

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 144 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):
Megafire Institute, Megafire Institute_1

Travel Dates:
06/17/2025 to 06/20/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$583.00	\$292.30	\$386.18	\$0.00

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.

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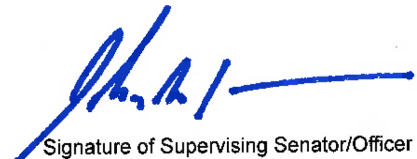
Grace Bellone
Printed Name of Traveler


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.

7/14/25
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	\$583.00	Flights were slightly cheaper than the original estimates
Lodging	\$292.30	The portable bathroom rental to provide onsite toilet and handwashing facility at the campsite was more expensive than originally estimated.
Meals	\$386.18	Labor and food costs to provide meals at the campsite were higher than the original estimate.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

From: Michael Dubin

To: Grace Bellone

Subject: Safewoods // June 17-19 // Montana, USA

Dear Grace,

On behalf of Safewoods, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing educational wildfire mitigation experiences, I would like to invite you to attend a fact-finding trip to the Bitterroot Forest in Montana to learn about wildfire mitigation efforts that effectively protect communities and ecosystems from destructive wildfire. The full-day trip is scheduled for Wednesday June 18th, with June 17th and 19th reserved for travel between DC and Missoula, MT. The trip is co-sponsored by the Megafire Institute and funded by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

Against the backdrop of the beautiful Bitterroot National Forest, attendees will gain firsthand experience with wildfire mitigation efforts that effectively protect communities and ecosystems from destructive megafire. Participants will learn from subject matter experts about projects underway in Montana and across the West to effectively reduce wildfire risk across natural lands and the built environment along with the many additional co-benefits of improving wildfire resilience. Attendees will participate in discussions with wildfire mitigation experts and a hands-on fuels reduction treatment activity to gain first-hand experience of the start-to-finish process of effectively reducing wildfire risk. Travel arrangements, two nights of lodging, and all meals will be provided by the Safewoods Retreat located outside of Darby, MT.

Space is limited, please reply all to this email to indicate your interest. We hope you can join us for this exciting trip.

Sincerely,

Michael Dubin
Founder, Safewoods

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:

Grace Bellone

Employing Office/Committee:

Sen. John R. Curtis

Private Sponsor(s):

Megafire Institute Safewoods Foundation

Destination(s):

Darby, Montana

Travel Dates:

June 17-19, 2025

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 handle wildfire and climate issues for Sen. Curtis. This trip is designed to discuss the several suggested ways to handle wildfire mitigation and the best role for the Federal government in determining best practices.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? **Name and Relationship to Traveler:**

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(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.

June 13, 2025

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)

Sen. John Curtis

Grace Bellone

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.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

June 13, 2025

Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

Safewoods: Safewoods Wildfire Mitigation Trip 2025

 Grace Bellone

Title:
Policy Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
CURTIS, JOHN

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Darby, Montana

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

I handle wildfire and climate issues for Senator Curtis. Since wildfires emit so much carbon, it is important to see how these disasters can be mitigated. This trip specifically shows you how active forest management prevents wildfires and what Congress can do to make it easier for Forest Service and private land owners to lessen their risks.

Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
Safewoods

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
☒ Yes ☐ No

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address
9450 SW Gemini Drive, PMB 70143

Address 2 (Optional)
None

City, State Zip
Beaverton, Oregon 97008 United States

Phone Number
610-628-2142

Organization URL
<http://safewoods.com>

History of Congressional Travel

This our first time hosting congressional travel.

Educational Activities

We host trips with hands-on experiences in forests to educate the public about the value of effective fuel mitigation & forest management to reduce wildfire risk.

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

Signature Page

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Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

Attendees will gain firsthand experience with wildfire mitigation efforts that effectively protect communities and ecosystems from destructive megafire. Participants will learn from subject matter experts about projects underway in Montana and across the West to effectively reduce wildfire risk across natural lands and the built environment and the many co-benefits of improving wildfire resilience. Attendees will participate in a hands-on fuels reduction treatment activity and tour local sites that are in differing stages of the mitigation pipeline to gain first-hand experience of the start-to-finish process of effectively reducing wildfire risk.

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

Safewoods mission is to provide educational experiences about the value of effective fuel mitigation & forest management to reduce wildfire risk.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

Safewoods took the lead role in organizing and conducting the trip.

Joint Sponsor: Megafire Institute_1

Organization Information

Organization Name

Megafire Institute_1

§501(c)(3) Organization Type

Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)

None

Phone Number

3034896070

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

Address

22515 Blueridge Court

City, State Zip

Calabasas, California 91302 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

This trip is the first time Megafire Institute has sponsored congressional travel.

Educational Activities

Megafire Institute is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to translating scientific insights and expert knowledge to promote fire-resilience in natural lands and the built environment. We engage scientists, experts, and practitioners working across all phases of the fire cycle to exchange knowledge and publish briefs for public consumption and education on how ecosystems and communities can thrive with wildland fire.

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.*

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Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

1. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

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
- ☐ 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
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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** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
06/17/2025 @ 09:30 AM



Trip End Date/Time:
06/19/2025 @ 11:00 PM

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: \$600.00 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$500.00
Note roundtrip coach airfare from DC to Missoula MT		

Ground Transportation	N/A	\$100.00
Note Van to/from airport		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$120.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
06/17/2025	06/19/2025	Safewoods	Darby	Montana	United States	2	\$60.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$163.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
06/17/2025	\$0.00	\$19.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$54.00	Darby	Montana	United States	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

Costs for meals exceed federal per diem while attendees are at the Safewoods camp due to the remote location and the need to provide all food site.

06/18/2025	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$75.00	Darby	Montana	United States	Yes
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Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

Costs for meals exceed federal per diem while attendees are at the Safewoods camp due to the remote location and the need to provide all food site.

06/19/2025	\$15.00	\$19.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$34.00	Darby	Montana	United States	Yes
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Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason

Costs for meals exceed federal per diem while attendees are at the Safewoods camp due to the remote location and the need to provide all food site.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$0.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
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There are no miscellaneous expenses.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

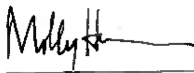
SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

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: Safewoods Wildfire Mitigation Trip 2025
Travel Date(s): June 17-19, 2025
Travel Destination(s): Darby, Montana
Sponsor: Megafire Institute (Joint with Safewoods)

Molly Hausmann
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Director
(title)


(signature of sponsor representative)

9 May 2025
(date)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

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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: Safewoods Educational Retreat
June 17-19, 2025
Travel Date(s):
Darby, MT
Travel Destination(s):
Sponsor: Safewoods

michael dubin

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Founder

(title)*(signature of sponsor representative)*

04/09/25

(date)

Grantmaking Organization Certification Form

Instructions: If a sponsor receives funds from a grantmaking organization, the sponsor must disclose this on the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and the grantmaking organization must complete the *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form*. The completed *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form* must be submitted to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the trip sponsor at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date.

Grantmaking Organization: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Private Sponsor: Safewoods

Trip Name: Safewoods Wildfire Mitigation Trip

Travel Date(s): June 17-19, 2025

Destination(s): Darby, Montana

In compliance with the *Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel*, I certify the following:

- ☒ The grantmaking organization is a § 501(c)(3) organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or foreign agent, nor an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist or foreign agent.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization provides funds under an established grant program, or in a manner that is otherwise consistent with the mission and practices of the organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not involved, directly or indirectly, in organizing and conducting the trip. This includes selecting participants for a trip.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization does not directly pay or reimburse travel expenses for any Senate Member, officer, or employee.

Genevieve Biggs

(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)

program director, wildfire resilience

(Title)

Genny Biggs

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(Date)

Congressional Wildfire Mitigation Experience

June 17-19, 2025

Safewoods Retreat, Darby, Montana

Location: 5916 W Fork Rd, Darby, MT 59829

Purpose: Participants will gain firsthand experience with wildfire mitigation efforts that effectively protect communities and ecosystems from destructive megafire.

List of Senate Invitees

1. **Grace Bellone:** Policy Advisor for Senator John Curtis
2. **Christina Beros:** Legislative Aide for Senator Adam Schiff

Congressional Wildfire Mitigation Experience

June 17-19, 2025

Safewoods Retreat, Darby, Montana

Location: 5916 W Fork Rd, Darby, MT 59829

Purpose: Participants will gain firsthand experience with wildfire mitigation efforts that effectively protect communities and ecosystems from destructive megafire.

Attendees: A bipartisan group of congressional staffers working on wildfire issues.

Primary Sponsor: Safewoods

Additional Sponsor: Megafire Institute

Funding Sponsor: Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation

Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival (Tue, June 17)

Morning

Fly to Missoula, MT

Grace Bellon

UA 1793 DCA - ORD 6:25AM - 7:39AM

UA 2385 ORD - MSO 9:02AM - 11:50AM

Christina Beros

UA 708 IAD - ORD 6:48AM - 8:02AM

UA 2385 ORD - MSO 9:02AM - 11:50AM

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Lunch

2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Transportation from Missoula to Safewoods camp

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Check-In

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Dinner

Introductions from all attendees and overview of wildfire topics to be covered the next day.

Led by Michael Dubin, Safewoods.

Day 2 – Wildfire Mitigation Experience (Wed, June 18)

7:00 am – 8:00 am **Breakfast**

8:00 am – 9:00 am **Wildfire Resilience Briefing**

Experts from the philanthropic sector will discuss efforts to build effective public-private partnerships to address critical gaps in our strategic response to the wildfire crisis. Topics covered will include cross-cutting wildfire resilience initiatives to better align efforts across many sectors, and the many research and demonstration projects underway to address knowledge gaps critical to increasing the pace and scale of wildfire mitigation.

Led by Jennee Kuang, Resources Legacy Fund.

9:00 am – 12:00 pm **Forest Management Briefing & Activity**

Land managers will discuss the value of fuels management to reduce wildfire risk and to restore beneficial fire regimes in forested ecosystems. Topics covered will include the use of prescribed fire and selective thinning, what's needed for initial entry vs long term maintenance of the landscape, and how treatment strategies vary among different types of ecosystems. Attendees will participate in a hands-on fuels reduction activity where the group will work together to build a small waste-biomass pile to gain first-hand experience of the work involved with wildfire mitigation treatments.

Led by David Fox, Bitterroot National Forest.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm **Community Mitigation Briefing**

Attendees will learn about the value of community-wide mitigations to prevent wildfires from spreading into the built environment and triggering a destructive urban conflagration. Topics covered will include defensible space and home hardening, community-scale mitigations, and how these efforts can work in coordination with landscape-level treatments to provide both passive protection and help firefighters more effectively suppress dangerous fires.

Led by Mark Adams, Flagstaff Fire Department

- 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm** **Wildfire Resilience Co-benefits Briefing & Tour**
Wildfire resilience experts will discuss the many additional co-benefits beyond risk reduction that wildfire mitigation treatments can provide. Topics covered will include watershed-level improvements in water quality and quantity, habitat restoration to foster biodiversity and protect critical species, and opportunities to bolster local, rural economies with innovative markets for waste-biomass generated from wildfire mitigation treatments. Attendees will tour local sites that are in differing stages of the mitigation pipeline to gain first-hand experience of the start-to-finish process of effectively reducing wildfire risk while maximizing the additional co-benefits provided by improved resilience. Led by Kelly Martin, (retired) Yosemite National Park
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm** **Break**
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm** **Dinner**
*Group discussion reflecting on the events of the day.
Led by Dan Munsey, San Bernardino County Fire Protection District*

Day 3 – Departure (Thu, June 19)

- 7:00 am – 8:00 am** **Breakfast & Check-Out**
- 8:00 am – 10:00 am** **Transportation to Missoula Airport**
- Afternoon** **Depart MT**
 Grace Bellon
 UA 2620 MSO - ORD 12:46PM - 5:10PM
 UA 2677 ORD - IAD 5:53PM - 8:52PM
- Christina Beros
 UA 1898 MSO - DEN 2:23PM - 4:28PM
 UA 1453 DEN - IAD 7:05PM - 12:34AM