Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Lands Project

Travel date(s): May 6 - 9, 2022

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a
Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	$1,130.20 total ($964.83 for flights to/from DC to Boise; $165.37 share of rental car and fuel)	$263 total ($116 for 2 nights of camp equipment rental at Three Forks Recreation Site; $147 for hotel in Boise)	$110 total; for camp meals provided by Calamity Butte Outfitting	$83.33 total; for share of outfitter guide service day rate and setup fee

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☐ Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. *See* Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.): Please see attached itinerary. Fact finding trip to the Owyhee Canyonlands to learn about its human and natural history, regional economic drivers, and stakeholder connections to the landscape.

6/6/22 (Date) Robert Ahern (Printed name of traveler) (Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

5/6/22 (Date) (Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 1/3/11) **Form RE-2**

American Lands Project

Owyhee Canyonlands
2022 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Friday, May 6, 2022

- Travel from Washington, DC to Boise, ID
  - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska Airlines #1, **10:52 a.m.** arrive SEA
  - **11:50 a.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska Airlines #125, **2:19 p.m.** arrive BOI

- **3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Rental car from Boise Airport with Armando Rojas– *American Lands Project* to basecamp at Three Forks Recreation Site, Malheur County OR.
  - During the drive, have introductory discussion on the Owyhee Canyonlands and the region, history of land use and development, and natural history of the landscape. The drive into the campsite will showcase how remote and vast the Owyhee region is, as the largest undeveloped landscape in the lower 48. Printed maps will be provided to aid in discussion.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas (*American Lands Project*), Bobby Ahern (*Sen. Wyden),* Patrick Bond (*Sen. King*)

- **6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Arrive at overnight campsite at Three Forks Recreation Site[1], an established campsite at the confluence of three tributaries to the Owyhee River, and get situated at camp.
  - Camp meals and lodging services to be provided by Jeff Schmidt and Tory Schmidt- *Calamity Butte Guide Service*.

- **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner - Three Forks Recreation Site
  - Local experts and coalition members will share background on the Owyhee Canyonlands and will provide a stronger sense of place for the region through overview of maps and discussion around the different sections of the Owyhee Canyonlands. Guests will learn about the history of the area, including Tribal history, stakeholder dynamics, and the structure of the local economy.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman *(Conservation Lands Foundation)*, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis (*Friends of the Owyhee*), Ryan Houston (*Oregon Natural Desert Association*), Jeff and Tory Schmidt (*Calamity Butte Guide Service*)

Saturday, May 7, 2022

- **7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Individual breakfast at Three Forks Recreation Site

- **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Guided hike from camp to go over the landscape and ecology of the Owyhee Canyonlands
  - During the hike, explain the wildlife and plants of the region, and discuss how the unique natural and geological characteristics of the landscape work together and make the Owyhee Canyonlands such an important area for biodiversity. The volcanic history of the Owyhee Canyonlands creates unique soil and landscape conditions that support more than two dozen unique plant

[1] Dependent on weather and road access conditions. The outfitter guide will scout camp locations in advance and advise on final site selection.

species only found in the region, and a diverse selection of more than 200 wildlife species including golden eagles, greater sage-grouse, and the largest herd of California bighorn sheep in the country.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Sammy Castonguay (*Friends of the Owyhee*)

- **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch discussion on threats to the Owyhee Canyonlands' natural integrity, including uranium mining and other land uses that may impact wildlife and recreational opportunities.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Sammy Castonguay

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Group camp discussion at Three Forks campsite centered around public lands laws and their impacts on southeastern Oregon, including the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) management of local public lands. Guests will also learn about how diverse stakeholders have come together to help chart the future of the Owyhee Canyonlands. Local Rancher Elias Eiguren will join the group at camp to participate in this discussion.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Sammy Castonguay, Elias Eiguren (*local rancher)*

- **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Local rancher Elias Eiguren will explain the history of the ranching community in and around the Owyhee Canyonlands, and what led ranchers to partner with conservationists for discussions around the future of the Owyhee. Parts of the region are still used for open-range cattle grazing, and coalition visions of the future of the landscape maintain the opportunity for healthy and sustainable grazing. Elias will also share background on the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition and their interests in conservation of the Owyhee Canyonlands.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Elias Eiguren

- **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Working Dinner, Three Forks Recreation Site camp
    - Discuss landscape-level threats such as wildfire, invasive species, and mining, and how these factors impact the region and the various groups that interact with the landscape, including sportsmen, rafters, and hikers. Recreational activities contribute almost $70 million per year to communities in the area, and are a vital part of what makes public lands in Malheur County so important to the region. Tim Davis will provide a sportsman's perspective on game hunting and fishing, while Jeff Schmidt will offer his perspective as an outfitter.
    - Skyler Vold (*Sage-grouse Conservation Coordinator, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife*) will be joining the camp for the night, in anticipation of the next day's early morning sage-grouse hike.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Elias Eiguren, Skyler Vold

Sunday, May 8, 2022

- **4:30 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Hike from camp to view greater sage-grouse sunrise mating rituals
    - Discuss the work done to protect the greater sage-grouse species across the West. The mating ritual here only occurs at dawn during the springtime. Sage-grouse are a threatened species of bird that rely on unfragmented sagebrush habitat for cover, diet, nesting, and mating grounds. They are seen as an indicator species for overall ecosystem health, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes the Owyhee Canyonlands as one of six key strongholds for the species.
    - Participants will be guided by Skyler Vold, and will arrive to the communal breeding grounds, or "leks," an hour before sunrise.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Skyler Vold

- **7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Individual breakfast at Three Forks Recreation Area camp, and pack up camp supplies.

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Short informational hike to discuss Indigenous history of the Owyhee Canyonlands
    - Discuss the Indigenous history of this area and current tribal ties to the landscape. Indigenous people have inhabited the Owyhee region for the last 13,000 years, and the Owyhee uplands were home to the Tagötöka band of the Northern Paiute at the time of European contact. Other bands of Paiute and Shoshone also share ties to the neighboring regions.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Jeff and Tory Schmidt

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.** Guided hike along the Owyhee River
    - Discuss hydrology, water rights, and the significance of the Owyhee River and its water to the surrounding landscape. The river's waters flow into the Snake River, and then into the Columbia Basin, where there are connections to salmon, agriculture, and hydroelectric dams.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Jeff and Tory Schmidt
- **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Working lunch – Discussion of the Owyhee Initiative
    - Discuss lessons learned from successful coalition work that led to the protection of more than a half million acres of federally designated wilderness on the Idaho side of the state border in Public Law 111-11, which passed in 2009.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Jeff and Tory Schmidt

- **2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Individual time to load vehicle and prepare to leave camp

- **2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Rental car to the Hampton Inn Boise - Airport (3270 S Shoshone St, Boise, ID 83705) with Armando Rojas
    - Review discussion of meetings from across the entire trip and go over remaining questions.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond

Monday, May 9, 2022

- Travel from Boise, ID to Washington, DC
  - **7:25 a.m.** depart BOI, Alaska Airlines #2514, **7:49 a.m.** arrive PDX
  - **9:50 a.m.** depart PDX, Alaska Airlines #764, **5:55 p.m.** arrive DCA

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AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

April 4, 2022

Bobby Ahern, Legislative Assistant
Senator Ron Wyden
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Bobby,

The American Lands Project appreciates your office's interest in the Owyhee Canyonlands in southeastern Oregon. At more than 5 million acres, the Owyhee Canyonlands is one of the largest intact and unprotected areas of federally-managed public land in the continental United States. The Northern Paiute, Bannock, and Shoshone tribes all hold historical ties to the land, and there are over 500 known archeological sites in the region. The Owyhee Canyonlands provides critical habitat to more than 200 species, including the greater sage-grouse, golden eagles, North America's largest herd of California bighorn sheep, and endemic plants such as the Owyhee clover. The regional economy is supported by outdoor recreation such as rafting, hiking and hunting, and public lands grazing. However, the potential for expanded mining in the area could impact long-held cultural, ranching, and recreational interests.

Land use in the Owyhee Canyonlands area has been shaped by both congressional and administrative actions. In the 1980s, large segments of the Owyhee River were classified as federal Wild and Scenic Rivers. More recently, in 2009, more than a half million acres of the Owyhee Canyonlands region in Idaho was designated by Congress as federally protected wilderness. Multiple recent administrations have created and revised protection plans for the greater sage-grouse, which is found in unusually high numbers across the Owyhee region. The current Administration has indicated that they will be updating longstanding grazing regulations, which will have direct relevance to ranching operations and wildlife interests throughout southeastern Oregon.

We would like to invite you to join American Lands Project for a trip to the Owyhee Canyonlands from May 6th – May 9th, 2022. Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to see and experience the Owyhee region first-hand, including exploring terrain along the Owyhee River, learning about the area's history, ecology and geology, and hearing directly from tribal members, businesses, ranchers, and recreators about their connection to this special landscape.

Please let me know if I can be helpful in answering any questions about the proposed trip, and I hope you will be able to join us.

Sincerely,

Armando Rojas
Program Associate

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PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Lands Project

2. Description of the trip: Fact-finding trip to the Owyhee Canyonlands to learn about its human and natural history, regional economic drivers, and stakeholder connections to the landscape.

3. Dates of travel: May 6-9, 2022

4. Place of travel: Owyhee Canyonlands, Oregon

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Patrick Bond (Sr. Policy Advisor, King) Bobby Ahern (Leg. Advisor, Wyden)

6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:

☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) *(see question 9)*.

7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

– AND –

☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.

8. I *certify* that:

☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.

– AND –

☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**
I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10).*

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

As the sole sponsor, American Lands Project (ALP) is funding the trip, developing the trip itinerary and coordinating trip logistics. ALP's Program Associate, Armando Rojas, will be leading the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

American Lands Project builds connections between policy-makers and the irreplaceable places that are in our country's best interest to protect. This trip to the Owyhee Canyonlands makes it possible for Senate guests to see and interact with the land, and meet people connected to the landscape.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

American Lands Project organized sponsored travel for congressional staff in 2021, and brought 2 House members to Southeastern Alaska. ALP was also approved to take Senate guests on trips to the Western Arctic and Tongass National Forest, but trips were canceled due to Covid precautions.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

American Lands Project does educational briefings for decision-makers in Washington, DC, and also works in coalition with other organizations who engage and educate citizens about the importance of conserving America's public lands and waters.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$1,064.83 total ($964.83 for flights to/from DC to Boise; $100 rental car)	$263 total ($116 for 2 nights of camp equipment rental at Three Forks Recreation Site; $147 for hotel in Boise)	$110 total; for camp meals provided by Calamity Butte Outfitting	$83.33 total; for outfitter guide service day rate and setup fee

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) This trip has been arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The location will give trip participants a unique opportunity to meet local stakeholders, experience the ecological features, and learn about public lands management through the lens of the Owyhee Canyonlands.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Basecamp at Three Forks Recreation Site, Malheur County Oregon. This will consist of individual camp tents at the recreation site. Also, Hampton Inn - Boise Airport (3270 South Shoshone, Boise ID 83705)

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Basecamp is the only and best option to stay overnight in this remote location. There are no hotels in the vicinity, so staying in a tent is required. The hotel in Boise was selected for room availability, location, and its offering of federal rates that satisfy per-diem requirements.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

For the basecamp, lodging and meals are both below per diem.

For Boise, lodging is at or below per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

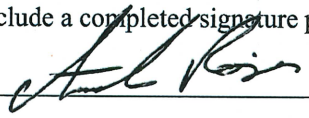
Coach class round trip flights between Washington D.C. and Boise, ID. Rental car (SUV) for ground transportation to and from the Owyhee Canyonlands in Oregon.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Armando Rojas

Name of Organization: American Lands Project

Address: 1904 Third Ave, Suite 406 Seattle, WA 98101

Telephone Number: (509) 760 - 4217

Fax Number:

E-mail Address: armando@americanlandsproject.org

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EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Bobby Ahern

Employing Office/Committee: Senator Ron Wyden

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): American Lands Project

Travel date(s): May 6 - 8, 2022, with returning travel May 9

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Owyhee Canyonlands, OR (with travel stopover in Boise, ID)

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

Bobby Ahern, Legislative Assistant to US Senator Ron Wyden, works on a broad array of natural resource issues while supporting the senator's leadership roles on the Senate Energy and Natural Resources and Finance Committees. Attending this trip will give Bobby first-hand access to indigenous partners, sportsmen, ranchers, and recreators who depend on our nation's public lands and the successful functioning of public land laws and regulations. Bobby will gain knowledge of the ecology and natural history of the Owyhee Canyonlands, an area with vast public lands and critical wildlife populations.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): n/a

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

4/6/22 *(Date)*

(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Ron Wyden *(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)* hereby authorize Bobby Ahern *(Print Traveler's Name)*

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (*signify "yes" by checking box)* ☐

3/5/22 *(Date)*

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 10/19/15) **Form RE-1**

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April 4, 2022

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Program Associate

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4. Place of travel: Owyhee Canyonlands, Oregon

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– OR –

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7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.

– AND –

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– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**
If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

As the sole sponsor, American Lands Project (ALP) is funding the trip, developing the trip itinerary and coordinating trip logistics. ALP's Program Associate, Armando Rojas, will be leading the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

American Lands Project builds connections between policy-makers and the irreplaceable places that are in our country's best interest to protect. This trip to the Owyhee Canyonlands makes it possible for Senate guests to see and interact with the land, and meet people connected to the landscape.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

American Lands Project organized sponsored travel for congressional staff in 2021, and brought 2 House members to Southeastern Alaska. ALP was also approved to take Senate guests on trips to the Western Arctic and Tongass National Forest, but trips were canceled due to Covid precautions.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

American Lands Project does educational briefings for decision-makers in Washington, DC, and also works in coalition with other organizations who engage and educate citizens about the importance of conserving America's public lands and waters.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate ☐ Actual Amounts	$1,120.65 total ($1,020.65 for flights to/from DC to Boise; $100 rental car)	$347 total ($200 for 2 nights of camp lodging and outfitting services at Three Forks Recreation Site; $147 for hotel in Boise)	$110 total; for camp meals provided by Calamity Butte Outfitting	

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation **or** b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

b) This trip has been arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

The location will give trip participants a unique opportunity to meet local stakeholders, experience the ecological features, and learn about public lands management through the lens of the Owyhee Canyonlands.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Basecamp at Three Forks Recreation Site, Malheur County Oregon. This will consist of individual camp tents at the recreation site. Also, Hampton Inn - Boise Airport (3270 South Shoshone, Boise ID 83705)

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Basecamp is the only and best option to stay overnight in this remote location. There are no hotels in the vicinity, so staying in a tent is required. The hotel in Boise was selected for room availability, location, and its offering of federal rates that satisfy per-diem requirements.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

For the basecamp, lodging and meals are both below per diem.

For Boise, lodging is at or below per diem.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

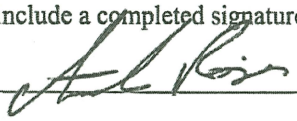
Coach class round trip flights between Washington D.C. and Boise, ID. Rental car (SUV) for ground transportation to and from the Owyhee Canyonlands in Oregon.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

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American Lands Project

Owyhee Canyonlands
2022 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Friday, May 6, 2022

- Travel from Washington, DC to Boise, ID
  - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska Airlines #1, **10:52 a.m.** arrive SEA
  - **11:50 a.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska Airlines #125, **2:19 p.m.** arrive BOI

- **3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Rental car from Boise Airport with Armando Rojas– *American Lands Project* to basecamp at Three Forks Recreation Site, Malheur County OR.
  - During the drive, have introductory discussion on the Owyhee Canyonlands and the region, history of land use and development, and natural history of the landscape. The drive into the campsite will showcase how remote and vast the Owyhee region is, as the largest undeveloped landscape in the lower 48. Printed maps will be provided to aid in discussion.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas (*American Lands Project*), David Feinman (*Conservation Lands Foundation),* Bobby Ahern (*Sen. Wyden),* Patrick Bond (*Sen. King*)

- **6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Arrive at overnight campsite at Three Forks Recreation Site[1], an established campsite at the confluence of three tributaries to the Owyhee River, and get situated at camp.
  - Camp meals and lodging services to be provided by Jeff Schmidt and Tory Schmidt- *Calamity Butte Guide Service.*

- **6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner - Three Forks Recreation Site
  - Local experts and coalition members will share background on the Owyhee Canyonlands and will provide a stronger sense of place for the region through overview of maps and discussion around the different sections of the Owyhee Canyonlands. Guests will learn about the history of the area, including Tribal history, stakeholder dynamics, and the structure of the local economy.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis (*Friends of the Owyhee*), Ryan Houston (*Oregon Natural Desert Association*), Jeff and Tory Schmidt (*Calamity Butte Guide Service*), Sammy Castonguay (*Friends of the Owyhee*), Scott Hauser (*Upper Snake River Tribes*)

Saturday, May 7, 2022

- **7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Individual breakfast at Three Forks Recreation Site

- **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Guided hike from camp to go over the landscape and ecology of the Owyhee Canyonlands
  - During the hike, explain the wildlife and plants of the region, and discuss how the unique natural and geological characteristics of the landscape work together and make the Owyhee Canyonlands such an important area for biodiversity. The volcanic history of the Owyhee Canyonlands creates unique

[1] Dependent on weather and road access conditions. The outfitter guide will scout camp locations in advance and advise on final site selection.

soil and landscape conditions that support more than two dozen unique plant species only found in the region, and a diverse selection of more than 200 wildlife species including golden eagles, greater sage-grouse, and the largest herd of California bighorn sheep in the country.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt

- **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch discussion on threats to the Owyhee Canyonlands' natural integrity, including uranium mining and other land uses that may impact wildlife and recreational opportunities.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Group camp discussion at Three Forks campsite centered around public lands laws and their impacts on southeastern Oregon, including BLM's management of local public lands. Guests will also learn about how diverse stakeholders have come together to help chart the future of the Owyhee Canyonlands. Local Rancher Elias Eiguren will join the group at camp to participate in this discussion.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Elias Eiguren (*local rancher)*

- **3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Local rancher Elias Eiguren will explain the history of the ranching community in and around the Owyhee Canyonlands, and what led ranchers to partner with conservationists for discussions around the future of the Owyhee. Parts of the region are still used for open-range cattle grazing, and coalition visions of the future of the landscape maintain the opportunity for healthy and sustainable grazing. Elias will also share background on the Owyhee Basin Stewardship Coalition and their interests in conservation of the Owyhee Canyonlands.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Elias Eiguren

- **6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** Working Dinner, Three Forks Recreation Site camp
    - Hear from Scott Hauser (*Executive Director, Upper Snake River Tribes*) about the tribal connection to the land and how tribal engagement is working with the coalition and partners.
    - Discuss landscape-level threats such as wildfire, invasive species, and mining, and how these factors impact the region and the various groups that interact with the landscape, including sportsmen, rafters, and hikers. Recreational activities contribute almost $70 million per year to communities in the area, and are a vital part of what makes public lands in Malheur County so important to the region. Tim Davis will provide a sportsman's perspective on game hunting and fishing, while Jeff Schmidt will offer his perspective as an outfitter.
    - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt, Elias Eiguren

Sunday, May 8, 2022

- **4:30 a.m. – 6:30 a.m.** Optional hike from camp to view greater sage-grouse sunrise mating rituals
  - Discuss the work done to protect the greater sage-grouse species across the West. The mating ritual here only occurs at dawn during the springtime. Sage-grouse are a threatened species of bird that rely on unfragmented sagebrush habitat for cover, diet, nesting, and mating grounds. They are seen as an indicator species for overall ecosystem health, and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recognizes the Owyhee Canyonlands as one of six key strongholds for the species.
  - Participants will be guided by Tim Davis and will arrive to the communal breeding grounds, or "leks," an hour before sunrise. Also supporting will be an *Oregon Department of Fish and Game* specialist (person to be determined, depending on agency availability).

- **7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Individual breakfast at Three Forks Recreation Area camp, and pack up camp supplies.

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Short informational hike to discuss Indigenous history of the Owyhee Canyonlands
  - Discuss the Indigenous history of this area and current tribal ties to the landscape. Indigenous people have inhabited the Owyhee region for the last 13,000 years, and the Owyhee uplands were home to the Tagötöka band of the Northern Paiute at the time of European contact. Other bands of Paiute and Shoshone also share ties to the neighboring regions.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.** Guided hike along the Owyhee River
  - Discuss hydrology, water rights, and the significance of the Owyhee River and its water to the surrounding landscape. The river's waters flow into the Snake River, and then into the Columbia Basin, where there are connections to salmon, agriculture, and hydroelectric dams.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt
- **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Working lunch – Discussion of the Owyhee Initiative
  - Discuss lessons learned from successful coalition work that led to the protection of more than a half million acres of federally designated wilderness on the Idaho side of the state border in Public Law 111-11, which passed in 2009.
  - Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond, Tim Davis, Ryan Houston, Sammy Castonguay, Scott Hauser, Jeff and Tory Schmidt

- **2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Individual time to load vehicle and prepare to leave camp

- **2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Rental car to the Hampton Inn Boise - Airport (3270 S Shoshone St, Boise, ID 83705) with Armando Rojas

- Review discussion of meetings from across the entire trip and go over remaining questions.
- Attendees: Armando Rojas, David Feinman, Bobby Ahern, Patrick Bond

Monday, May 9, 2022

- Travel from Boise, ID to Washington, DC
  - **7:25 a.m.** depart BOI, Alaska Airlines #2514, **7:49 a.m.** arrive PDX
  - **9:50 a.m.** depart PDX, Alaska Airlines #764, **5:55 p.m.** arrive DCA

AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT
WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

Effective as of May 18, 2021

American Lands Project builds connections between policy-makers and the irreplaceable places that are in our country's best interest to protect. We make it possible for those with the power to help protect these unforgettable lands and waters to experience them first-hand, through a unique educational travel program that we operate..

In order for you ("**Participant**") to participate in the travel program (the "**Program**") operated by American Lands Project ("**ALP**"), and in consideration of the education and services ALP will provide to you, you agree to all of the terms and conditions set forth in this Waiver and Release of Liability Agreement (this "**Agreement**"), as indicated by your execution of this Agreement.

GENERAL LIABILITY WAIVER

Participant is knowingly and voluntarily participating in the Program with an express understanding of the potential dangers and risks involved, both as set out in this Agreement and as may otherwise be present. Participant accepts and assumes, on behalf of Participant and Participant's survivors, heirs, assigns, or other successors, all risks and full responsibility for all damages, injuries, illnesses, other losses, and even death in connection with the Program to the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, *other than* to the extent directly and solely caused by ALP's gross negligence or willful misconduct. Participant and Participant's survivors, heirs, assigns, or other successors will indemnify, defend, hold harmless, release, and discharge ALP and its affiliates from all damages, injuries, illnesses, or other losses in connection with Participant's participation in the Program, including both the risks otherwise set out in this Agreement and COVID-19 pandemic-related risks (collectively, "**COVID-19**") to the fullest extent permitted by law.

SPECIFIC RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH ALP PROGRAM

The Program includes complex travel arrangements that are necessary in order to reach the unique environments about which the Program is intended to educate its participants, including a variety of modes of transport, some of which inherently bear higher risk than the modes of transport participants are accustomed to using in their daily lives. Those environments may also include physical hazards and a variety of wild fauna and flora, some of which may be dangerous to humans. Participants may engage in moderate to strenuous physical exertion in order to participate fully in the Program.

Participant acknowledges and agrees that, while ALP makes its best efforts to minimize the risk of damages, injuries, illnesses, and other losses associated with the Program, the Program could not be carried out without exposing Participant and other participants to some or all of the risks described in this section. Participant accepts and assumes all risks and full responsibility for all damages, injuries, illnesses, other losses, and even death in connection with the transport, lodging, environmental, and physical-activity aspects of ALP's program. Participant acknowledges that such risks are inherent to a program such as the Program and agrees that ALP is not responsible for such risks.

GUIDES AND THEIR INSTRUCTIONS

Participants will be led by guides at various points in the Program. Guides may be ALP staff, local volunteers, or third-party contractors retained by ALP. In all cases, Participant agrees to follow all instructions and equipment and apparel recommendations issued by guides and to wear personal protective equipment ("PPE") or use other safety equipment at all times and in the manner instructed by guides.

Participant agrees that ALP is not liable under any circumstances for any damages, injuries, illnesses, or other losses that may result from Participant's failure to follow all instructions issued by any guide employed, contracted, or retained by ALP. Participant agrees that ALP is not liable for any failure of any guide to protect Participant from damages, injuries, illnesses, or other losses resulting from any failure of any guide to issue correct instructions or anticipate environmental hazards unless ALP had reason in advance to know that employing, contracting, or retaining such guide would constitute gross negligence by ALP.

BUSH AIRCRAFT, GUIDED BOATS, AND OTHER NON-COMMON CARRIERS

Participant acknowledges that some trips conducted under the Program may require flights in small fixed-wing aircraft or helicopters operated under 14 C.F.R. Part 135 (collectively, "Bush Aircraft"), in remote locations where service on scheduled air carriers is not available. Participant acknowledges that Bush Aircraft are operated under federal aviation rules that differ from those applicable to scheduled air carriers, and that flying on Bush Aircraft may involve a somewhat higher level of risk to passengers that is inherent to small fixed-wing aircraft or helicopter operation in remote areas. Participant agrees that ALP is not liable under any circumstances for any damages, injuries, illnesses, or other losses resulting from any necessary use of Bush Aircraft in connection with the Program.

Participant acknowledges that some trips conducted under the Program may require travel in private, guided boats or other modes of private transportation operated in remote areas where common-carrier transportation is not available, and that transportation in such boats or other modes of private transportation may involve a somewhat higher level of risk than is present in common-carrier transportation. Participant agrees that ALP is not liable under any circumstances for any damages, injuries, illnesses, or other losses resulting from any necessary use of such private, guided boat or other private transportation s in connection with the Program.

THIRD-PARTY LIABILITIES

To allow participation in the Program, ALP will engage a wide variety of third-party service providers to provide transportation, lodging, guidance, food, and other necessary services. Participant acknowledges that it would be impossible to conduct the Program without such services, and hereby agrees to indemnify and defend ALP against any and all damages, injuries, illnesses, or other losses caused by the conduct of such third-party service providers in connection with the Program, except if ALP had reason in advance to know that retention of such providers would constitute gross negligence on the part of ALP.

COVID-19

ALP has taken reasonable measures, following public health authorities' guidance, in planning the Programming to minimize the risk of COVID-19. Nevertheless, ALP cannot prevent Participant from becoming exposed to, contracting, or spreading COVID-19 while participating in the Program. By choosing to participate in the Programming, Participant acknowledges that Participant may be exposed to and/or face an increased risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19. Participant further acknowledges that ALP's expectation is that Program participants have been vaccinated for COVID-19, and agrees to notify ALP in advance of the Program if Participant has not been vaccinated for COVID-19.

As a condition of participating in the Program, Participant will:

- Conduct a self-screen before participating in the Programming;
- Not participate in the Program if Participant or anyone Participant has been in recent contract with has developed COVID-19 or its symptoms;

- Follow CDC and local guidance related to COVID-19; and
- Provide such further health information, screen and certifications as ALP may reasonably require.

Participant agrees that Participant is knowingly and voluntarily participating in the Program with an express understanding of the dangers involved. Participant understands the risks related to the Program during the COVID-19 pandemic, and assumes all such risks, including any specific risks related to factors such as age, health, or pre-existing conditions.

To the fullest extent allowed by applicable law, Participant hereby forever releases and waives any right to bring suit against ALP and its officers, directors, managers, officials, trustees, agents, employees, or other representatives in connection with any aspect of the Participant's participation in the Program, or in connection with the participation of any invitee of Participant in any portion of the Program with respect to which ALP, in its sole discretion, does not require such invitee to execute a separate Waiver and Release of Liability. Participant understands that this waiver means Participant, any invitee of Participant to which this section applies, and Participant's or such invitee's survivors, heirs, assigns, or other successors give up any right to bring any claims including for personal injuries, death, disease or property losses, or any other loss, including but not limited to claims of negligence, and give up any claim to seek damages, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen.

Participant agrees to this Agreement in consideration for the opportunity to participate in the Program and all benefits that accrue to Participant as a result of Participant's participation in the Program. If any part of this Agreement is held invalid or unenforceable, that part will be deemed excluded and the remainder will remain in full force and effect.

Participant understands and agrees that the law of the State of Washington will exclusively apply to this Agreement.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT, AND FREELY AND KNOWINGLY ASSUME THE RISK AND WAIVE MY RIGHTS CONCERNING LIABILITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE:

PARTICIPANT

Signature

Robert Ahern

Printed Name

4/29/22

Date

Release for Participation in Activity

In exchange for participation in Three Forks Basecamp, May 6-8 (Trip name and date / the "Activity"), organized by Calamity Butte Guide Services LLC located at 714 W B St. Burns, OR 97720 ("Releasee"), I hereby agree as follows:

1. I and anyone claiming on my behalf release and forever discharge Releasee and its affiliates, successors and assigns, officers, employees, representatives, partners, agents and anyone claiming through them (collectively, the "Released Parties"), in their individual and/or corporate capacities from causes of action of any nature and kind, known or unknown, which I may have against Releasee or any Released Parties arising out of or relating to any injury, loss or damage to person and property that may be sustained as a result of participation in the Activity ("Claims").
2. I understand that participation in the Activity involves inherent risks, including risk of physical or psychological injury, pain, suffering, illness, disfigurement, temporary or permanent paralysis and/ or death, and I assume all related risks and voluntarily participate in the Activity.
3. I agree to indemnify Releasee against any and all claims, actions, lawsuits, damages and judgments, including attorney's fees, arising out of or relating to my participation in the Activity.
4. This Release for Participation in Event or Activity ("Release") shall not be in any way construed as an admission by the Releasee that it has acted wrongfully with respect to me or any other person, that it admits liability or responsibility at any time for any purpose, or that I have any rights whatsoever against the Releasee.
5. This Release shall be binding upon the parties and their respective heirs, administrators, personal representatives, executors, successors and assigns. I have the authority to release the Claims and have not assigned or transferred any Claims to any other party. The provisions of this Release are severable. If any provision is held to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision. This Release constitutes the entire agreement between the parties and supersedes any prior oral or written agreements or understandings between the parties concerning the subject matter of this Release. This Release may not be altered, amended or modified, except by a written document signed by both parties. The terms of this Release shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon.
6. I have carefully read and fully understand all the provisions of this Release and am freely, knowingly and voluntarily entering into this Release.
7. Individuals (Releasor) must provide their own insurance for Activity. The Releasee is not responsible for automobile insurance or recovery fees for participants, nor any other other kind of insurance.

SIGNATURES

Signature of Releasor (Client)

Date 4/29/22

Robert Ahern
Printed Name of Releasor (Client)

Signature of Parent or Guardian
(If Releasor is under 18)

Date

Printed Name of Parent or Guardian
(If Releasor is under 18)