Date/Time Stamp:

SENATORS AND OFFICERS POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE OF TRAVEL EXPENSES

This disclosure, along with a copy of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and all attachments, MUST be provided to the **Office of Public Records, Room 232 of the Hart Building**, within **30 days** after the travel is completed.

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I Senator Martin Heinrich, make the following
(Name of Senator/Officer)
disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me.

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

Travel date(s): July 1 - July 9, 2022

Destination(s): Western Arctic, Alaska (with layover in Fairbanks)

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

FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE LINES. 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 Senator/Officer:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate ☒ Actual Amount	$7,633.68 total	$1,387.00 total	$324.25 total	$2,141 total; $2,130 for share of guide fee, $11 for Large Animal Research Station Tour

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.): See attached final itinerary

I HAVE MADE A DETERMINATION THAT THE TRAVEL DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS IN CONNECTION WITH MY DUTIES AS AN OFFICEHOLDER, AND DID NOT CREATE THE APPEARANCE THAT I WAS USING PUBLIC OFFICE FOR PRIVATE GAIN.

8/8/22
(Date)

(Signature of Senator/Officer)

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Form RE-3

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August 6, 2022

The Honorable Christopher A. Coons
Chairman
U.S. Senate Select Committee on Ethics
220 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Coons:

The enclosed Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses form and Private Sponsor Travel Certification form provide details related to The American Lands Project trip to Alaska last month.

I am writing to provide Supplemental Information related to lodging expenses that exceeded the established per diem rate for the location. Hazardous flying conditions resulting from wildfire smoke that blanketed large portions of northern Alaska resulted in an unexpected change of itinerary at the end of the trip. On July 7, the air-taxi operator identified a narrow window of visibility that would allow him to move the group out of Etivlik Lake. However, difficult flying conditions from extensive wildfire smoke did not allow for a return all the way to Coldfoot that day, so we were moved to Iniakuk Lake as a staging location. We were then safely moved from Iniakuk Lake to Coldfoot on July 8.

Unexpected emergency lodging expenses arranged by the air-taxi operator were incurred at Iniakuk Lake and charged to the trip sponsor (American Lands Project.) The additional lodging expense is included in the RE-3 filing, and I have reimbursed $829 to the American Lands Project, the amount in excess of the lodging per diem for this geography.

If your staff has additional questions, they may contact Rebecca Avitia, my Chief of Staff, at 202-228-1074.

Sincerely,

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AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

May 23, 2022

Senator Martin Heinrich
303 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heinrich,

The American Lands Project appreciates your interest in the National Petroleum Reserve – Alaska (NPR-A). The 23 million-acre NPR-A, nearly the size of the state of Virginia, is the largest single unit of public land in the country. Located in the far northwest corner of Alaska, it is one of the wildest places on earth and provides critical habitat to polar bears, caribou, walruses, beluga whales, and hundreds of species of migratory birds. Over forty Alaska Native communities rely on subsistence resources in the NPR-A.

In 2013, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) released the first ever Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) for the entire NPR-A. That IAP provided specific protections for 13 million acres of designated "Special Areas." However, a new IAP was finalized in 2020 that largely reversed those protections and opened 18.6 million acres of the NRP-A to oil and gas leasing. In 2022, a decision was made to return to the 2013 IAP.

We believe a fact-finding trip to the National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska would provide you a valuable opportunity to see and experience first-hand this remote arctic landscape and better understand the dynamic human and natural systems at play in the NPR-A.

We would like to invite you to join American Lands Project for a trip to the NPR-A from July 1st to July 9th, 2022 (on the ground in the NPRA from mid-day on July 2nd to mid-day on July 8th). Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to experience some of the most wild and remote country in the United States and learn more about the natural systems, climate impacts, Alaska Native communities, and history and land use policy of the NPR-A.

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. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Armando Rojas
Program Manager

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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.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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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 National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska (NPR- A) to learn about its importance to Alaska Natives, Arctic natural systems and history, and land management plans.

3. Dates of travel: July 1, 2022 - July 9, 2022, with July 1-2 and July 8-9 as travel to/from destination

4. Place of travel: National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska

5. Name and title of Senate invitees: U. S. Senator Martin Heinrich

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 is helping with organization of trip logistics (all logistics not organized by guide service).

ALP Board Member Neil Kornze will be attending 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 seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation by facilitating fact-finding travel centered around place-based education. This trip will provide history, context, and understanding for the Senator in support of his responsibilities related to public lands in Arctic Alaska.

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

American Lands Project has organized sponsored travel opportunities for House Members to Southeast Alaska (2021) and for congressional staff to Southeastern Oregon (2022). ALP also received approval to take Senators and Senate staff to Alaska in 2021; the trips were canceled due to weather and Covid.

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

American Lands Project conducts educational briefings for decision-makers in Washington, DC, and works in coalition with diverse organizations engaged with policies surrounding the use and management of 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	$12,076 total; ($2,203 for flights to/from Albuquerque - Fairbanks; $7,034 for flights to/from Fairbanks - NPR-A; $25 taxis in Fairbanks)	$383 total; ($308 for 2 nights hotel in Fairbanks; $75 for tent rental in NPR-A)	$180 total; for share of backcountry meals provided by guide (none will exceed per diem rates)	$3000 total; for share of guide service costs

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

This trip to the NPR-A will provide invitees with a unique opportunity to visit America's largest unit of public land to learn about its unique history, management, and role in America's future energy and climate policies.

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

Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge (1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK 99709)

Basecamps will be comprised of individual camping tents in remote parts of NPR-A described in itinerary.

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

The hotel in Fairbanks was selected for room availability, central location, and comparable seasonal rates to other local hotels. In the NPR-A, basecamps (individual backcountry tents) are the only option to stay overnight in this remote location; there are no hotels in the vicinity, making staying in tents required.

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 Fairbanks, the lodging is at or below per diem.

For NPR-A the lodging is below per diem and the meals are 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:

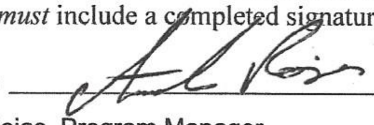
Coach class round trip flights between Albuquerque and Fairbanks, and coach class equivalent on air taxis when traveling from Fairbanks to remote locations in the NPR-A. Taxis for ground transportation.

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

National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska
2022 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Friday, July 1, 2022

- Travel from Albuquerque, NM to Fairbanks, AK
  - **7:15 a.m** United Airlines #210 to Denver, arriving **8:38 a.m.**
  - **9:30 a.m.** Alaska Airlines #1404 to Anchorage, arriving **1:00 p.m.**
  - **3:45 p.m.** Alaska Airlines #2105 to Fairbanks, arriving **4:45 p.m.**
  - **5:00 p.m.** Taxi from airport for layover at Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK

Saturday, July 2, 2022

Attendees unless additional guests listed: U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich, Ali Zaidi (Deputy White House National Climate Advisor), John Podesta (Chair, Center for American Progress), Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins (Legislator, State of Alaska), Neil Kornze (Board Member, American Lands Project)

Concern on the part of the air taxi operator and guide related to unsafe flying conditions from wildfire smoke and weather necessitated a delay in departure and kept the group in Fairbanks for an extra day/night.

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast at hotel

- **9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.** Rental van to Large Animal Research Station, 2220 Yankovich Rd, Fairbanks, AK

- **10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Tour of Large Animal Research Station
  - Discussed Alaskan wildlife and ecology while viewing muskox, wood bison, and caribou at the Research Station. Reviewed Alaskan and global wildlife populations for these species.

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Rental van to Ivory Jacks Restaurant: 2581 Goldstream Rd A, Fairbanks, AK 99709

- **12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Working lunch at Ivory Jacks Restaurant with Mike Sfraga- *Chairman of the United States Arctic Research Commission*
  - Discussed the work of the United States Arctic Research Commision.

- **2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Rental van to Museum of the North: 1962 Yukon Dr, Fairbanks, AK

- **2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Tour of Museum of the North
  - Viewed and discussed museum exhibits, and learned about Alaska Native cultures, natural history, and diverse wildlife.

- **4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Rental van to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge

- **4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Break

- **6:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Rental van to Thai House Restaurant: 412 5th Ave, Fairbanks, AK

- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner at Thai House Restaurant with Bernadette Demientieff- *Executive Director, Gwich'in Steering Committee,* and Princess Daazhraii Johnson - *President, Deenaadàį' Productions*
    - Discussion covered community topics and the significance of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to the Gwich'in people.

Sunday, July 3, 2022

Attendees: Senator Heinrich, Ali Zaidi, John Podesta, Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Neil Kornze, Jim and Kyle Campbell (Guides for Arctic Treks)

- **6:45 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.** Breakfast at hotel

- Air-taxi from Fairbanks to Ivotuk
    - **7:00 a.m.** Taxi to airport
    - **8:00 a.m.** Depart Fairbanks, Wright Air Service

      During overflight, discussed the history of the NPR-A, including initial designation in 1923 as an emergency oil supply for the U.S. Navy, Navy management of the land until the area was conveyed to the Department of the Interior in 1976 in accordance with the Naval Petroleum Reserves Production Act, and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) management from that conveyance until present day.
    - **10:00 a.m.** Arrived at Ivotuk: temporary basecamp chosen due to wildfire smoke and difficult flying conditions.

- **10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Set up camp

- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Reviewed maps and discussed the NPR-A and Integrated Activity Plan (IAP) designated ecological Special Areas. The 23-million-acre NPR-A is the largest single tract of public land in the United States, approximately the size of the state of Virginia. It is home to polar bears; two large caribou herds, including the largest in the United States; millions of migratory shorebirds, geese, and raptors; and beluga whales, walruses, and other marine mammals. This orientation helped guests understand the diversity of landscape types across the NPR-A and the unique ecological Special Areas it contains, in addition to the areas that are under lease for oil production and those areas that are available for future leasing.

- **12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussed the differences between the NPR-A Integrated Activity Plans approved in 2013 and 2020, and the current Administration's decision in April 2022 to return to the 2013 plan.

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Discussed fossil fuel resources in the Arctic, history of development, oil and gas revenues from federal land in Alaska, and the revenue sharing framework for local, state and federal governments.
    - Used maps to examine the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope of Alaska, ranging from Prudhoe Bay to the NPR-A. Discussion covered recent assessments of fossil fuel resources on the North Slope, as well as offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This helped guests better understand Alaska's fossil fuel resources, and how their extraction and use relate to the nation's energy and climate goals.

- **3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Overview of oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.

- **4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Break

- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Overview of the North Slope Borough and its villages. Most of the Borough's approximately 11,000 permanent residents live in eight communities: Anaktuvuk Pass, Atqasuk, Kaktovik, Nuiqsut, Point Hope, Point Lay, Utqiagvik, and Wainwright. Utqiagvik (formerly Barrow) serves as the Borough seat of government. Maps were provided to help guests understand the size and location of these communities.

Monday, July 4, 2022
Attendees: Senator Heinrich, Ali Zaidi, John Podesta, Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Neil Kornze, Jim Campbell, Kyle Campbell

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Pack up camp

- **9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** Air-taxi flight with Coyote Air to basecamp at Etivlik Lake, located in the southeastern corner of the NPR-A. During the flight, discussed the significance of large arctic wetland complexes like Teshekpuk Lake to migratory birds from all over the continental United States and the world. This helped guests understand the unique importance of Alaska's arctic wetlands to migratory birds, and the role of agency land management plans and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

- **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Reviewed the history and key elements of ANCSA, which extinguished aboriginal land title in Alaska, divided the state into 12 regions based on the common heritage and shared interests of the Alaska Native people within each geographic area, and mandated the creation of for-profit entities, which Congress termed "Alaska Native Corporations," tasked with promoting the social, cultural, and economic advancement of Alaska Native people and communities. A thirteenth Native Corporation was later created for Alaska Natives who no longer resided in Alaska.

- **12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Break for lunch

- **2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Discussion: Overview of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The Permanent Fund was created in 1976 to help manage the growing state income from oil and gas development. It mandates that at least 25 percent of all mineral lease rentals, royalties, royalty sale proceeds, federal mineral revenue sharing payments and bonuses received by the State be deposited into the Fund. The Permanent Fund also allows for the distribution of dividend checks to Alaska residents.

- **3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Discussion: Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA)
    - Discussed the history and landscape-shaping impact of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) of 1980. ANILCA designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska, as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and national monuments across the state. It also established a priority for subsistence uses of fish and wildlife resources for rural residents during times of scarcity, as well as transportation in and across parklands and wilderness. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions surrounding resource management and utilization in Alaska.

- **4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Break

- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Overview of subsistence use and how it supports rural Alaskans. Federal law defines subsistence use as "the customary and traditional uses by rural Alaska residents of wild, renewable resources for such direct personal or family consumption as food, shelter, fuel, clothing, tools or transportation; the making and selling of handicraft articles… for barter or sharing for personal or family consumption; and for customary trade."

Tuesday, July 5, 2022
Attendees: Senator Heinrich, Ali Zaidi, John Podesta, Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Neil Kornze, Jim Campbell, Kyle Campbell

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Air-taxi flight with Coyote Air to view the western NPR-A.
    - During the overflight, viewed and discussed evidence of climate impacts in the region, including changes in snowpack and the timing of wildlife migrations for caribou herds on Alaska's North Slope.

- **1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Lunch and walking tour
    - Guided hike to observe wildlife and plants and discuss how natural systems function in this remote arctic landscape.
    - Bag lunch provided by guides at Arctic Treks

- **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Overview of the geography and history of adjacent public land units in northern Alaska, including Gates of the Arctic National Park and Preserve (the northernmost national park in the United States) and Noatak National Preserve

(thought to be the last remaining complete river system in the United States that has not been altered by human activities), both on the southern border of the NPR-A. Both units were designated by ANILCA in 1980.

- **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Discussion on the archaeological significance of the Western Arctic, and the excavations carried out in this region to uncover its history. Studies at Etivlik Lake and the nearby Lake Matcharak are two examples of such work that have uncovered cultural artifacts that shed light on the life and practices of early Arctic inhabitants.

Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Attendees: Senator Heinrich, Ali Zaidi, John Podesta, Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Neil Kornze, Jim Campbell, Kyle Campbell

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Camp discussion on the ecological importance of the nearby Utukok Uplands Special Area, and the connection to Alaska Native communities and subsistence uses of the NPR-A (including the 40+ villages in the region that rely on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd, the largest caribou herd in Alaska, as a subsistence resource).

- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Discussion of evidence of melting permafrost and saltwater intrusion from the coast into freshwater systems due to rising Arctic temperatures, trends in these impacts over time, and how they affect wildlife and North Slope communities.

- **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Working lunch: Reviewed estimates on the quantity of methane stored in permafrost in the Arctic. Arctic landscapes are a major reservoir of this greenhouse gas, and rising temperatures have been accelerating release from existing stores in the permafrost.

- **12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Guided hike from camp with discussion of the role that public lands in Alaska play in our nation's carbon management. Alaska contains one third the country's federally managed lands, but stores an even larger share of terrestrial ecosystem carbon stocks- 62% of all carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska.

- **2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Break

- **3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Discussion of offshore oil drilling in state and federal waters off the coast of Alaska in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, including the history of offshore lease sales in Alaska, and the geographical distribution of recent exploration.

- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of how climate change and accompanying permafrost melt has impacted communities throughout the state, and how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. Reviewed how the Infrastructure Investments and Jobs Act of

2021 works to address this, including its investments in a new Tribal transition and relocation assistance program with approximately $216 million in funding to support planning and voluntary, community-led transitions for those Tribal communities which are most vulnerable to accelerating climate-driven impacts.

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Attendees: Senator Heinrich, Ali Zaidi, John Podesta, Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Neil Kornze, Jim Campbell, Kyle Campbell

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Review of the geologic and ecological differences among the three major public land management units comprising Alaska's North Slope: the NPR-A, Prudhoe Bay (State of Alaska land), and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and how these differences influence land management in each area. Also discussed the management structures unique to each area, and how the US Fish and Wildlife Service (Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), Bureau of Land Management (NPR-A), and State of Alaska (including Prudhoe Bay) each play a role in overseeing lands and resources on the North Slope.

- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Guided hike to discuss how wildlife use different parts of the Western Arctic region in different seasons, many following migration routes that maintain similar patterns each year. Reviewed how federal agencies include seasonal safeguards in the IAP for the NPR-A, and how land-use permits account for this.

- **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Reviewed the Special Areas in the northern NPR-A and discussed the ecological importance of the Kasegaluk Lagoon, Peard Bay, and Teshekpuk Lake Special Areas. These three Special Areas contain important habitat for polar bears, seals, walrus, birds, and caribou herds that help sustain the Native people of Alaska's North Slope.

- **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Discussion of the history, scope, and status, and geography of the proposed deep-water port in Nome, Alaska, and the changes that such a facility could bring with respect to ship-based tourism, global transportation, and other economic activities in the circumpolar Arctic.

- **2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Break down camp

- **2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Air-taxi flight with Coyote Air to Iniakuk Lake
  - *Due to safety concerns resulting from extensive widespread wildfire smoke and limited visibility, the air-taxi operator chose to extract the group from Etivlik Lake on July 7, a day early. During a limited window of visibility, the group was moved from Etivlik Lake to Iniakuk Lake as a safety precaution. The group was then successfully moved from Iniakuk Lake to Coldfoot on July 8.*

- **3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Hiked along Iniakuk Lake to discuss ecosystems and wildlife found on the southern slope of the Brooks Range.

- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of work done by the Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group, and the latest survey data on caribou population counts and fluctuations over time. The Working Group is comprised of subsistence users, other Alaska hunters, reindeer herders, hunting guides, transporters and conservationists, with agency staff, biologists and natural resource managers serving in an advisory capacity. The Western Arctic Caribou Herd Working Group meets annually to evaluate the health of Alaska's largest caribou herd, and also works to identify concerns, request information, and advocate for actions that will conserve and benefit the herd.

Friday, July 8, 2022

Attendees: Senator Heinrich, Ali Zaidi, John Podesta, Jonathan Kreiss-Tomkins, Neil Kornze, Jim Campbell, Kyle Campbell

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** Working breakfast: Discussion around international Arctic politics and collaborative efforts beyond Alaska, including the Arctic Council, which was created as an intergovernmental forum to foster cooperation in the circumpolar Arctic. Management of the circumpolar Arctic and the role(s) and governance of Indigenous Arctic Peoples outside the United States also were explored.

- **9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** Discussion of Trans-Alaska Pipeline, including the 45 year history of the $8B Pipeline authorized by President Nixon in 1973, its construction, role in North Slope development, and its role in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.

- **11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Air-taxi flight with Coyote Air from Iniakuk Lake to Coldfoot.

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Tour of the Arctic Interagency Visitor Center in Coldfoot. The visitor center is a partnership between the Bureau of Land Management, Fish and Wildlife Service, and National Parks Service, and showcases exhibits on the landscapes and history of northern Alaska. (Trip Programming Ends)

- Travel from Coldfoot to Fairbanks
  - **3:30 p.m.** Depart Coldfoot, Wright Air Service, **5:00 p.m.** Arrive Fairbanks.
  - **5:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Rental van from airport to hotel at Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK

Saturday, July 9, 2022

- **4:45 a.m.** Rental van from hotel to FAI airport
- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Albuquerque, NM
  - **6:00 a.m.** Alaska Airlines #358 to Seattle arriving **10:36 a.m.**
  - **11:48 a.m.** Alaska Airlines #738 to Albuquerque arriving **3:54 p.m.**