

- Amanda Shafer: $5677.54 total – ($1584.54 flights to/from Fairbanks + $3965 air taxi + $128 ground transportation)
- Clara Tibbetts: $5942.40 total – ($1849.40 flights to/from Fairbanks + $3965 air taxi + $128 ground transportation)
- Karson Healy: $6486.11 total – ($2393.11 flights to/from FAI, $3965 air taxi, $128 ground transportation)
- Mitchell Heidenreich: $6534.31 total – ($2441.31 flights to/from FAI, $3965 air taxi, $128 ground transportation)
- Yusuf Nekzad: $6271.89 total – ($2178.89 flights to/from FAI, $3965 air taxi, $128 ground transportation)

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Congressional Participants

- Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mike Levin)
- Clara Tibbetts (Legislative Director, Rep. Paul Tonko)
- Karson Healy (Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jen Kiggans)
- Mitchell Heidenreich (Legislative Director, Rep. Dave Min)

American Lands Project

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Monday, June 15, 2026

- Travel from Washington, D.C. to Seattle, WA
    - 8:00 a.m. Depart DCA, Alaska #1, 10:58 a.m. arrive at SEA
        - *Attendees*: *Clara Tibbetts (Legislative Director, Rep. Paul Tonko)*

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

- Travel from Washington, D.C. to Seattle, WA
    - 8:00 a.m. Depart DCA, Alaska #1, 10:58 a.m. arrive at SEA
        - *Attendees: Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mike Levin), Karson Healy (Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jen Kiggans), Mitchell Heidenreich (Legislative Director, Rep. Dave Min), Yusuf Nekzad (Legislative Director, Rep. Nikki Budzinski)*

- Travel from Seattle, WA to Fairbanks, AK
    - 12:00 p.m. Depart SEA, Alaska #106, 2:55 p.m. arrive at FAI
        - *Attendees: Amanda Shafer, Clara Tibbetts, Karson Healy, Mitchell Heidenreich, Yusuf Nekzad*

- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m**. Ground transportation from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK

- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner at The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
    - Meet with the Staff/Board of the Gwich'in Steering Committee to learn about their work and connections between the Gwich'in people and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
    - *Attendees: Amanda Shafer (Senior Legislative Assistant, Rep. Mike Levin), Clara Tibbetts (Legislative Director, Rep. Paul Tonko), Karson Healy (Legislative Assistant, Rep. Jen Kiggans), Mitchell Heidenreich (Legislative Director, Rep. Dave Min), Yusuf Nekzad (Legislative Director, Rep. Nikki Budzinski), Ellen Wang (Board Member, American Lands Project), Molly Gillespie (Guide, Arctic Treks), Gwich'in Steering Committee Member (To be assigned)*

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Attendees: Amanda Shafer, Clara Tibbetts, Karson Healy, Mitchell Heidenreich, Yusuf Nekzad, Ellen Wang, Molly Gillespie

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, AK
    - **7:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to airport

(All flight times and specific basecamp destinations in the Arctic Refuge are subject to change based on weather)*

    - **8:00* a.m.** Depart FAI, Everts Air, **10:00* a.m.** Arrive at landing strip and staging area outside of Arctic Refuge (location dependent on weather and conditions) to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
    - **10:30* a.m.** Depart staging area, Coyote Air, **11:30* a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp location.

- **11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Camp orientation by Arctic Treks Guide to review location and safety, and additional context of the trip and the group's location within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge).

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Review maps of Alaska's North Slope to become oriented with respect to the tribal, state, and federal lands, and land management designations in the Alaskan Arctic, and their relation to conservation, resource development, recreation, and subsistence uses.

- **2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Discussion: History leading up to and following the first federal designation of the Arctic Refuge. Established in 1960 as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, it was expanded in 1980 to its current size of 19 million acres and was renamed the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Guests will gain knowledge on the background that led to these designations and how these changes have affected management over time.

- **3:30 p.m – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike to observe the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge and discuss its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd as well as numerous other wildlife species. The Porcupine Caribou Herd uses the area as its summer calving ground, after completing the longest land migration of any land mammal, covering over 1,500 miles every year and spanning the Alaska-Yukon border. Discuss the complexities of managing the health of the herd across the US-Canadian international border, and how entities such as the Porcupine Caribou Management Board navigate these issues.

- **6:00 p.m – 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Review the geologic and ecological differences across the three major public land management units comprising Alaska's North Slope: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A), and State of Alaska land, and how these differences influence land management in each area. Also discuss the management structures unique to each area, and how the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), Bureau of Land Management (NPR-A), and State of Alaska (including Prudhoe Bay) each play a role in overseeing lands and resources on the North Slope.

Thursday, June 18, 2026
Attendees: Amanda Shafer, Clara Tibbetts, Karson Healy, Mitchell Heidenreich, Yusuf Nekzad, Ellen Wang, Molly Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of fossil fuel resources in the Arctic and the history of development in the region. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope of Alaska. Discussion will also

cover recent assessments of fossil fuel resources on the North Slope, congressionally mandated oil and gas lease sales, and offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This will help guests better understand Alaska's fossil fuel resources and how their development and use relate to the nation's energy goals.

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land titles 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." These corporations were tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. A thirteenth Native Corporation was later created for Alaska Natives who no longer resided in Alaska.

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Discussion: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Guests will learn about the history and landscape-shaping impact of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980. ANILCA designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska, as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges (including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), and national monuments across the state. It 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.

- **3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Break

- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe geologic features of the Arctic Refuge and view permafrost soils and other features of the tundra landscape. During the hike, discuss oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss the history and process of oil and gas lease sales in the Arctic, including which areas are open for leasing and development, the process for selecting tracks to be leased, and the actual sales. Talk about the recent March 2026 lease sale in the NPR-A and the June 5, 2026, lease sale in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Friday, June 19, 2026
Attendees: Amanda Shafer, Clara Tibbetts, Karson Healy, Mitchell Heidenreich, Yusuf Nekzad, Ellen Wang, Molly Gillespie

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to the Alaskan Arctic, and discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in regarding their roles in decisions around federal land management and development.

(All flight times and specific basecamp destinations in the Arctic Refuge are subject to change based on weather)*

- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Discuss evidence of melting permafrost and saltwater intrusion from the coast into freshwater systems due to rising Arctic temperatures, trends in these impacts over time, and how they affect wildlife and North Slope communities. Review how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. View physical examples near basecamp of the slumping of surface soils and changes in water chemistry due to the melting of permafrost.

- **11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Overview of subsistence use and how it supports rural Alaskans. 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."

- **1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe wildlife and plants and discuss how natural systems function in this arctic tundra landscape, and the use of the Arctic Refuge by migratory birds, caribou, polar bears, and other wildlife.

- **3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Review the background and history of the National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A), including initial designation in 1923 as an emergency oil supply for the U.S. Navy, Navy management of the land until the area was conveyed to the Department of the Interior in 1976 in accordance with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management from that conveyance until present day. Discuss the four federally designated Special Areas within the 23-million-acre landscape and the ecological importance of each as important habitat for polar bears, seals, walrus, birds, and caribou herds that have sustained the Native people of Alaska's North Slope for over 10,000 years. In addition, review the recent announcements that the Department of the Interior has made regarding the NPR-A, including recently approved oil and gas projects such as the Willow Project, and the administration's recent announcements around the Integrated Activity Plan and regulatory framework for the NPR-A.

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Break

- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Overview of the major caribou herds of the North Slope located outside the Arctic Refuge, including current population data and trends, and management history with a focus on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd and its associated Working Group. Overview of the role of the latest survey data on caribou population counts and fluctuations over time. The Western Arctic Caribou Working Group is composed of subsistence users, other Alaska hunters, reindeer herders, hunting guides, transporters, and conservationists, with agency staff biologists and natural resource managers serving in an advisory capacity. The Working Group meets annually to evaluate the health of what, until recent years, has been Alaska's largest caribou herd. The group also works to identify concerns, request information, and advocate for actions that will conserve and benefit the herd.

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Attendees: Amanda Shafer, Clara Tibbetts, Karson Healy, Mitchell Heidenreich, Yusuf Nekzad, Ellen Wang, Molly Gillespie

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- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Guests will learn about the history of the $8 billion Trans-Alaska Pipeline authorized by President Nixon in 1973, including its construction and its role in the development of the North Slope and in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.

- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The Permanent Fund was created in 1976 via an amendment to the state constitution to help manage the growing state income from oil and gas development. It mandates that at least 25 percent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments, and bonuses received by the State be deposited into the Fund. The Permanent Fund also allows for the distribution of annual dividend checks to Alaska residents.

- **11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Break down camp

- **12:00* p.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air,

- **1:00* p.m.** Arrive at Arctic Village, an Alaska Native village (Gwich'in) at the southern border of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Arctic Village also functions as a staging point to access and/or depart the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
    - During the flight and waiting time, discuss international Arctic politics and collaborative efforts beyond Alaska, including the Arctic Council, which was created as an intergovernmental forum to foster cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic. Overview of the United States' role as an Arctic Nation, the 6 permanent participants in the Arctic Council, and impacts of increased shipping in the Arctic as a result of changing sea ice conditions. Management of the circumpolar Arctic and the role(s) and governance of Indigenous Arctic Peoples outside the United States will also be explored.

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Working lunch with the Arctic Village Council and/or other local leaders to learn about the history of Arctic Village and the ways in which management of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge impacts their village community, including their peoples' connections to the Refuge for spiritual, cultural, and subsistence practices.

- **2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Tour of Arctic Village. Learn more about the history of Indigenous people in Arctic Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years, and their shift from nomadic lifestyles to permanent settlement in places like Arctic Village. During the tour discuss the challenges that rural Alaskan villages face including electricity, heating, and food access and costs and the critical role that subsistence hunting and fishing continues to play in these remote communities.
    - *Additional Attendees: Arctic Village tour leader to be assigned.*

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Return to the Arctic Village landing strip.

- Return to Fairbanks, AK
    - **5:00* p.m.** Depart Arctic Village, Everts Air, **7:00* p.m.** Arrive FAI

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    - **7:20 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK

- **7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.** Break

- **8:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Ground transportation to dinner. The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK

- **8:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Summarize the trip, and discuss any remaining questions and topics.

Sunday, June 21, 2026
Karson Healy, Mitchell Heidenreich, Yusuf Nekzad

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Washington, D.C.
    - **5:31 a.m.** Depart FAI, Alaska #210, **10:12 a.m.** arrive at SEA
    - **1:46 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #2, **9:59 p.m.** arrive at DCA.
- End of Official Itinerary

Monday, June 22, 2026 to Tuesday, June 23, 2026
Amanda Shafer, Clara Tibbetts

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Washington, D.C.
    - **8:55 p.m.** Depart FAI, United #1640, **5:52 a.m.** arrive at ORD
    - **7:00 a.m.** Depart ORD, United #482, **9:59 a.m.** arrive at DCA.
        - *Note: This travel is overnight, departing from Fairbanks in the evening of June 22, 2026 and arriving in Washington, D.C. in the morning of June 23, 2026.*

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AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

Mitchell Heidenreich
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Dear Mitch,

The American Lands Project (ALP) appreciates your interest in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The 19.6-million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is an exceptional and unique landscape. Alaska Native people have been stewards of this land for centuries and continue to depend heavily on the region's subsistence resources. The Arctic Refuge supports a diverse array of wildlife, including polar bears, caribou, musk ox, and hundreds of species of migratory birds.

Land use policy for the Arctic Refuge has shifted significantly over the years, ranging from proposed restricted-use designations to authorized energy development. We believe a fact-finding trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge would provide you a valuable opportunity to see and experience first-hand this remote arctic landscape and better understand the dynamic human and natural systems at play in this area.

We would like to officially invite you to join ALP for a trip to the Arctic Refuge from June 16th to June 21st, 2026 – on the ground in the Arctic Refuge from June 17th to June 20th. The trip will be fully sponsored by ALP, including all travel, lodging, and meals. We will follow-up with the formal 2026 trip itinerary and will assist with the required documentation for submission to the House Committee on Ethics.

Thank you for your consideration. As with all trip guests, we would like to schedule a virtual meeting with you to share additional details about the trip, provide recommendations for preparation, and answer any questions you may have.

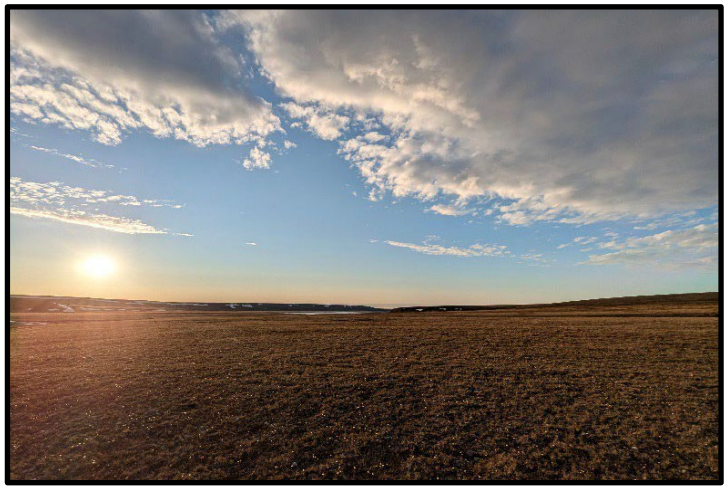
Sincerely,

Natalie Smink
Education & Trips Coordinator

AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Trip - 4 Day, June 2026

American Lands Project (ALP) is a 501(c)3 public charity based in Seattle, WA. We believe public lands are places of abundant beauty. And abundant opportunity. We believe if you experience them, and hear the connection people have to these places, you can't help but appreciate their importance to our country.



In June 2026, American Lands Project invites you to join a trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northern Alaska to learn about the natural history, human history, land management status, past conservation efforts and current issues facing the Arctic Refuge and public lands in America's Arctic as a whole. This Story Map is a great place to start in understanding what a trip to the Arctic Refuge with American Lands Project will look like, see maps, and learn how to prepare for this educational adventure of a lifetime.

Arctic Refuge Trip Itinerary

Guests will fly to Fairbanks, Alaska where we will rendezvous with our fellow trip participants, meet our guide from Arctic Treks, and spend a night in a local hotel after enjoying dinner and getting acquainted. Ideally, we'll be joined at dinner by an Indigenous or local leader who can provide perspective on the current issues facing America's Arctic, including current proposals regarding oil and gas development on the coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge.

The next morning we will fly on a chartered aircraft approximately 2.5 hours north of Fairbanks over the Brooks Range to a landing strip where our air taxi service (Coyote Air) will meet and ferry us to our basecamp site located on or near the coastal plain. The coastal plain of the Arctic Refuge has been the calving grounds for the Porcupine

Caribou Herd for thousands of years and serves as an important destination for nesting birds from around the world. Here we hope to see caribou on their migration, as well as multiple species of songbirds, raptors, and possibly grizzly bears, wolves, foxes, muskoxen, or even a wolverine.

We will spend three nights at our basecamp, affording ample opportunities for hiking, bird watching, wildlife viewing or simply enjoying the 24-hour sunlight and benefitting from the knowledge of our guides. Our guides at Arctic Treks can provide sturdy 4-season tents for all guests, as well as sleeping bags, sleeping pads, camp chairs, rubber boots and bear spray. Additionally, our trip guide will prepare all meals to keep us fueled for adventure each day, from the comfort of a sturdy cook tent where we can enjoy meals or time together protected from the elements.

On the fourth day, our air taxi returns to transport us back to the original landing strip, or possibly the landing strip at Arctic Village, a Gwich'in village located just south of the Arctic Refuge, where we may have the opportunity to interact with village leaders. Our charter aircraft for the flight back to Fairbanks will meet us there. We are typically back in Fairbanks in time for showers and a final dinner together at a local restaurant. The return flight and dinner provide an important opportunity to reflect upon all we have shared and learned together.

Guests will depart Fairbanks the next morning, or if desired, extend their trip with additional time on their own in Alaska.

**Please note, due to the nature of Arctic travel and dynamic weather conditions, the exact locations of our basecamps or landing sites are subject to change at the direction of our guide and pilots and are always based upon safety considerations.*