

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

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. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

Certification: In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:

Private Sponsor(s):**Travel Dates:**

Washington Association of Wheat Grow

08/22/23 - 08/24/23

Name of accompanying family member (if any):**Relationship to Traveler:****Total Expenses**

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
190	196	63.25	N/A

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

9/5/23

Shawn Bills

Date

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.

9/5/23

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Expense Change

Revised Amount

Explanation

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

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United States Senate

SELECT COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

August 16, 2023

Shawn Bills
Office of Senator Patty Murray
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Mr. Bills:

This responds to your recent correspondence requesting approval from the Select Committee on Ethics (the Committee) to accept an invitation you received to travel to the *Lower Snake River Dam System Education Tour* in Lewiston, Idaho, on August 22–24, 2023, sponsored by the Washington Association of Wheat Growers, Washington State Potato Commission, the McGregor Company, and Northwest RiverPartners (the Sponsors). Provided that you adhere to the guidance set forth below, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from the Sponsors in connection with this trip.

Background

Based on your communication with the Committee, the background in this matter is as follows.¹ You are employed as the State Director for the Office of Senator Patty Murray. The Sponsors invited you to travel to the *Lower Snake River Dam System Education Tour* in Lewiston, Idaho, on August 22–24, 2023. The Sponsors certified to the Committee that they will pay the necessary expenses² related to the travel and that they are neither a lobbyist, lobbying firm, agent of a foreign principal, or otherwise acting as a representative or agent of a foreign government. Although at least one of the Sponsors is a private entity that retains or employs a federally registered lobbyist or foreign agent, the Sponsors have certified that no registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal will accompany you on any segment of your trip.³

Discussion

Privately sponsored travel includes any gift of travel and travel-related expenses for travel outside the Senate duty station, including transportation, lodging, food and refreshments, and conference fees and materials, whether paid for directly, reimbursed, or provided directly, from a private individual or entity, in connection with a Member's, officer's, or employee's official Senate duties. Incorporating reforms from the Honest Leadership and Open Government

¹ If this letter does not correctly recite the facts, contact the Committee immediately.

² The term "necessary expenses" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 10-13.

³ The term "any segment of your trip" has a specific definition. See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 15.

Act of 2007 (HLOGA), Pub. L. 110–81 (2007), Senate Rule 35.2 permits Members, officers, and employees to accept privately sponsored travel only with the prior written approval of the Committee.

The Committee's approval process is governed by the *Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel (Travel Regulations)*. The *Travel Regulations* contain detailed requirements regarding who may sponsor travel; time limits for trips; and the type and amount of expenses that can be reimbursed.

Trips sponsored by private entities that retain or employ a lobbyist or foreign agent may not exceed one day, exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay. A second overnight stay may be allowed if the sponsor establishes in writing that a two-night stay is practically required and necessary to accomplish the purpose of the trip. The Committee examines these requests on a case-by-case basis and will consider the distance of travel, the availability of transportation to or from the location of the one-day event, the start and end time of the day's official activities, and any other exceptional circumstances described in writing prior to the trip. Regardless of whether one or two overnight stays are approved, all scheduled officially-connected activities must take place on one calendar day. The sponsor may pay for meals and expenses for the overnight stays but may not plan or sponsor any substantive activities for the Senate invitee on those days. For such trips, neither lobbyists nor foreign agents may accompany a Senate invitee on any segment of the trip.⁴

Under Senate Rule 35, Senate staff must receive advance authorization signed by the Member or officer under whose direct supervision the individual works in order to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary expenses related to fact-finding travel. Further, such authorization and expenses must be disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate by filing the completed *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* and the *Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses* (Form RE-1 and Form RE-2), along with a copy of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and all relevant attachments (e.g., the private sponsor's invitation and itinerary) **within 30 days of the conclusion of Privately Sponsored Travel**.

Consistent with these standards and Committee precedent, and the Sponsors' factual representations, it appears that it is permissible for you to accept necessary expenses from the Sponsors in connection with this trip, provided that the actual travel and travel-related expenses for this one-day trip (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) conform to the information and materials you provided, and the travel and all required documents are disclosed to the Secretary of the Senate (Office of Public Records).

Finally, Senate Rule 34 requires a reporting individual,⁵ on their financial disclosure report, to make an annual disclosure of the receipt of payments or reimbursements under Senate Rule 35 from a private sponsor for officially-related travel expenses where, in the aggregate, travel expenses exceed \$415 from that sponsor during a calendar year. However, if a Member,

⁴ See *Select Committee on Ethics Regulations and Guidelines for Privately Sponsored Travel* at 6-10.

⁵ A reporting individual is someone whose salary equals or exceeds 120% of the basic rate of pay for GS-15 (\$141,022 for CY 2023) or is a political fund designee and is required to file financial disclosure reports.

officer, or employee properly reports the receipt of necessary expenses for such travel to the Secretary of the Senate within 30 days of the travel, as discussed above, the travel expenses need not be disclosed a second time on their financial disclosure report.

I hope you find this information helpful. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Committee.

Sincerely,



Shannon Hamilton Kopplin
Chief Counsel and Staff Director

Enclosure: Employee Privately Sponsored Travel Checklist

From: kgilkey@wawg.org <kgilkey@wawg.org>
Sent: Friday, July 14, 2023 3:38 PM
To: 'Bills, Shawn (Murray)' <Shawn_Bills@murray.senate.gov>
Cc: 'Michelle Hennings' <michelle@wawg.org>
Subject: Lower Snake River Dam System Educational Tour -- Ethics Forms

Lower Snake River Dam Tour Invitation

We invite you to come to the Pacific Northwest and tour one of the four dams located on the Lower Snake River on **August 23rd**. There has been much debate surrounding these federal projects. We encourage you to visit the river to see for yourself the critical importance of the dams on the Lower Snake and the Columbia Rivers.

Here are some statistics:

- Hydroelectricity is one of the cleanest, affordable and efficient sources of electricity. Hydropower in the Pacific Northwest provides benefits beyond electricity generation by providing flood control, irrigation support and clean drinking water to surrounding communities.
- River transportation assists in meeting our region's climate goals. Barging is the most efficient transportation mode with the least CO2 emissions per ton-mile. Replacing barging with rail and trucking would require an additional 5 million gallons of diesel each year, significantly increasing CO2 emissions.
- Dam removal could undermine the U.S. role in global food security. 60% of U.S. Wheat exports, 50% of U.S. wheat donations to international food programs, and 100% of the wheat sent to Yemen with USAID move through the Columbia Snake River System. We would see a significant reduction to this export systems' ability to feed the world without the ability to cost-effectively transport this grain.
- Our region relies on the Columbia Snake River System for irrigation water. More than 50,000 acres of diverse crops are irrigated with water originating from the river.
- As the nation's single largest wheat export gateway - supporting 4,000 jobs - the Lower Columbia Snake River ports in Washington and Oregon, are a crucial part of the US economy and an irreplicable part of the global supply chain.
- With low-income households facing a disproportionately high energy burden, it is important to note that the Lower Snake River dams are key to providing low-cost energy and have a combined nameplate capacity of 3,033 MW.

In addition to the educational tour of Lower Granite Dam and our lock system, our one-day tour will include a visit to the Port of Lewiston, Grain terminal that is a point source for receiving wheat across the northwest, Towline Barging company, and dinner at a local winery. Accommodations will be in Lewiston, ID at Hells Canyon Grand Hotel - full agenda and hotel information to follow to those who RSVP.

KayDee Gilkey
Outreach Coordinator
WA Association of Wheat Growers

RE-1 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.

Date/Time Stamp

Name of Traveler:

Shawn Bills

Employing Office/Committee:

Senator Patty Murray

Private Sponsor(s):

Washington Association of Wheat Growers

Destination(s):

Lewiston, ID

Travel Dates:

8/22/23 - 8/24/23

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

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

As State Director, I advise Senator Murray on a broad set of issues. In particular, I advise her on energy, salmon restoration and hydroelectric issues. This tour will help educate me on issues related to the management of these federal projects, and how they impact Washington state constituents and resources.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

☐

(signify "yes" by checking box)

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

8/16/23

Date

Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Patty Murray

Shawn Bills

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

(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)

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Additional sponsors of privately funded travel:

Washington State Potato Commission

The McGregor Company

Northwest River Partners

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam System Education Tour

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Washington Association of Wheat Grow

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?



Yes



No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐

Private Foundation

☐

Public Charity

Address:

109 E 1st Ave

City, State, Zip:

Ritzville, WA 99169

Phone Number:

509-659-0610

Organization URL:

www.wawg.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

We have not sponsored congressional travel before.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

We are a member based, grass roots organization which provides educational seminars, workshops that benefit our multi-generational members. Examples - We host a tri-state annual convention, we hold educational workshops with keynote speakers, we participate in farm fairs to educate students about how wheat is grown.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

☐

I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

☒

I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

☒

I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

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I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

☒

I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

☒

I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

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I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

We will providing a first-hand experience and educational tour of our Lower Snake River System that we use for renewable energy, irrigation and transportation of our commodity. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the locks through the dam on a boat, tour the Lower Granite dam facility, learn more about the Port of Lewiston and its activities, tour a grain terminal and learn more about the barge transportation system. They will hear from farmers, barge operators, managers, and other related river system users.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The Lower Snake River system is an important element to getting our farmers (members) product to market. Many of those in DC making important decisions about the river system have never experienced nor seen the dams and how it benefits our region. We are nonprofit member-based organization that provides educational information to our members as well as the public about the importance of our wheat industry.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

We are the main sponsor, planner and organizer. We have three joint sponsors for this educational tour: Washington State Potato Commission, The McGregor Company and Northwest RiverPartners. Our joint sponsors are assisting in funding and providing speakers during the tour.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ☒ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

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

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Will members and staff from the House of Representatives receive invitations?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:

August 22, 2023/5:00 pm



Trip End Date/Time:

August 24, 2023/7:00 am

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 190.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$ n/a)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Tour Bus Shuttle	n/a	95.00
Boat from Marina to Dam	n/a	95.00

Details (optional)

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 196.00 Accompanying Family Member: \$ n/a)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/22/23	8/24/23	Hells Canyon Grand Hote	Lewiston	ID	USA

Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)
2	\$98.00	No

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
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Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)
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If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
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Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)
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If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form 5

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam System Educational Tour
Travel Date(s): August 22-24, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

Sponsor: Washington Association of Wheat Growers

Michelle Hennings

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director

(title)

Michelle Hennings
(signature of sponsor representative)

7/6/23
(date)

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam System Education Tour

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Washington State Potato Commission

Is your organization classified as a 501(c)(3)?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If Yes, 501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐

Private Foundation

☐

Public Charity

Address:

108 S Interlake Rd

City, State, Zip:

Moses Lake, WA 98837

Phone Number:

509-765-8845

Organization URL:

www.potatoes.com

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

We have not sponsored congressional travel in the past.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

Our Commission participated in multiple educational activities throughout each year. In March we bring our fry van and teach elementary students about how potatoes are grown. Also, we attend Bloomsday in Spokane and educate the public on how potatoes are healthy and can be great for long distance athletic events. We also attend the Washington State Nutrition Association to help provide nutritious recipes.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

☐

I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

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I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

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I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

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I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

☒

I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

☒

I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

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I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam System Educational Tour
Travel Date(s): August 22-24 2023
Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, ID

Sponsor: Washington State Potato Commission

Chris Voigt
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director
(title)

Chris Voigt
(signature of sponsor representative)

7/6/2023
(date)

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam Educational Tour**Organization Information****Organization Name:**

The McGregor Company

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?☐ Yes ☒ No**If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:**☐ Private Foundation ☐ Public Charity**Address:**

P.O. Box 740 // 401 Colfax Airport Road

City, State, Zip:

Colfax WA 99111

Phone Number:

509-397-4355

Organization URL:

www.mcgregor.com

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

None

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

The McGregor Company educates farm customers on agronomic topics, participates in K-12 and higher education ag programs, and utilizes opportunities to raise ag literacy in our rural communities.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information**Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):**

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.
- ☐ I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.
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Foreign Government Involvement**Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):**

- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ☒ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam Educational Tour
Travel Date(s): August 22-24, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, ID
Sponsor: The McGregor Company

Leslie Druffel
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Outreach Director
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

07/11/2023
(date)

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam Educational Tour

Organization Information

Organization Name:

Northwest RiverPartners

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

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Yes

☒

No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐

Private Foundation

☐

Public Charity

Address:

825 Northeast Multnomah Street #1135

City, State, Zip:

Portland, OR 97204

Phone Number:

360-839-2525

Organization URL:

www.nwriverpartners.org

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

Never sponsored congressional travel before.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

We are a hydropower advocacy organization. We run educational campaigns in support of hydropower. We also develop white papers and perform research on issues related to hydropower, salmon, grid reliability, and energy equity.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

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I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

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Foreign Government Involvement

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I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: Lower Snake River Dam Educational Tour

Travel Date(s): August 22-24, 2023

Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, ID

Sponsor: Northwest RiverPartners

Kurt Miller

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Executive Director

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

8/2/2023

(date)

LOWER SNAKE RIVER DAM SYSTEM EDUCATIONAL TOUR**August 23, 2023***Lewiston, Idaho***August 22, 2023**

5 pm Dinner available (no program)
Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, Lewiston

August 23, 2023

6:00 am Breakfast

6:30 Load bus to go to Boyer Park & Marina
Michelle Hennings, Welcome & Introductions
Matt Harris, Washington State Potato Commission
Alex McGregor, The McGregor Company Chairman
Tom Kammerzell, Port of Whitman Commissioner

8:00 am Arrive Boyer Park & Marina, 1753 Granite Rd. Colton (Hwy 195 to Hwy 194)

Get on boat to go through the locks to the Lower Granite Dam

8:45 am Arrive at Lower Granite Dam
Kurt Miller, Northwest RiverPartners
Paul Ocker, Corp of Engineers

Tour Dam

11:15 am Load bus for Port of Lewiston
Michelle Hennings, Washington Association of Wheat Growers Executive Director
Casey Chumrau, Washington Grain Commission CEO
Anthony Pena, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association

12:30 pm Arrive at Port of Lewiston, 1626 N 6th Ave., Lewiston
Box Lunches provided

What happens to grain before and at grain terminal

Scott Corbitt, Port of Lewiston CEO

Jerry Kiekow, Lewis & Clark Grain Terminal General Manager

How grain leaves the terminal and how fuel is delivered

Jennifer Riddle, Tidewater Corporate Communications & Marketing Manager

Rob Rich, Shaver Transportation Vice President Marine Services

How grain travels through Lower Snake and Columbia Rivers to seas beyond

Captain Jeremy Nielsen, Columbia River Pilots

3:30 pm Load bus to go to Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, 621 21st St.

4:00 pm Break time at hotel

5:30 pm Load bus to go to Lindsay Creek Vineyard, 3107 Powers Ave.
**Alcohol will only be available for individuals to purchase*

6:00 pm Dinner and Speakers
Charlie Robertson, American Cruiselines
Blaine Meek, Agri-Northwest

8:30 pm Depart for hotel

9 pm Conclusion of tour -- upon return to hotel

August 23, 2023

6:30 am Breakfast available in lobby