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: Chance Mitchell
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 16, 2026 Return: August 19, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Grand Junction, CO/ Moab, UT Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: To learn more about the Utah wilderness related to Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury's sponsorship of H.R. 2467 America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.
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: Chance Mitchell **Date:** 9/30/2026

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. Melanie Stansbury **Date:** 9/30/2026

Signature of Supervising Member: Melanie A. Stansbury

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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: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
2. Travel Destination(s): Grand Junction, CO (airport), Moab, UT
3. Date of Departure: August 16, 2026 Date of Return: August 19, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Chance Mitchell

   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	$1039.28	$345.81	$322.90	$372 for river trip
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:** 9/8/2026

Name: Lauren Hainsworth **Title:** Legislative Advocate

Organization: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

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

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

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

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

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

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: Chance Mitchell

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: Chance Mitchell

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Representative Melanie Stansbury

Office Address: 1421 Longworth House Office Building Washington DC 20515

Telephone Number: 202-225-6313

Email Address of Contact Person: chance.mitchell@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: Chance Mitchell
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Grand Junction, CO (airport), Moab, UT
4. a. Date of Departure: August 16, 2026 Date of Return: August 19, 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.**

   Legislative Aide, Chance Mitchell, working for Congresswoman Melanie Stansbury (NM-01) will be joining the trip to learn more about the Utah wilderness related to the Congresswoman's sponsorship of H.R.2467 - America's Red Rock Wilderness Act.
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: Melanie A. Stansbury **Date:** 7/16/2026

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:

   Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

2. ☒ I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

3. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☐ The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip; **OR**
   b. ☐ The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds; **OR**
   c. ☒ The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

   If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: EcoFlight

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 document

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 16, 2026 Date of Return: August 19, 2026
7. a. City of departure: August 19, 2026
   b. Destination(s): Grand Junction, CO (airport), Moab, UT
   c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

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

10. ☐ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☐ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

   SUWA is responsible for organizing and conducting the trip to educate a wider range of offices about the range of threats to these public lands that SUWA works on. EcoFlight is providing the overflight experience to provide perspective and education on local land management issues.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
   a. Mode of travel: Air ☐ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☐ Other ☐ (specify: See attached document)
   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): Roughtly $50/day. Food is included the river trip costs while visiting the more remote locations.
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See attached document

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

   Hotel Name: Gravity Haus City: Moab, UT Cost Per Night: $115
   Reason(s) for Selecting: It is reasonably priced and centrally located for the areas we will be visiting

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

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

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

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

☐ 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	$800	$350	$160
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	See attached document Checked bag - $70	Reimbursement for 2-way check baggage
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: 9/8/2026

Name: Lauren Hainsworth Title: Legislative Advocate

Organization: Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

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

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

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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August 11, 2026

Mr. Chance Mitchell
Office of the Honorable Melanie Stansbury
1421 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Moab, Utah, scheduled for August 16 to 19, 2026, sponsored by Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance and EcoFlight.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than $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

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Question Responses:

Question 4. House Invitees to SUWA's Congressional Staffers CoDel trip to Southern Utah August 16-19, 2026

1. Chance Mitchell (Legislative Correspondent) – Handles public lands issues and their boss sponsors America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (HR 2467) in the House, a bill containing the areas we will be visiting and we want to increase on the ground knowledge of these areas
2. DeChellie Gray (Field Representative) – Handles public lands issues and their boss sponsors America's Red Rock Wilderness Act (HR 2467) in the House, a bill containing the areas we will be visiting and we want to increase on the ground knowledge of these areas
3. Kiara Tringali (Professional Staff Member) – Handles public lands issues within the Natural Resources Committee and we want to increase the on the ground knowledge of these areas
4. Tia Bogeljic (Legislative Director) – Handles public lands issues and with their boss as a member of HNR we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau
5. Vikas Nagarajan (Legislative Assistant) – Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau to offices all across the country who make decisions on our public lands
6. Shelby Prettiman (Energy & Economic Policy Advisor) – Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau to offices all across the country who make decisions on our public lands
7. John Tambussi (Legislative Correspondent) - Handles public lands issues and we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau to offices all across the country who make decisions on our public lands
8. Gillian Mead (Legislative Assistant) – Handles public lands issues and with their boss as a member of HNR we want to increase the awareness of public lands issues on the Colorado Plateau

Question 13a. We will be driving to/from the airport in Grand Junction, CO to Moab, UT and to most of the destinations. The boat and overflight are both necessary to access areas included in introduced legislation and management plans that are inaccessible by road. These are remote areas of either designated wilderness or lands with wilderness characteristics that can not be reached by car.

Question 15b2. These locations highlight the work that SUWA does, highlights some of the threats to these public lands and illustrates why they need the protection of a wilderness designation.

Question 18. Other expenses: Checked baggage if needed (2 ways) - $70, River trip - $350 per person

Utah Wilderness August Trip - Hosted by SUWA

All times are in Mountain Time unless otherwise stated

Day 1 – August 16 – Sunday

6:45am ET – 11:55am MT
Depart National Airport (DCA) for Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)
American Airlines - Flight ####- DCA->DFW
American Airlines = Flight #### - DFW->GJT

12:00pm – 2:00pm
Travel from Grand Junction Airport (GJT) to Moab, UT via rental vehicle driven by SUWA staffer (lunch en route)

Lunch orders for The Hog and the Hen will be taken prior to event. Cold drinks will be provided. We will stop at an ABC store along the way to get beer/wine for the river (SUWA unable to reimburse or pay for alcohol).

2:00pm – 2:45pm
Arrive to Gravity Haus Moab (hotel), check in and get settled

2:45pm – 3:00pm
Depart hotel for Kane Springs Road in SUWA vehicles.

3:00pm – 5:00pm
Tour Kane Springs Road areas: Discuss Moab Rim R.S.2477 claims, short hike to view Native American "Moon Flower" and "Birthing Panel" (Fremont and Ute peoples) petroglyphs and discuss the importance of protecting lands in Utah for the cultural resources that exist across the landscape and the support by the Navajo Nation, Hopi Tribal Council, and other Tribal partners in preserving lands for these resources. Visit Kane Springs Development and discuss the urban sprawl impacts on the local communities, recreation, and wilderness proposals. Discuss recreational and motorized use by hikers, bikers, OHV/ORV, and other users of the Amasa Back trail. The goal for this portion of the trip is to connect the land preservation work with Tribal partners and Tribal nations to best message why protecting lands is important and show the threats that are on the ground today.

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Ray Bloxham, SUWA Wildlands Field Director

5:00pm – 5:15pm
Travel from Kane Springs Road area to Sand Flats Recreation Area/Juniper Campground in SUWA vehicle for picnic dinner

5:15pm – 6:00pm
Picnic Dinner at Juniper Campground - Dinner provided by Sultan Mediterranean Grill

6:00pm – 8:45pm

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

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Ray Bloxham, SUWA Wildlands Field Director
Jeremy Lynch, SUWA Stewardship Director

8:45pm – 9:00pm
Return to Gravity Haus in SUWA vehicle, return to rooms

9:00pm – End of Day 1

Day 2 – August 17 – Monday

6:00am – 6:30am
Depart Gravity Haus in SUWA vehicles for Canyonlands Regional Airport to meet with EcoFlight, the non-profit educational overflight organization.

There will be two flights as the plane is small, 3-4 participants at a time

Lauren Hainsworth (SUWA) and Travis Hammill (SUWA) will host on the ground and discuss the National Wilderness Coalition while the other crews are in the air.

Breakfast will be provided at the airport

6:30am – 9:00am
Overflights over Labyrinth Canyon, a recently (2019) designated wilderness area on one side of the Green River. Discussions will include the current Bureau of Land Management Travel Management process and the recent issues that have come up between the federal government, state government, Utah Congressional Delegation, and local sentiment. The goal for this overflight is to see the boundaries of protected and unprotected lands, federal/state/private lands, and the interplay between management agencies, and what can be done to address these issues.

Flight Guide:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director

9:00am – 12:00pm
After returning to Canyonlands Regional Airport, depart the airport in SUWA vehicle and drive along Highway 313 to view RS2477 claim conflicts, energy development, and recreation management issues. Stop at the Long Canyon viewpoint to discuss various land management (BLM, USFS, NPS, State Lands) as lands managed by each agency can be seen from this overlook. Drive back along river road to view uranium tailings clean up, discuss Mining Law of 1972 and public liabilities and ecological threats. This

goal of this portion of the trip is to show how complicated things can be when it comes to land management when dealing with multiple agencies and what can be done to address these issues.

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Ray Bloxham, SUWA Wildlands Field Director

12:00pm – 1:00pm
Stop at Dead Horse Point for lunch and answer questions that may have come up during the morning's events.

Lunch provided by Red Rock Bakery

1:00pm – 1:30pm
Travel back to Gravity Haus hotel in SUWA vehicle

1:30pm – 2:15pm
Self-directed time for packing and getting ready for river trip

2:15pm – 3:15pm
Travel from Gravity Haus to Hittle Bottom boat ramp in SUWA vehicles. Along the way, view and discuss land management regime (BLM management on left bank, Arches NP on the right bank, and the riverbed managed by the State of Utah) again, pointing to the complications of different missions, views, and management principles of adjacent management agencies. Discuss recreation issues that arise in seasonally visited areas such as Moab in Utah.

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Ray Bloxham, SUWA Wildlands Field Director
Travis Hammill, SUWA DC Director
Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

3:15pm-3:30pm
Meet with the river guide company, Holiday Expeditions, and pack boats, go over safety equipment and procedures for time on the river.

3:30pm – 5:00pm
Float down Colorado River towards Onion Creek Campground. While on water, discuss water issues surrounding the Colorado River Plateau, view Dome Plateau, Fisher Towers, Mary Jane Canyon proposed wilderness areas, discuss Wilderness Study Areas and how they are used to provide interim protections, and implications for future protection. The goal of being on the river is to view places not easily accessible that are proposed for wilderness designation. Additionally, we will discuss the principles of "wilderness" when it comes to the definitions provided in the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976, especially relating to the idea of "solitude".

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Scott Braden, SUWA Executive Director

Travis Hammill, SUWA DC Director
Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

5:00pm – 6:00pm
Arrive at Onion Creek Campground. Dinner prepared by guides. Set up campsites.

6:00pm – 7:00pm
Dinner at Onion Creek Campground

7:00pm – 10:00pm
Hear from Tribal representatives to discuss the needs of Tribal communities surrounding conservation, wilderness, the endorsement of ARRWA, and Bears Ears National Monument

Speakers:
Troy Honahnie, Consultant
Autumn Gillard, Coordinator for Grand Staircase-Escalante Inter-Tribal Coalition

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

Day 3 – August 18 – Tuesday

8:00am – 9:00am
Breakfast provided by guides, break camp, pack rafts. Pack lunches to eat while on the river.

9:00am – 12:00pm
Launch back on to the river. Discussions will continue from the previous day's on-river and in-camp discussions. We will also be discussing the process by which Grand Staircase Escalante and Bears Ears National Monuments were created, SUWA's part in the process, the changes by the Trump Administration in 2017, the lawsuits in federal court filed by groups in support of the monuments to overturn the Trump Administration's decision, the re-establishment of the monuments by President Biden in 2021, the lawsuits that followed by the State of Utah and opposition groups, and the current status of the monuments and the lawsuits. We will also discuss the relationship SUWA has in working with Tribal partners in the state of Utah, especially in conjunction with advocacy on Bears Ears National Monument and the National Wilderness Coalition.

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Scott Braden, SUWA Executive Director
Amanda Newman, National Wilderness Coalition

12:00pm – 12:30pm
Arrive at Rocky Rapid/Big Sandy/Take Out Beach – take out point dependent upon water levels and flow speeds.
Lunch provided at Take Out Beach by river guides.

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Depart river take out point and travel back to Gravity Haus Moab in SUWA vehicle**.** Self-directed time at the hotel to unpack, clean up, rest.

2:00pm - 2:15pm
Travel from hotel to Arches National Park in SUWA vehicles

2:15pm - 5:30pm
Visit sites throughout Arches National Park to discuss the differences between recreational opportunities in the National Parks versus on Bureau of Land Management managed areas. Discuss the challenges for land management agencies after DOGE cuts as well as how it affects the visitor experience and what can be done to address these challenges.

Speakers:
Neal Clark, SUWA Wildlands Director
Scott Braden, SUWA Executive Director
Lauren Hainsworth, SUWA Legislative Advocate

5:30pm – 5:45pm
Depart Arches National Park for Hoodoo Moab in SUWA vehicles for evening discussion and dinner

5:45pm – 8:00pm
Dinner at restaurant in Hoodoo Moab, Josie Wyatt's Grill. Joined by other SUWA staff in the Moab office.

8:00pm - 8:15pm
Return to Gravity Haus Moab in SUWA vehicles

8:15pm
End of Day 3

Day 4 – August 19 – Wednesday

7:00am - 8:00am
Check out of hotel rooms, pack SUWA's rental vehicle

8:00am – 9:00am
Group breakfast at Gloria's Corner Cafe

9:00am - 10:45am
Travel from Moab to Grand Junction Regional Airport (GJT)**,** Check in to flights and await departure, returning to National Airport (DCA).

END OF TRIP