

RE-2 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. **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):
American Lands Project

Travel Dates:
08/12/2023 to 08/20/2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$10,826.35	\$508.00	\$179.00	\$2,866.67

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.

9/18/2023

Date

HANNAH VOGEL

Printed Name of Traveler

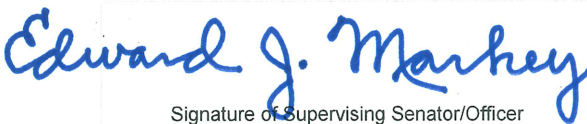

Signature of Traveler

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.

9/18/2023

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
Transportation	\$10,826.35	Adjustment of travel costs from the original good-faith estimates to actual costs.
Lodging	\$508.00	Adjustment of lodging costs from the original good-faith estimates to actual costs.
Meals	\$179.00	Adjustment of meal costs from the original good-faith estimates to actual costs.
Misc. Expenses	\$2,868.33	Adjustment of backcountry guide costs from original good-faith estimates to actual costs.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation: Due to weather and smoke conditions and the prioritization of safety, travel into the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge staged out of the Arctic Village landing strip instead of Kavik. For these same reasons, the basecamp for the trip was adjusted to "Spring Creek" within the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, and there was no basecamp shift on August 17th as originally written in the itinerary.

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

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RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

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.

Name of Traveler:
Hannah Vogel

Employing Office/Committee:
MARKEY, EDWARD

Private Sponsor(s):
American Lands Project

Destination(s):
Fairbanks, Alaska N/A, Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska

Travel Dates:
08/12/2023 to 08/20/2023

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.

This trip will provide firsthand knowledge and experience of issues specific to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and the National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska, as well as direct engagement with Alaska Native groups with ties to the Arctic. As a policy advisor covering climate, energy, and environment for Senator Markey, this will aid in developing appropriate policy responses to issues around Arctic land use, climate change, Indigenous sovereignty, and wildlife.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

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

Date **7.12.2023**


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)

Edward J. Markey
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Hannah N. Vogel
(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)

7.12.2023
Date

Edward J. Markey
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

American Lands Project: America's Arctic Region Fact Finding Trip

 HANNAH VOGEL

Title:

None

Employing Office/Committee:

MARKEY, EDWARD

Duty Station:

WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):

Fairbanks, Alaska

N/A, Alaska

Fairbanks, Alaska

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

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:

None

Organization Information

Organization Name

American Lands Project

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type

Public Charity

Address

1904 3rd Ave

Address 2 (Optional)

Public Charity

City, State Zip

Seattle, Washington 98101 United States

Phone Number

5097604217

Organization URL

americanlandsproject.org

History of Congressional Travel

American Lands Project has organized sponsored travel opportunities for House Members to Southeast Alaska (2021), and for a Senate Member and Senate staff to Arctic Alaska (three different trips in 2022). ALP also sponsored travel for Senate staff to visit the Owyhee Canyonlands in 2022.

Educational Activities

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.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and do not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ☒ 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.

Comments

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Fact-finding trip to visit the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to experience America's Arctic firsthand and learn the arctic region's importance to Alaska Natives, Arctic natural systems and history, and land management plans.

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

American Lands Project seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part by facilitating fact-finding travel centered on place-based education. This trip will provide history, context, and understanding for guests in support of their responsibilities related to public lands in Arctic Alaska.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

There are no grantmaking organizations.

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically 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

- ☒ 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

- ☒ 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.

- ☐ 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

- ✓ 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.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will not** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/12/2023 @ 11:00 AM



Trip End Date/Time:
08/20/2023 @ 01:00 AM

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$11,700.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$2,100.00
Note Round trip commercial airline travel from Washington, DC to Fairbanks, Alaska		
Airfare	Coach	\$9,580.00
Note Round trip coach-class equivalent air taxi travel from Fairbanks, Alaska to the basecamp locations the group will be using in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska. Due to the remoteness of this region, air-taxi is the only way to access these locations.		
Ground Transportation	Coach	\$20.00
Note Ground taxi between the airport and hotel in Fairbanks, Alaska		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$528.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/12/2023	08/13/2023	Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	1	\$204.00	No

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/13/2023	08/18/2023	Tent basecamp in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge	N/A	Alaska	United States	5	\$24.00	No
08/18/2023	08/19/2023	Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	1	\$204.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$163.34)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/13/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	No
08/14/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.89	\$13.89	N/A	Alaska	United States	No
08/15/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.89	\$13.89	N/A	Alaska	United States	No
08/16/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.89	\$13.89	N/A	Alaska	United States	No
08/17/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.89	\$13.89	N/A	Alaska	United States	No
08/18/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$13.89	\$13.89	N/A	Alaska	United States	No
08/19/2023	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$13.89	\$53.89	N/A	Alaska	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$2,866.67)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Backcountry Guide Service Fee)	\$2,866.67	Share of professional backcountry guide service charges for time spent basecamping in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Additional Attachments**Document Name**

There are no additional attachments.

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: America's Arctic Region Fact Finding Trip
Travel Date(s): Aug 12 - Aug 19, 2023
Travel Destination(s): Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska

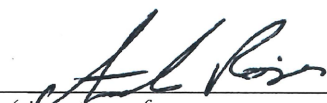
Sponsor: American Lands Project

Armando Rojas

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Program Manager

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

7/11/2023

(date)



America's Arctic Region Fact-Finding Trip

Senate Invite List:

Adrian Deveny- Director of Energy and Environmental Policy, Senator Schumer

Hannah Vogel- Policy Advisor, Senator Markey



July 11, 2023

Hannah Vogel
Policy Advisor to Senator Ed Markey
255 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC, 20510

Dear Hannah,

The American Lands Project (ALP) appreciates your interest in learning more about America's Arctic. The 19.6 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and 23 million-acre National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A) form an exceptional and unique landscape. The Gwich'in and Iñupiat people have been stewards of these lands since time immemorial, and still depend heavily on the region's subsistence resources. Both landscapes provide critical habitat to polar bears, caribou, musk ox, and hundreds of species of migratory birds.

ALP will be hosting a trip to America's Arctic from August 12th - August 19th, with the 12th and 19th as travel days to/from Fairbanks, Alaska. We believe that this fact-finding trip will provide 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 region. We would like to invite you to join us.

In addition to visiting some of our nation's most remote and vast public lands in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, trip participants will also have the opportunity to learn about natural systems, climate impacts, Alaska Native communities, and history and land use policy of America's Arctic region.

The trip will be fully sponsored by ALP, including all travel, lodging, and meals, and we have developed the itinerary as described above. ALP is experienced in crafting educational trips that adhere to all congressional ethics requirements, and we prepare all necessary paperwork and support the required review processes.

We hope that you will consider joining us for this trip to the Arctic, and would be happy to connect by phone or video conference with you to provide additional information and answer any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Armando Rojas
Program Manager

American Lands Project***America's Arctic Region
2023 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary*****Saturday, Aug 12, 2023**

- Travel from Washington DC to Fairbanks, AK
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska Air #1, **10:49 a.m.** arrive SEA
 - **12:10 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska Air #106, **2:55 p.m.** arrive FAI
 - **3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Taxi from airport to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK

Sunday, Aug 13, 2023*Attendees:*

- *Adrian Deveny (Director of Energy and Environmental Policy, Senator Schumer)*
- *Hannah Vogel (Policy Advisor, Senator Markey)*
- *Maggie Thomas (Chief of Staff, Office of Domestic Climate Policy)*
- *Ike Irby (Special Assistant to the President and Chief Climate Advisor to the Vice President, Office of the Vice President)*
- *Kate Guy (Senior Advisor, US Department of State)*
- *Jason Paulsen (Board Member, American Lands Project)*
- *Guide to be assigned by Arctic Treks*
- Travel from Fairbanks to basecamp in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - **7:00 a.m.** Shuttle to airport
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart FAI, Wright's Air, **10:30 a.m.** Arrive at Kavik - a small landing strip that functions as a staging point to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - **11:00* a.m.** Depart Kavik, Coyote Air, **11:30* a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Upper Katakturuk basecamp (trip programming begins).
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp at Upper Katakturuk basecamp location
- **12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Review maps of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Arctic Refuge), and discuss the various land management priorities for conservation, resource development, research, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in and around the Arctic Refuge.
- **1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Discussion: History leading up to and following the first designation of the Arctic Refuge. Established in 1960 as the Arctic National Wildlife Range, in the 1980s it was expanded to its current size of 19 million acres and was renamed as the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Guests will gain knowledge on the background that led to these designations, and how these changes affected management.

- **2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe wildlife and plants and discuss how natural systems function in this arctic tundra landscape, and the importance of the Arctic Refuge to migratory birds, caribou, and polar bear.
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Review the geologic and ecological differences among the three major public land management units comprising Alaska's North Slope: the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (NPR-A), and Prudhoe Bay (State of Alaska land), and how these differences influence land management in each area. Also discuss 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.
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion of fossil fuel resources in the Arctic, and history of development. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development on the North Slope of Alaska. Discussion will also cover recent assessments of fossil fuel resources on the North Slope, as well as offshore drilling in state and federal waters. This will help guests better understand Alaska's fossil fuel resources, and how their extraction and use relate to the nation's energy and climate goals.

Monday, Aug 14, 2023

Attendees: Adrian Deveny, Hannah Vogel, Maggie Thomas, Ike Irby, Kate Guy, Jason Paulsen, and Arctic Treks guide.

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of the history of Indigenous people in the Arctic and Alaska, dating back more than 10,000 years. Today, 18% of Alaska's total population is Alaska Native or American Indian, the highest of any state.
- **10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Discussion of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 (ANCSA): Review 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. – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** Discussion of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA). Guests will learn about 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 (including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge), 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. ANILCA is the foundation of federal land management in Alaska and is essential to understanding current discussions surrounding resource management and utilization in Alaska.

- **3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Break
- **3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Guided hike from basecamp to observe geologic features of the coastal plain and to observe permafrost soils and other features of the tundra landscape. During the hike, overview oil and gas exploration practices, including seismic surveying, ice roads, and directional drilling technologies.
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Dinner

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Attendees: Adrian Deveny, Hannah Vogel, Maggie Thomas, Ike Irby, Kate Guy, Jason Paulsen, and Arctic Treks guide.

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to the Arctic Refuge, and discussions that have occurred between the Iñupiat and Gwich'in regarding their roles in land protection and management.
- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** 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."
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Overview of northern Alaska communities including the Northwest Arctic Borough and North Slope Borough, and their respective villages. Maps provided to help guests understand the size and location of these communities.
- **12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Guided hike to observe the Coastal Plain of the Arctic Refuge and discuss its importance to the Porcupine Caribou Herd as well as numerous other

wildlife species. The Porcupine Caribou Herd uses the area as its summer calving ground, after completing the longest land migration of any land mammal, covering over 1,500 miles every year and spanning the Alaska-Yukon border. Discuss the complexities of managing the health of the herd across the US-Canadian international border, and how groups such as the Porcupine Caribou Management Board navigate these issues.

- **4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Break
- **5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Review the Indian Reorganization Act (IRA) of 1934, and the 1936 amendment known as the Alaska IRA that resulted in the U.S. Government formally recognizing Alaska Natives. Discuss the role of Federally recognized Tribal governments and Tribal Courts in Alaska and the North Slope.

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Attendees: Adrian Deveny, Hannah Vogel, Maggie Thomas, Ike Irby, Kate Guy, Jason Paulsen, and Arctic Treks guide.

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** Overview of the history of oil and gas exploration on the Coastal Plain, results of the January 2021 Arctic Refuge lease sale, the lease sale requirements of the 2017 Tax Act, and recent action by the current Administration to suspend drilling-related activities in the Refuge.
- **10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** 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.
- **11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Break
- **11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Review 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.
- **1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Discuss 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.
- **2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** Break

- **5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss how climate change has impacted communities throughout the state, and how communities are considering adaptation of infrastructure and practices to deal with these changes. Review 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, August 17, 2023

Attendees: Adrian Deveny, Hannah Vogel, Maggie Thomas, Ike Irby, Kate Guy, Jason Paulsen, Dirk Nickisch (Coyote Air Pilot) and Arctic Treks guide.

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of Trans-Alaska Pipeline. Guests will learn about the 45 year history of the \$8B Trans-Alaska Pipeline authorized by President Nixon in 1973, its construction, role in North Slope development, and its role in catalyzing the Alaska Permanent Fund.
- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Discussion: Overview of the Alaska Permanent Fund. The Permanent Fund was created in 1976 via an amendment of the state constitution 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.
- **12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Lunch
- **1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Break down camp. Travel from Upper Katakturuk Basecamp to Sunset Pass Basecamp (Coyote Air) Discussion enroute with Dirk Nickisch, pilot/owner of Coyote Air re: recent weather events and changes observed over the past 20 years which are necessitating changes in business operations.
- **2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Set-up camp at Sunset Pass basecamp location, Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
- **3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** Break
- **4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Guided hike to overlook the coastal plain with 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. Overview the United States' role as an Arctic Nation, the 6 permanent participants in the Arctic Council, and impacts of increased shipping in the Arctic as a result of melting sea ice. Management of the

circumpolar Arctic and the role(s) and governance of Indigenous Arctic Peoples outside the United States will also be explored.

- **5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Break
- **6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.** Working Dinner Overview of the major caribou herds of the North Slope located outside the Arctic Refuge, including current population data and trends, and management history with a focus on the Western Arctic Caribou Herd and its associated Working Group. Overview of the role of the latest survey data on caribou population counts and fluctuations over time. The Working Group is composed 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, August 18, 2023

Attendees: Adrian Deveny, Hannah Vogel, Maggie Thomas, Ike Irby, Kate Guy, Jason Paulsen, and Arctic Treks guide.

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Presentation of the history of the National Petroleum Reserve- Alaska (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.
- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Introduction to the Bureau of Land Management's recent history of land use planning for the NPR-A, the nation's largest unit of public land located west of the Arctic Refuge, including the NPR-A Integrated Management Plans approved in 2013 and 2020, the current Administration's decision in April of 2022 to return to the 2013 Plan, and the recent approval of the ConcocoPhillips Willow Oil Project. The 23-million-acre NPR-A, approximately the size of the state of Virginia, 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, walrus, and other marine mammals. Discussion of the diversity of landscape types across the NPR-A and the 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.
- **12:00 – 1:00** Lunch

- **1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** Review of the Special Areas designated in the NPR-A and discuss the ecological importance of each. The seven Special Areas contain important habitat for polar bears, seals, walrus, birds, and caribou herds that have sustained the Native people of Alaska's North Slope for over 10,000 years.
- **2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Break
- **2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Break down camp, then final guided hike to review remaining questions and summarize the topics covered throughout the trip.
- Travel from basecamp in Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to Fairbanks (trip programming ends).
 - **4:30* p.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air, **6:30* p.m.** Arrive Kavik
 - **7:00 p.m.** Depart Kavik, Wright's Air, **9:00 p.m.** Arrive FAI
 - **9:20 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK

Saturday, August 19th

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Seattle, WA/Washington, D.C.
 - **5:15 a.m.** Shuttle from hotel to FAI airport
 - **7:00 a.m.** Alaska Air #234 to SEA arriving **11:34 a.m.**
 - **2:00 p.m.** Alaska Air #2 to DCA arriving **9:59 p.m.**