

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):
American Lands Project

Travel Dates:
08/14/2025 to 08/21/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$4,294.49	\$1,644.00	\$496.14	\$530.00

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.

September 5, 2025
Date

Maya Hermann
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.

September 18, 2025
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	\$4,294.49	\$165.22 - Final Ground Transportation Cost. Higher than initial estimate due to an additional car rental in Hoonah to visit the trail building and stream restoration sites in town. \$2,838 - Final Other (Boat) Cost. Higher than initial estimate due to change in final invoice cost for 2025 compared to the 2024 cost used to make the initial estimate. Final Totals: \$943.62 flights to/from JNU, \$231.28 flight from JNU to TKE, \$168.93 flight from HNH to JNH, \$2,838.00 - Other (Boat), \$165.22 Ground Transportation
Meals	\$496.14	Reflecting Final Meal Costs: 8/14 (\$0.00) - The restaurant comped Maya's dinner on due to a mess up in the kitchen that caused the food to be significantly delayed. 8/15 (104.95) - The hotel did not offer free breakfast as advertised, so a small breakfast was purchased + Food costs for the David B. 8/16 (\$95) - Food costs for the David B 8/17 (\$95) - Food costs for the David B 8/18 (\$113.44) - Higher than estimated cost due to miscommunication with David B about eating lunch onboard. Switched to a working lunch at a local Hoonah restaurant. Food cost for the David B, Lunch in Hoonah, Dinner in Juneau. 8/19 (\$87.75) - Lower than estimated. Cost of breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Juneau.
Misc. Expenses	\$60.00	Lower than initial estimate due to the on-glacier educational hike being canceled as a result of fog and weather that prevented the helicopters from flying. Instead, the trip took an educational hike on Mount Roberts with the same glaciologist, overlooking Juneau, and this area was accessed via Tram. The tram ticket cost is reflected here.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

Yes No

Explanation: Please see itinerary emailed to Senate Ethics on 8/27. 8/14: Dinner attendee change. See itinerary. 8/17: 3:00-5:30 p.m. Location change. See itinerary. Educational goal of this meeting was addressed through on-boat observations of forests after various harvest techniques, discussion of the ecological implications, and a review of Hoonah's transition from a timber-focused economy to one more focused on tourism. 8/18: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm meeting, attendee addition. See itinerary. 8/18: Lunch location change from David B to The Fisherman's Daughter in Hoonah. 8/18: Dinner attendee change. See itinerary. 8/19: Educational glacier hike time, location, and event change. The glacier tour was cancelled due to fog that prevented the helicopters from flying. Instead, the trip took an educational hike on Mount Roberts with the same glaciologist. See itinerary. 8/19: 2:45-4:15 pm meeting. Attendee addition. See itinerary 8/19: 4:30-6:15 pm meeting. Attendee addition. See itinerary

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

Yes No

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



Maya Hermann
Natural Resources Policy Director
Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Maya,

The American Lands Project appreciates your interest in the Tongass National Forest in Southeast Alaska and public lands in the state of Alaska. At nearly 17 million acres, the Tongass is the largest National Forest in the country. It is home to wild salmon watersheds that are among the most productive in the country, and it supports a \$1 billion commercial fishing industry. The region's glaciers, forests, and wildlife are a global attraction that generates another \$1 billion from tourism annually. The old-growth trees of the Tongass National Forest hold 44% of all the carbon stored by the United States' national forests, on top of the fact that 62% of all carbon contained in the soils and terrestrial ecosystems of federally managed land is held in Alaska. The region's forests are also valued by members of the Alaska Native community for the subsistence resources they provide, and for broader cultural and historic connections to the land.

In 2011, the US Department of Agriculture announced a Tongass Transition Framework to move forest management away from old-growth logging and towards supporting other industries that form the basis of Southeast Alaska's economy. In 2016, the US Forest Service finalized an updated management plan for the Tongass that phased out old-growth logging, provided greater protection for wild salmon watersheds, and recognized the Roadless Rule protections for parts of the forest. Then, in 2020, the Trump Administration exempted the Tongass from the Roadless Rule, opening over 9 million acres to potential road-building and timber. The Biden Administration reinstated Roadless Rule protections on the Tongass in 2023, and the Trump administration announced in June 2025 their intention to repeal the Roadless Rule nationwide, including in the Tongass.

We would like to invite you to join American Lands Project for a trip to the Tongass National Forest from August 14th to 20th, 2025. Attached is a detailed itinerary that includes opportunities to see and experience the Tongass National Forest first-hand, learn about climate impacts and opportunities in the region and state, and use the region as a lens through which to gain knowledge on a broader array of public lands topics in the State of Alaska.

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,

Natalie Smink
Education & Trip Coordinator

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:

Maya Hermann

Employing Office/Committee:

ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES DEM

Private Sponsor(s):

American Lands Project

Destination(s):

Juneau, Alaska Juneau, Alaska Juneau, Alaska

Travel Dates:

08/14/2025 to 08/21/2025

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.

My duties include U.S. Forest Service policy and oversight of the National Forest System. There are significant policy questions currently being considered with respect to the Tongass National Forest.

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 14, 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)

Martin Heinrich

(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize

Maya Hermann

(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)

July 14, 2025

Date


Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

American Lands Project: August 14 - 20 Tongass National Forest Fact Finding Trip

Maya Hermann

Title:
Natural Resources Policy Director

Employing Office/Committee:
ENERGY & NATURAL RESOURCES DEM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON, DC

Destination(s):
Juneau, Alaska
Juneau, Alaska
Juneau, Alaska

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

My duties include U.S. Forest Service policy and oversight of the National Forest System. There are significant policy questions currently being considered with respect to the Tongass National Forest.

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)
Suite 406

City, State Zip
Seattle, Washington 98101 United States

Phone Number
7209514327

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

American Lands Project (ALP) has organized a variety of sponsored travel opportunities for Senate and House members and staff over the last few years to locations such as Southeast Alaska, America's Arctic, and the Owyhee Canyonlands. In 2023, ALP hosted three trips to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for House Members and Senate staff, and two trips to the Tongass National Forest for a Senate Member and Senate and House Staff. In 2024, ALP hosted five trips to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge for a Senate Member, a House Member, Senate staff, and House Staff; and one trip to the Tongass National Forest for House staff.

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.

A fact-finding trip to visit Southeast Alaska and view the Tongass National Forest, learn about forest and land management planning, old growth forest, statewide climate impacts, regional economic drivers, and Alaska Native communities. Guests will have the opportunity to visit remote areas of the Tongass National Forest first hand to better understand the discussion topics, and then meet with local stakeholders in Juneau to learn more about local initiatives.

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

ALP seeks to inform discussions regarding important public lands in our nation, in part through facilitating fact-finding travel centered around place-based education. This trip will provide history, context, and understanding for the attendees in support of their offices' responsibilities related to public lands in Alaska and the Tongass National Forest.

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** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
08/14/2025 @ 11:00 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/21/2025 @ 12:44 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: \$4,198.04 | Accompanying Family Member: \$0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	\$891.06
Note Round Trip Flights from DCA to JNU.		
Airfare	N/A	\$231.28
Note Air Taxi from JNU to TKE to reach the remote location of Tenakee Springs.		
Airfare	N/A	\$168.93
Note Air Taxi from HNH to JNU to return from the remote location of Hoonah.		
Ground Transportation	N/A	\$108.77
Note Rental Car		
Other	N/A	\$2,798.00
Note Commercial Motor Vessel used for transportation and lodging. Public Ferry service is not available to accomplish the educational objectives of the trip.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$1,644.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/14/2025	08/15/2025	Best Western Baranof	Juneau	Alaska	United States	1	\$274.00	No
08/15/2025	08/18/2025	David B	Juneau	Alaska	United States	3	\$274.00	No
08/18/2025	08/20/2025	Best Western Baranof	Juneau	Alaska	United States	2	\$274.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$490.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/14/2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$40.00	Juneau	Alaska	United States	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/15/2025	\$0.00	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	Juneau	Alaska	United States	No
08/16/2025	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	Juneau	Alaska	United States	No
08/17/2025	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	Juneau	Alaska	United States	No
08/18/2025	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$95.00	Juneau	Alaska	United States	No
08/19/2025	\$0.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$0.00	\$70.00	Juneau	Alaska	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: \$530.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Helicopter and Glacier Tour of Juneau Icefield)	\$530.00	An educational tour with a local glaciology expert of the Juneau Icefields to observe changes in glacier composition firsthand and better understand their impact on Southeast Alaskan ecosystems and economy. A commercial helicopter and guided tour is the only way to safely reach and experience this landscape.

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: August 14 - 20 Tongass National Forest Fact Finding Trip

Travel Date(s): 08/14/2025 - 08/20/2025

Travel Destination(s): Juneau, Tenakee Springs, Hoonah, Tongass National Fores

Sponsor: American Lands Project

Thomas D. Campion

(printed name of sponsor representative)

Board President

(title)

Signed by:

Tom Campion

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(signature of sponsor representative)

07/11/2025

(date)



Aug 14 - 20 Tongass National Forest Fact Finding Trip

Senate Invite List:

Maya Hermann - Natural Resources Policy Director, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee

Alex Noffsinger - Senior Professional Staff Member, Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee

American Lands Project**Tongass National Forest
2025 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary
August 14 - 20th, 2025****Thursday, August 14, 2025**

- Travel from Washington DC to Juneau, AK
 - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska #1, **10:56 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **1:40 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #95, **3:12 p.m.** arrive at JNU
- **3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
 - *Attendees: Maya Hermann (Natural Resources Policy Director, Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee), Kiara Tringali (Professional Staff Member, House Natural Resources Committee), Michael Stein (Chief Council Democratic, House Agriculture Committee), Tim Bristol (Executive Director, Salmonstate), Ellen Wang (American Lands Project, Board Member), Natalie Smink (American Lands Project, Trip Leader)*
- **3:45 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.** Check into Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801.
- **4:45 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.** Walking tour introduction to Juneau along the Juneau harbor.
- **5:45 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.** Break
- **6:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Walk to dinner at Hanger on the Wharf, 2 Marine Way #106, Juneau, AK
- **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Working dinner: Discussion of the economic history of Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest, with a focus on commercial fishing and the recent expansion of tourism in Southeast Alaska and its impacts on the Tongass National Forest and its communities.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Tyson Fick - Commercial Fisherman and Skipper of Fishing Vessel Heather Anne*
 - *Liz Perry - President & CEO, Travel Juneau*
 - *Dan Blanchard - Owner & CEO, UnCruise Adventures*

Friday, August 15, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- Travel from Juneau, AK to Tenakee Springs, AK
 - **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Ground transportation to Juneau Airport
 - **10:00* a.m.** Depart Juneau (JNU), Alaska Seaplanes,
 - **10:45* a.m.** Arrive at Tenakee Springs (TKE)
- **11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** Walking tour of the Tenakee Springs community. Overview of subsistence uses and how subsistence supports rural Alaskan communities like Tenakee Springs across the state. 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.”
- **12:15 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Board the Motor Vessel David B and receive an introduction to the vessel which will serve as both water-taxi and lodging through August 18th to access remote areas of the Tongass National Forest not accessible by road. Guests will receive a safety training from Jeffrey and Christine Smith, the owners and operators of the vessel.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Introductory discussion of Southeast Alaska and the geographies that will be observed during the remainder of the trip. The Tongass National Forest is the largest national forest in the country, totalling 16.7 million acres of land in Southeast Alaska, and is the traditional homeland of three distinct Alaska Native tribes: Tlingit, Haida, and Tsimshian. The forest represents the largest intact tract of coastal temperate rainforest on earth. With much of the forest consisting of remote islands and roadless areas, visiting by boat or air is the only way to view much of the Forest.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Review maps of the State of Alaska to gain a better understanding of the geography, watersheds, topography, and international boundaries of the State as they relate to locations guests will visit on the trip, as well as the State as a whole.
- **3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Onshore hike. Visit a designated Inventoried Roadless Area on the Tongass National Forest and discuss how the forest is managed at the watershed level and the history of the Roadless Rule in Southeast Alaska. In January 2023, “Roadless Rule” protections were reinstated on 9.37 million acres of the Tongass National Forest. In June 2025, the administration announced its intention to repeal Roadless Rule protections nationwide, including in the Tongass National Forest.

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

Observe old-growth forests and discuss 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.

- **5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Learn from Motor Vessel David B owners Jeffrey and Christine Smith about the role of small boat tourism in Alaska and how small tourism businesses operate in the Southeast Alaskan economy.

Saturday, August 16, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on the David B.
- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Discussion of public lands in the state of Alaska. Review maps and discuss the various land management priorities for conservation, resource development, research, and subsistence uses on tribal, state, and federal lands in the State of Alaska.
- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.** View the surrounding landscape from the deck and discuss Southeast Alaska communities, the expansion of tourism into more remote parts of the Tongass National Forest, the significance of the forest to the regional economy, and the economic challenges of seasonal employment in communities throughout the region.
- **11:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discussion presenting an overview of the current Tongass Forest Plan and plans the US Forest Service has announced for updating the Forest Plan in the coming years. The current Forest Plan was developed in 1997, and a revision process for the Tongass Forest Plan, announced in 2023, is currently in progress.
- **1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Break
- **1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** Guided Hike onshore. On the hike, view Alaska's iconic wildlife and discuss how natural systems function in this landscape and the importance of the Tongass National Forest to salmon, grizzly bears, marine mammals, and other regional wildlife. Learn about the important interactions between wild salmon and other Alaskan wildlife and discuss the economic implications of tourism and wildlife viewing in Alaska.
- **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Break
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discuss details surrounding historic and current economic drivers of Southeast Alaska, including natural resource extraction,

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

tourism, commercial and recreational fishing, and land restoration. Discuss the role of federal initiatives in the region, such as the Southeast Alaska Sustainability Strategy, its history and current status, and the recent history of partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service, and their impact on the region and its economy.

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast on David B
- **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** Onshore hike to observe salmon spawning habitat. Discussion on the economic value of healthy Tongass watersheds to salmon fisheries and harvests. Rivers, lakes, and streams in the Tongass produce 80% of the commercial salmon harvested annually from Southeast Alaska. This harvest of about 50 million salmon is valued at \$60 million annually.
- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Discussion regarding the history and legislation that have shaped public lands and land management practices in Alaska, focusing on the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act of 1980 (ANILCA). Review the history and landscape-shaping impacts of ANILCA, which designated most of the National Park Service units in Alaska as well as wilderness areas, national wildlife refuges, and national monuments across the state. ANILCA 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.
- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: 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 2 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. Familiarize guests with the Alaska Native Corporations active in SE Alaska.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Break
- **2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Viewing the landscape from the deck of the David B while underway, and using maps, observe the different land ownership regimes in the Tongass, including the U.S. Forest Service, Alaska Native Corporations, and the State of Alaska. Discuss the effects of ANCSA and ANILCA on Tongass forest management.

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- **3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** Arrive at Hoonah, Alaska, for an on-shore visit. Visit with local leaders/experts in the Alaska native community of Hoonah and learn about their history as a community that transitioned from a timber-focused economy to one more focused on tourism. Discuss the importance of tourism and natural resource industries like timber and commercial fishing to the local economy.
 - *Additional Attendees: Local speakers in Hoonah to be determined.*
- **5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** Working dinner: Detailed overview of the history of Southeast Alaska, and the Tongass National Forest, including timber history, land acquisition, wilderness designations, and the history of Alaska Native people in the region.

Monday, August 18, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink, Jeffery and Christine Smith

- **8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast
- **9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** Visit with Hoonah Indian Association about forestry issues impacting their community. Meet with local expert Ian Johnston about the history of forestry in Hoonah and its importance to the local community. Learn about current restoration projects in previously logged areas of the forest.
 - *Additional Attendee:*
 - *Ian Johnston - Environmental Director, Hoonah Indian Association*
- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Working Lunch: Group reflection and discussion of morning field session and concluding discussions with Jeffrey and Christine aboard the Motor Vessel David B.
- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Discuss mining, logging, and fossil fuel development across Alaska, and the history of these industries in the State. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of timber projects and energy and infrastructure development.
- **2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Prepare for departure from Hoonah to Juneau. Ground transportation to Hoonah Airport.
- Return to Juneau, AK.
 - **3:30* p.m.** Depart Hoonah (HNL), Alaska Seaplanes
 - **3:50* p.m.** Arrive at Juneau (JNU)
- **4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Rental car from airport to Best Western Baranof - 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, Alaska 99801
- **4:30 - 5:45 p.m.** Break

(All flight times are subject to change based on weather)*

- **5:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Rental car to Deckhand Dave's - 139 S Franklin St. Juneau, AK 99801
- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Working Dinner: Discussion surrounding commercial fishing in Southeast Alaska and the Tongass National Forest with local commercial fishers.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Linda Behnken - Executive Director, Alaska Longline Fishermen's Association*
 - *Sommers Cole - Commercial Fisherman and Captain of Fishing Vessel Energizer*

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

Attendees: Maya Hermann, Kiara Tringali, Michael Stein, Tim Bristol, Ellen Wang, Natalie Smink

- **8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.** Breakfast at hotel.
- **9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** Transport to Juneau Airport by NorthStar Trekking and glacier hiking safety briefing.
- **9:30 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.** Glacier Hike. Discuss the role of glaciers and climate change in the Alaskan ecosystem, glaciers' role in the tourism economy, and public safety. Take a guided hike on a glacier to observe the shrinking glaciers first hand and discuss the changes to the Juneau icefield with a local glaciology expert. Access will be provided by Northstar Trekking and a commercial helicopter, as it is the only way to reach this site.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *Eran Hood - Glaciologist, University of Alaska Southeast*
- **1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Transport to Baranof Hotel by NorthStar Trekking.
- **1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Lunch
- **2:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.** Rental car to Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska offices, 9097 Glacier Hwy, Juneau, AK
- **2:45 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.** Meet with Alaska Native leaders to discuss their perspectives and priorities as relating to the Tongass National Forest and Southeast Alaska.
 - *Additional Attendees:*
 - *President Richard Peterson - President, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*
 - *Jill Weitz - Natural Resource Manager for Native Lands & Resources*

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- *Ralph Wolfe - Director of Indigenous Stewardship Programs, Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes Of Alaska*
- *Arielle Halpern - Forest Policy and Research Manager, Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska*

- **4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Rental car to Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center, 6000 Glacier Spur Rd, Juneau, AK 99801
- **4:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.** Tour of Mendenhall Glacier Visitor Center and Recreation Area and short hike with US Forest Service staff. The hike will include stops at the Mendenhall Glacier and a tour of the visitor center and wildlife viewing boardwalks. Accessible natural areas like the Mendenhall Visitor Center and many of the wild salmon watersheds help draw over 1 million tourists and generate approximately \$1 billion in revenue for the region annually. Approximately 90% of summer visitors to Mendenhall are brought to the site by tourism operators that generate approximately \$700,000 annually for the Forest Service in fees.
- **6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Rental car to In Boco Al Lupo, 120 2nd St Suite B, Juneau, AK
- **6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.** Working dinner at In Bocca Al Lupo
 - Summarize the trip, and discuss any remaining questions and topics.

Wednesday, August 20, 2025

- Travel from Juneau, AK to DC
 - **7:00 a.m.** Depart JNU, Alaska #42, **10:29 a.m.** arrive at SEA
 - **1:35 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska #2, **9:44 p.m.** arrive at DCA.

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