# 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: Karson Healy
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: Monday, August 10, 2026 Return: Thursday, August 13, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Denver, Colorado Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Climate Solutions Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Toured the Colorado School of Mines' research mine and Campus, as well as the National Lab or the Rockies main campus and Flatirons facility, met with academic professors, startups, NLR researchers and project heads, all of which particilpated in roundtables on workforce, supply chain and greater regulatory issues.
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:** _____ **Date:** 08/21/2026

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:** Jen A. Kiggans **Date:** 08/21/2026

**Signature of Supervising Member:** _____

*last updated 7/2023*

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)
2. Travel Destination(s): Denver, Colorado
3. Date of Departure: Monday, August 10, 2026 Date of Return: Thursday, August 13, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Karson Healy, Evan Kern, Lisette Linares Hernandez, Risa Fish

   ***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 | 630.65 | $585.00 | $273.00 | |
| 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:** 8/15/2026

**Name:** Alex Flint **Title:** Chairman

**Organization:** Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

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

**Address:** 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Suite 410 Washington, DC 20003

**Telephone:** 301-518-6336 **Email:** andrea@mietusevents.com

***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.**

*last updated 7/2023*

# 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: Karson Healy

**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: Karson Healy

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Jen Kiggans

Office Address: Independence Ave SW Washington, D.C.

Telephone Number: (757)404-1433

Email Address of Contact Person: karson.healy@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: Karson Healy
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Climate Solutions Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Denver, Colorado - Boulder, Colorado & Golden, Colorado
4. a. Date of Departure: 8/10/2026 Date of Return: 8/13/2026

   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 Assistant for Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (VA-02), where I manage a portfolio that includes energy, natural resources, and infrastructure policy, my participation in this trip is directly connected to my official duties because the itinerary provides firsthand exposure to critical minerals, advanced energy systems, grid modernization, quantum technologies, and fusion energy through visits to the National Laboratory of the Rockies, the Colorado School of Mines, and industry partners. These activities will enhance my ability to research policy, draft legislation, and advise the Congresswoman on issues related to energy innovation, domestic supply chains, research and development, and U.S. competitiveness.
9. **Yes ☐ No ☒ Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

## ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

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

**Signature of Employing Member:** _____ **Date:** 7/6/2026

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:

   Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

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: Monday, August 10, 2026 Date of Return: Thursday, August 13, 2026
7. a. City of departure: Thursday, August 13, 2026
   b. Destination(s): Denver, Colorado - Boulder, Colorado & Golden, Colorado
   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:

   See attached

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

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

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): We have allotted 60.00 for Monday travel day and $69.00 on Thursday travel day and $80.00 for Tuesday and Wednesday-totaling $289
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: We selected National Laboratory of the Rockies to collaborate on and learn more about cleantech innovation, assess climate risks, and align funding for scalable climate-resilient technologies.

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

   Hotel Name: Denver West Marriott City: Golden, CO Cost Per Night: 195.00
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Close to the lab for easy access. Situated appropriately for visit to Boulder & Golden

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

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

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

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

| ☐ Actual Amounts<br>☒ Good Faith Estimates | Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant | Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant | Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant |
|---|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | $1250.00 | $585.00 | $289.00 |
| For each Accompanying Family Member | | | |

| | **Other** Expenses (dollar amount per item) | Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.) |
|---|---|---|
| For each Member, Officer, or Employee | | |
| For each Accompanying Family Member | | |

19. ***Check only one:***
    a. ☒ I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
    b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

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

Signature: _____ Date: 8/15/2026

Name: Alex Flint Title: Chairman

Organization: Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF)

Address: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE Suite 410 Washington, DC 20003

Email: andrea@mietusevents.com Telephone: 301-518-6336

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

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July 30, 2026

Mr. Karson Healy
Office of the Honorable Jennifer A. Kiggans
152 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Healy:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Golden, Colorado, scheduled for August 10 to 13, 2026, sponsored by the Climate Solutions Foundation.

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

Question 4

We are inviting the following staff to participate in trip to National  Lab of the Rockies it will be an opportunity to observe firsthand the strategic push for domestic energy independence, critical minerals extraction, and solar energy development. In addition to understanding about supply chains and how the U.S. is "just-shoring" resource supply chains, extracting critical materials for electric vehicles, and addressing the geopolitical realities of clean-tech manufacturing.  These staff members were selected based on their interest in climate and energy issues and because these topics are part of their legislative portfolios. The visit will allow them to engage directly with researchers and subject-matter experts and see firsthand how NREL's work is advancing clean energy technologies, enhancing U.S. energy security, strengthening domestic manufacturing and supply chains, and supporting American economic competitiveness. By connecting research with real-world applications, the visit will provide valuable context that can inform future legislative and policy discussions.

| **First** | **Last** | **Title** | **Office/Committee** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Cole | Cerabona | Legislative Assistant | Office of Congresswoman Maggie Goodlander (NH-02) |
| Jackson | Dalman | Legislative Assistant | Office of Representative Kimberlyn King-Hinds (MP-00) |
| Risa | Fish | Legislative Assistant | Office of Congresswoman Brittany Pettersen (CO-07) |
| Martha | Gallagher | Senior Legislative Assistant | Office of Representative Gabe Evans (CO-08) |
| Devon | Gorbey | Senior Legislative Assistant | Office Of Rep. Chrissy Houlahan |
| Karson | Healy | Legislative Assistant | Office of Representative Jen Kiggans (VA-02) |
| Brogan | Hurd | Legislative Assistant | Office of Representative Cory Mills (FL-07) |
| Jaylene | Kennedy | Legislative Assistant | Office of Representative Brian Mast (FL-21) |
| William | Layton | Policy Analyst | Energy and Commerce Committee |
| Lisette | Linares | Legislative Aide | Office of Rep. Evans (CO-08) |
| Kade | Smith | Legislative Assistant | Office of Representative Julia Letlow (LA-05) |
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**Preliminary Schedule and Subject to Change**

**Climate Solutions Foundation Bipartisan Staff Delegation to**
**National Lab of the Rockies**
**August 10 - 13**

## MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2026

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|---|---|
| **4:32 PM ET** | **Flight from DCA to DEN, United Flight #746** |
| **6:25 PM MT** | **Arrive DEN** |
| **7:00 PM** | **Drive to Denver West Marriott**<br>*30-40 minute drive* |
| **7:30 PM** | **Check in at Denver West Marriott** |
| **7:30 PM**<br>**9:00 PM** | **Dinner at Copper Creek Restaurant**<br>**Marriott West Denver** |
| **RON** | **Denver West Marriott**<br>*1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd, Golden, CO 80401* |

## TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2026

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|---|---|
| **7:00 AM** | **Optional Staff Breakfast at Hotel** |
| **7:30 AM** | **Drive to CO School of Mines, Experimental Mine**<br>*Edgar Mine, 365 8th Ave, Idaho Springs, CO 80452* |
| **8:00 AM – 10:00 AM** | **CO School of Mines, Experimental Mine** |

The Edgar Experimental Mine provides a hands-on view of applied mining research, workforce training, and technology development in a real-world underground environment. This visit will (1) allow staff to observe how research and demonstration projects translate into operational mining practices, (2) ground policy discussions on critical minerals, domestic supply chains, and workforce in practical application, and (3) highlight the role of university-industry-government partnerships in advancing domestic critical mineral buildout across the U.S. mining and energy sectors.

Agenda:
8:00-8:20 AM Safety Briefing
8:20-9:00 AM Mine History & Overview of Experimental Mine Applied Work
9:00-10:00 AM Tour Demo Areas and Labs

**10:00 AM** **Drive to Colorado School of Mines (CSM)**
*30-45 minute drive*

**10:45 AM – 12:30 PM** **Colorado School of Mines Tour and Presentations**
*1500 Illinois St., Golden, CO 80401*

Colorado School of Mines is a partner of NLR and provides an applied perspective on energy systems, critical minerals, and subsurface engineering—issues central to both energy security and economic growth. Staff will have the opportunity to understand workforce development from an academic institution with ties to both the federally operated national lab and industry. This will help staff understand the technical expertise needed for the future of the US energy industry, challenges facing domestic energy supply chains, and collaboration underway between the public and private sectors and academic institutions.

Agenda
**10:45-11:15 AM** Campus Tour, including new U.S. Geological Survey building *(Speaker: Lisa Knizel, Director of Research & Development, CO School of Mines)*
**11:15-12:30 PM** Staff Briefing with Payne Institute for Public Policy *(Speakers: Morgan Bazilian, Director of Payne Institute of Public Policy | Ian Lange, Professor of Economics & Business | Elizabeth Holley, Associate Professor of Mining Engineering | Alicia Polo, Executive Director of Critical Minerals Strategy & Advancement | Bill Zisch, Head of Mining Engineering*

Providing high-level background on Research, Innovation, Geopolitics, Economics:

- Critical Minerals 101
- Advanced critical mineral discovery, extraction, processing technologies
- Critical mineral economics and geopolitics
- Quantum research, supply chains, and applications
- Integration with federal research, development, and deployment capabilities (e.g., NLR and the national lab system)

**Critical Minerals Roundtable**
*Speakers: School of Mines alongside industry partners USA Rare Earths, Energy Fuels, Endolith, Alta Resource Technologies (speakers TBC)*

This roundtable on critical minerals will convene traditional mining operators alongside emerging technology companies working to modernize mineral extraction, processing, and supply chain resilience. The discussion will provide staff an opportunity to examine how evolving technologies, domestic resource development, and public-private collaboration can support U.S. critical mineral security, while also exploring workforce, permitting, sustainability, and market challenges shaping the future of the sector.

**12:30 PM** **Drive to NLR South Table Mountain Campus**
*15 minute drive*

**12:45 PM** **Arrive at NLR South Table Mountain Campus**
*15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401*

**12:45 PM – 1:30 PM** **Lunch & Introduction from NLR Leadership Team**
*Education Center for check-in, then to Research Support Facility, (x320A-C, Beaver Creek Conference Room)*
The staff will meet the Leadership and learn more about the Research Support Facility with an overview of what they will see and experience during the afternoon with the many visits to many of their research labs and testing facilities.

**1:30 PM – 4:45 PM** **NLR South Table Mountain Campus Tour & Presentations**

***Speakers:*** Jud Virden, Laboratory Director, Alliance President;
Adam Bratis, Chief Research Officer, Acting Deputy Laboratory Director;

Jaquelin Cochran, Associate Laboratory Director, Strategic Energy Analysis and Decision Sciences;
John Farrell, Associate Laboratory Director, Energy Security and Systems Innovation;
Maureen McCann, Associate Laboratory Director, *Bioeconomy and Transportation;*
Bill Tumas, Associate Laboratory Director, Materials, Chemical, and Computational Science;
Andrea Watson, Associate Laboratory Director, Innovation, Partnering, and Outreach;
Dan Beckley, Associate Laboratory Director, Facilities and Operations;
Kirstin Alberi, Center Director, Materials Science Center;
Josh Schaidle, Laboratory Program Manager, Carbon Management.

The National Laboratory of the Rockies Golden Campus offers a comprehensive view of federally supported research and development work on energy and security, from critical minerals processing and grid integration to advanced material development and demonstration sites. This visit will (1) allow staff to observe federal dollars at work, (2) ground policy discussions on innovation pipelines, and (3) highlight how public-private partnerships accelerate technology deployment.

Rough agenda:
**1:30-3:15 PM** Tour of Energy Systems Integration Facility (ESIF), including:
**1:30-1:50 PM** Kestrel, NLR's High-Performance Computing (HPC) data center
**1:50-2:10 PM** 2D and 3D Visualization Rooms
**2:10-2:35 PM** Energy Security and Reliability Laboratory (ESRL)
**2:35-3:00 PM** Agora Large-Load Test Bed
3**:00-3:25 PM** Advanced Research on Integrated Energy Systems (ARIES) capabilities
**3:25-3:45 PM** Tour Integrated Biorefinery Research Facility (IBRF)
**3:45-4:45 PM** Tour of Energy Materials & Processing at Scale (EMAPS) Facility

**4:45 PM** **Drive to Reception & Dinner Venue**
*240 Union Restaurant, Lakewood Room*
*240 Union Blvd, Lakewood, CO*

*15 minute drive*

**5:00 PM – 5:45 PM** **Pre-Dinner Reception-240 Union**

Staff will attend a pre-dinner reception alongside NLR and Colorado School of Mines (CSM) researchers and faculty, as well as industry and private sector partners that make up NLR's Foundation. In participating, staff will have the opportunity to discuss the days' events and form relationships with cross-sector experts to dig deeper into areas of interest.

**6:00 PM – 7:30 PM** **Dinner-240 Union**
Staff will attend dinner alongside NLR and Colorado School of Mines (CSM) researchers and faculty, including those from the CSM Payne Institute for Public Policy. In participating, staff will have the opportunity to engage directly with technical and policy experts, allowing staff to explore specific areas of interest and continue more in-depth discussions building on insights from the day's site visits.

**7:30 PM** **Drive to Hotel**
*Estimated Time 15-30 minutes*

**RON** **Denver West Marriott**
*1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd, Golden, CO 80401*

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2026

**7:30 AM** **Optional Staff Breakfast at Hotel**

**8:00 AM** **Drive to NLR Flatiron Campus in Golden, CO**
*30 minute drive*

**8:30 AM** **Arrive at NLR Flatiron Campus**
*15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401*

**8:30 AM – 12:00 PM** **NLR Flatiron Campus Tour & Presentations**
*Speakers: Jud Virden, Laboratory Director, Alliance President;*
*Adam Bratis, Chief Research Officer, Acting Deputy Laboratory Director;*
*John Farrell, Associate Laboratory Director, Energy Security and Systems Innovation;*
*Daniel Laird, Director, National Wind Technology Center;*
*Jen Kurtz, Research Director, ARIES, Center Director, Energy Conversion and Storage Systems;*
*Andrew Hudgins, Laboratory Program Manager, ARIES/ESIF.*

NLR's Flatron Campus focuses on large-scale power systems testing and research. This visit will provide staff with the opportunity to see multiple energy systems operating at scale, gain insights into the major research questions related to each, and consider how applied energy innovation can advance more affordable, reliable, and secure energy for our nation.

Rough agenda:
**8:30-8:45 AM** Breakfast and Welcome from NLR Leadership and Flatirons Researchers
**8:45-9:15 AM** Flatirons Campus and ARIES Overview
**9:15-12:00 PM** Flatirons Campus Tour:
**9:15-9:45 AM:** ARIES large-scale systems integration
**9:45-10:05 AM:** Waterpower Research (LAMP, marine energy, hydropower)
**10:05-10:25 AM:** DRTS & 5-Megawatt Dynamometers (Equipment Testing Center)
**10:25-10:45 AM:** Composites Manufacturing Education and Technology (CoMET) Facility
**10:45-11:15 AM:** Structural Characterization (STL)
**11:15 AM-11:40 PM:** Research Pads, Energy Storage Infrastructure, Industrial Technologies
**11:40-12:00 PM:** Control Center Facility

**12:15 PM – 1:30 PM** **Lunch with ARIES Leadership and Flatirons Research Staff**
This lunch with ARIES and other lab leadership and research staff will provide staff an opportunity to engage directly with NLR leadership and researchers, ask follow-up questions on the Lab's work, and synthesize themes across the site visits. The discussion will help connect observations from the tour and prior engagements into a broader understanding of how research, demonstration, and deployment efforts intersect across the regional energy and innovation ecosystem.

**Drive to CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center**
*1700 Washington Ave, Golden, CO 80401*

*10 minute drive*

**1:40 PM – 2:10 PM** **CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center Introduction by Leadership**
*Speaker: Zach Bennett, Director of Beck Venture Center and Mines Venture Program*

The Colorado School of Mines Beck Venture Center will provide staff with an overview of how university-led entrepreneurship, technology transfer, and startup incubation support the commercialization of emerging energy and industrial technologies. This brief will highlight how the Center connects researchers, students, investors, and industry partners to accelerate the pathway from research and development to market deployment, while strengthening regional innovation and workforce ecosystems.

**2:10 PM – 3:10 PM** **Innovation & Commercialization Roundtable**
*CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center*
*Speakers: Zach Bennett, Director of Beck Venture Center | Trish Cozart, Director of National Lab of the Rockies' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center | Fervo Energy Speaker TBC | Additional Private Sector Partner TBC*

This roundtable on innovation and commercialization will bring together leaders from the Colorado School of Mines, NLR, and several supported startups to examine how research partnerships move technologies from laboratory concepts to deployable solutions. The discussion will provide staff insight into the challenges and opportunities associated with scaling emerging technologies, aligning federal research investments with private-sector needs, and fostering collaboration across universities, laboratories, startups, and industry partners to strengthen U.S. competitiveness and innovation capacity.

**3:30 PM – 4:30 PM** **Quantum Computing Roundtable**
*CO School of Mines Beck Venture Center*
*Speakers: Fred Saarazin, Professor/Dept. Head of Physics | Jessi Olsen, CEO, Elevate Quantum | Corben Tillemann-Dick, Founder & CEO, Maybell Quantum*

This roundtable with regional ecosystem partners will provide staff an opportunity to engage directly with leaders across Colorado's quantum computing ecosystem, including industry, research, and the private sector. The discussion will help contextualize the region's role in advancing quantum technologies and explore implications for national competitiveness, workforce development, and energy-intensive computing infrastructure, highlighting how public-private collaboration is accelerating research, commercialization, and supply chain growth in this emerging sector.

**4:30 PM – 4:45 PM** **Walk to Reception**
*Buffalo Rose – State Room 1119 Washington Avenue, Golden, CO*

*10 minute walk*

**5:00 PM – 7:00 PM** **Reception at Buffalo Rose-State Room**
Staff will attend a reception alongside industry partners from the day's roundtables and the NLR ARIES Advisory Board, which includes representatives from the Department of Energy, NLR executive leadership, industry, academia, and other government agencies. This setting provides a valuable opportunity to engage a broader set of energy ecosystem stakeholders and continue more in-depth, informal conversations building on themes from the day's site visits.

**7:30 PM- 8:00** **Drive to Hotel**
*15 minutes*

**RON** **Denver West Marriott**
*1717 Denver West Marriott Blvd, Golden, CO 80401*

## THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH – DENVER, CO

**8:30 AM** **Check Out from Hotel**

**8:30 AM** **Drive to Xcimer**

**8:30 AM – 9:00** **Drive time to Xcimer**

**9:00 AM** **Arrive at Xcimer**
*10325 E 47th Avenue, Denver, CO*

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM** **Xcimer Facility Tour & Fusion Discussion**
*Speakers: TBC from Xcimer | Dr. Jenifer Shafer, Professor of Nuclear Chemistry, CO School of Mines*

This visit to Xcimer will provide staff with an opportunity to explore the technologies being developed to advance commercial fusion energy. Through a facility tour and discussion with company leadership and technical experts, staff will gain insight into the science and engineering needed to bring fusion online, the role of fusion in meeting future energy demand, and the key research, infrastructure, workforce, and policy considerations necessary to scale fusion from the lab bench to the electric grid. The conversation will also examine the broader fusion ecosystem, including public-private partnerships, supply chain needs, and the potential economic and energy security benefits of establishing U.S. leadership in this emerging industry.

**11:00 AM – 11:30** **Drive to Denver International Airport**

**11:30 AM** **Arrive Denver airport for 1:58 PM flight to IAD**

**7:23 PM ET** **Arrive IAD**

Question 12
The trip is organized by the Climate Solutions Foundation (CSF), a bipartisan nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering dialogue among Members of Congress, their staff, industry leaders, and global experts on climate science, economics, and policy.

CSF's interest in the subject matter of this trip is directly aligned with its mission to advance practical, bipartisan solutions to climate and energy challenges. By facilitating this staff trip, there is an opportunity to observe firsthand the strategic push for domestic energy independence, critical minerals extraction, and solar energy development. In addition to understanding about supply chains and how the U.S. is "just-shoring" resource supply chains, extracting critical materials for electric vehicles, and addressing the geopolitical realities of clean-tech manufacturing.