

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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.**

Date/Time Stamp

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:

Aug 10 - 16, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

n/a

Relationship to Traveler:

n/a

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses

Lodging Expenses

Meals Expenses

Other Expenses (Amount & Description)

\$6,044.73

\$508.00

\$178.95

\$2,868.33

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

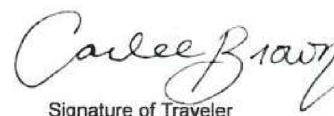
Finally, I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

9/15/23

Date

Carlee Brown

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.

9/15/2023

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

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:

Carlee Brown

Employing Office/Committee:

HICKENLOOPER, JOHN

Private Sponsor(s):

American Lands Project

Destination(s):

Fairbanks, Alaska N/A, Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska

Travel Dates:

08/10/2023 to 08/16/2023

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.

I manage the natural resources portfolio for Senator Hickenlooper and staff him on Energy and Natural Resources Committee issues, including policy issues related to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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.

July 11, 2023

Date

Carlee Brown
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)

I

hereby authorize

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

(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)

7/24/23
Date

[Signature]
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

American Lands Project

Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 2023 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary

Thursday, Aug 10, 2023

- Travel from St George, UT to Fairbanks, AK
 - **6:24 a.m.** Depart SGU, Delta Air #4235, **7:30 a.m.** arrive SLC
 - **10:05 a.m.** Depart SLC, Delta Air #549, **1:35 p.m.** arrive MSP
 - **6:10 p.m.** Depart MSP, Delta Air #573, **8:57 p.m.** arrive FAI
 - **9:15 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsu Way, Fairbanks, AK

Friday, Aug 11, 2023

Attendees: Mindi Linquist (Chief of Staff, Senator Murray), Mariah Pfleger (Legislative Assistant, Senator Whitehouse), Carlee Brown (Senior Policy Adviser, Senator Hickenlooper), Karlin Itchoak (Senior Regional Director- Alaska, The Wilderness Society), Armando Rojas (Program Manager, American Lands Project), Kyle Campbell (Guide, Arctic Treks)

- Travel from Fairbanks to basecamp in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge
 - **8:00 a.m.** Shuttle to airport
 - **9:00 a.m.** Depart FAI, Wright Air, **10:30 a.m.** Arrive at Arctic Village, to be used as a staging point to access the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.
 - **11:00 a.m.** Depart Arctic Village, Coyote Air, **11:30 a.m.** Arrive at Arctic National Wildlife Refuge basecamp (trip programming begins).
- **11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** Set up camp
- **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, 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.

Saturday, Aug 12, 2023

Attendees: Mindi Linquist, Mariah Pfleger, Carlee Brown, Armando Rojas, Karlin Itchoak, Kyle Campbell

- **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: 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.
- **3:30 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

Sunday, August 13, 2023

Attendees: Mindi Linquist, Mariah Pfleger, Carlee Brown, Armando Rojas, Karlin Itchoak, Kyle Campbell

- **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.
- **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.

Monday, August 14, 2023

Attendees: Mindi Linquist, Mariah Pfleger, Carlee Brown, Armando Rojas, Karlin Itchoak, Kyle Campbell

- **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, 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.
- **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.

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Attendees: Mindi Linqvist, Mariah Pflieger, Carlee Brown, Armando Rojas, Karlin Itchoak, Kyle Campbell

- **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.** 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.

- **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).
 - **5:00 p.m.** Depart Arctic Refuge basecamp, Coyote Air, **6:00 p.m.** Arrive Arctic Village
 - **6:00 p.m.** Depart Arctic Village, Wright Air, **7:30 p.m.** Arrive FAI
 - **8:00 p.m.** Shuttle from airport to Best Western Plus Chena River Lodge, 1255 Tvsa Way, Fairbanks, AK

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

- **5:30 a.m.** Shuttle from hotel to FAI airport
- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Washington, D.C.
 - **7:00 a.m.** Alaska Air #234 to SEA arriving **11:40 a.m.**
 - **2:00 p.m.** Alaska Air #2 to DCA arriving **9:57 p.m.**



July 10, 2023

Carlee Brown
Senior Policy Adviser
Senator John Hickenlooper
374 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Carle,

The American Lands Project appreciates your interest in learning more about the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. The 19.6 million-acre Arctic National Wildlife Refuge is an exceptional and unique landscape – an intact arctic ecosystem, and one of the wildest places on earth. The Iñupiat and Gwich'in people have been stewards of this land from time immemorial, and both groups still depend heavily on the region's subsistence resources. The Arctic Refuge provides critical habitat to polar bears, caribou, musk ox, and hundreds of species of migratory birds.

Land use policy for the Arctic Refuge has varied significantly for many decades. In January 2015, the US Fish & Wildlife Service announced its revised Comprehensive Conservation Plan for the Arctic Refuge that recommended a Wilderness designation for the Coastal Plain area. Later in 2017, legislation was passed that instead opened the Coastal Plan to oil and gas development, and a lease sale was completed in January 2021. Currently, the Department of the Interior has suspended those leases and other drilling activities until additional reviews are completed.

We believe a fact-finding trip to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge 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 this area.

We would like to invite you to join American Lands Project for a trip to the Arctic Refuge from August 10th to August 16th, 2023 (On the ground in the Arctic Refuge from August 11th – August 15th). Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to experience some of the most remote country in the United States, and learn about Alaska Native communities, natural systems, energy and climate issues, and the history and land use policy of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

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

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	\$6,044.73	Airfare and taxi changed from estimate to actual
Meals	\$178.95	Changed from estimate to actual
Other (Guide fee)	\$2,868.33	Changed from estimate to actual

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

See attached revised and final itinerary. Minor changes include updates to the guest list to reflect trip attendees, and small changes to Arctic flight times and logistics due to weather and smoke conditions.

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

Minor changes include updates to the guest list to reflect trip attendees, and small changes to Arctic flight times and logistics due to weather and smoke conditions.