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:
08/27/2026 to 09/02/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$1,388.53	$1,312.00	$394.05	$3,296.00

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.

9/9/2026
Date

Catherine Melman-Kenny
Printed Name of Traveler

catherine melman-kenny
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.

9/9/2026
Date

Andy Kim
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
Meals	$394.05	Reflecting Final Meal Costs: 8/27 ($26.56) Lower than estimated. Cost of dinner in Fairbanks, AK. 8/28 ($88.25) Higher than estimated. Cost of breakfast in Fairbanks and lunch and dinner provided by Camp Denali. 8/29 ($114) Cost of Camp Denali provided breakfast, lunch and dinner. 8/30 ($91.98) Cost of Camp Denali provided breakfast and lunch, and cost of dinner in Healy, AK. 8/31 ($73.26) Lower than expected. Cost of breakfast, lunch, and dinner in Fairbanks, AK. 9/1 ($0) Lower than expected.
Lodging	$1,312.00	Reflecting Final Lodging Costs 8/27: $254 - No change. La Quinta Inn Fairbanks 8/28-8/29: $550 - 2 nights of lodging at Camp Denali ($275/night) 8/30 - 8/31: $508 - 2 nights of lodging at La Quinta Inn Fairbanks ($254/night) (The evening of 8/30 was originally scheduled to be at Camp Denali, but due to incoming weather that would prevent flying on 8/31, the group departed Denali National Park on the evening of 8/30 and returned to Fairbanks via ground transportation)
Misc. Expenses	$3,316.00	$3296 - No Change. Share of guide services at Camp Denali $20 - Additional cost due to weather-caused itinerary change. UAF Large Animal Station Entrance and Tour fee
Transportation	$1,388.53	Reflecting Final Transportation Costs $819.80 - No change. Round Trip Flights for DCA-FAI $504.06 - Lower than estimated. Share of Air Taxi from FAI to Kantishna, return flight canceled due to unsafe flying conditions. $64.67 - Lower than estimated. Share of rental vehicles and gas

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☑ Yes ○ No

Explanation: Thursday, August 27, 2026 Attendee Change: For the dinner scheduled from 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Kristen Moreland was unable to attend due to a personal schedule change. Jason Paulsen and Ellen Wang instead led an introductory discussion on Alaska's geography and provided some background on the Gwich'in and their history in Alaska. Saturday, August 29, 2026 Ryan Marsh was the Camp Denali guide who joined this day's activities Sunday, August 30, 2026 Peter Disney was the Camp Denali guide who joined this day's activities prior to departure. **Due to significant snow and fog forecasted for Monday, August 31st which was expected to prevent the planned departure by both air-taxi and ground transport, the group departed Camp Denali earlier than planned on Sunday afternoon via ground transport. (Note: Because the Denali Road has not yet been officially opened to traffic, this ground transport occurred with special permission granted to Camp Denali by the National Park Service.)** Time Change: The hike originally scheduled from 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. was extended to 2:45 p.m. 2:45 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Prepare to leave Camp Denali via ground transportation (Camp Denali shuttle). Time and Location Change: 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. The discussion originally scheduled from 2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. was instead held from 3:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. The group observed and discussed the local vegetation while in transit along the Denali Park Road. Time and Location Change: 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. The overview that was originally scheduled from 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. was instead held from 4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. while the group was in transit along the Denali Park Road. The group also had the opportunity to cross the recently completed bridge over the Pretty Rocks Landslide and discuss other areas posing future landslide risk and the necessity of infrastructure improvement projects such as this bridge throughout Alaska. 6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Break at Toklat River Contact Station, Mile 53 Denali Park Road. Time and Location Change: 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The after-dinner discussion originally scheduled from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. was instead held from 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. while the group was in transit along the Denali Park Road. Time and Location Change: 8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Dinner, 49th State Brewing - Denali Park in Healy, 248 Parks Hwy (Mile 248.5), Healy, AK 99743 9:30 p.m. - 12:15 a.m. Ground Transportation from Healy, Alaska to Fairbanks, Alaska. 12:15 a.m. - Check-In at La Quinta Inn Fairbanks Airport Monday, August 31, 2026 Due to the weather the previous day, the participants started Monday in Fairbanks with the following educational itinerary. 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast. 9:30 a.m. -

10:00 a.m. Transit to University of Alaska Large Animal Research Station - 2220 Yankovich Road, Fairbanks, Ak 99775 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Visit the University of Alaska Large Animal Research Station (LARS). LARS provides important research on Arctic species such as muskoxen, caribou, and reindeer that help to inform the wildlife management of the species across Alaska. Participants will take a tour of the facility to learn about its history working with Arctic species and the current research projects being conducted at the station. 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. Transit to the Morris Thompson Cultural Center - 101 Dunkel St, Fairbanks, AK 99701 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Visit the Morris Thompson Cultural Center to learn about the history and culture of Native Alaskans in Interior Alaska. Many Alaska Native tribes and villages continue to live in Interior Alaska, where Denali National Park and Preserve and many other federal public land units can be found, and use these lands for cultural practices and subsistence hunting and fishing. Participants will learn about the different Alaska Native tribes that make up Interior Alaska and how they continue to live off these lands today. 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Working Lunch - The discussion on tourism in Fairbanks originally scheduled for 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. was instead held during this working lunch. 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Break Time and Attendee Change: 2:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - The meeting with the Tanana Chiefs Conference originally scheduled from 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. was instead held from 2:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. April Monroe - Native Lands Manager, Tanana Chiefs Conference, joined this meeting. 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Break 6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Transportation to dinner. No change Time and Attendee Change: For the dinner scheduled from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., the dinner instead ran until 9:00 p.m. Princess Johnson - Gwich'in Representative, joined this dinner.

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

○ Yes ● No

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

AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

Catherine Melman-Kenny
Legislative Correspondent
Senator Andy Kim
520 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Catherine,

The American Lands Project (ALP) appreciates your interest in the fact-finding trip to Denali National Park and Preserve. Denali encompasses more than six million acres and is a crown jewel of the national parks system. The park's ecosystem supports abundant wildlife, including bears, caribou, Dall sheep, moose, wolves, over 160 bird species, as well as rich and diverse vegetation. The park is also home to North America's tallest mountain. Denali is a cornerstone of Alaska's tourism and outdoor recreation industries, and a significant economic driver for the state and local communities.

Indigenous history in the Denali region spans over ten thousand years. There are many distinct Alaska Native groups across the state, and a number continue to rely on subsistence resources for food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and trade.

A fact-finding trip to Denali will provide you with the opportunity to experience and learn firsthand about Alaska's public lands and waters, ecosystems and geology, Alaska Native culture, and economy through a unique setting located within the park. The agenda will focus on public lands and cultural issues in Alaska from the early 1900s to today, providing guests with a comprehensive understanding of Alaska's unique legislative and legal public lands framework and the latest developments in land and resource use across an array of landscapes.

Expert guides will cover topics including: the area's human and natural history, current land and resource management issues, federal investment in national parks and other public lands, the economic impact of tourism and outdoor recreation, as well as Alaska Native subsistence and cultural uses of lands and waters. Guests will also meet with Tribal leaders and local community members.

We would like to invite you to join ALP for a trip to Denali National Park and Preserve from August 27 to September 1, 2026 – on the ground in Denali National Park from August 28th to August 31st. The trip will be fully sponsored by ALP, including all travel, lodging, and meals. We will follow up with the formal 2026 trip itinerary and will assist with the required documentation for submission to the Senate Committee on Ethics.

Sincerely,

Natalie Smink
Education & Trips Coordinator

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp
7/23/2026
1:20 pm

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:
CATHERINE MELMAN-KENNY

Employing Office/Committee:
KIM, ANDY

Private Sponsor(s):
American Lands Project

Destination(s):
Fairbanks, Alaska Denali National Park, Alaska Fairbanks, Alaska

Travel Dates:
08/27/2026 to 09/01/2026

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 policy portfolio includes environment/interior and agriculture, and the discussions and activities that I would participate in on this trip would expand my knowledge in these areas. Alaska is one of the most significant places for biodiversity and climate change as it is warming at a much faster rate than most of the world, and they are already seeing increased flooding and wildfires from this. NJ is also seeing these issues, and hearing from local experts who have been dealing with this more intense weather for longer could help me to better think through policies to mitigate these issues. This trip will also increase my knowledge of public lands issues.

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.

7/23/2026
Date

Catherine Melman-Kenny
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 Senator Andy Kim
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Catherine Melman-Kenny
(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)

7/23/26

Andy Kim

Date	Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

American Lands Project: Aug 27 - Sept 1 - Denali National Park Fact-Finding Trip

Catherine Melman-Kenny

Title:
Legislative Correspondent

Employing Office/Committee:
KIM, ANDY

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Fairbanks, Alaska
Denali National Park, 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

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

Address 2 (Optional)
Suite 406

Phone Number
(720) 951-4327

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

Address
1904 3rd Ave

City, State Zip
Seattle, Washington 98101 United States

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, the Owyhee Canyonlands, and the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument. In 2023, ALP hosted three trips to the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR) 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 ANWR for a Senate Member, a House Member, Senate staff, and House Staff; and one trip to the Tongass National Forest for House staff. In 2025, ALP hosted four trips to the ANWR for two House Members, Senate staff, and House staff; and two trips to the Tongass National Forest for two House Members, Senate staff, and House staff. In 2026, ALP hosted a trip to the Rio Grande del Norte National Monument for Senate staff and a trip to the ANWR for House Members.

Educational Activities

ALP 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. ALP also provides educational trips for non-congressional organizations.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

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

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

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This fact-finding trip to Interior Alaska and Denali National Park and Preserve offers participants an opportunity to learn first-hand about federal public lands in Alaska. Attendees will explore the region's unique legislative history and land management frameworks, along with the conservation and multiple uses of federal lands. The itinerary also covers federal investment in national parks and other public lands, the economic impacts of tourism and outdoor recreation, and Alaska Native history and culture. Participants will have the opportunity to visit a remote section of Denali National Park to better understand the discussion topics, experience its ecology and geology, and meet with Tribal and local stakeholders.

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 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 the vast federal public lands in Alaska and specifically, Denali National Park and Preserve.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] 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

- [x] 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

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] 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

- [x] 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.

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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:
08/27/2026 @ 08:00 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
09/01/2026 @ 09:59 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: $1,940.93 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Coach	$819.80
Note Round trip flights from DCA to FAI.		
Airfare	N/A	$1,008.11
Note Share of Air Taxi from Fairbanks, AK to Kantishna, AK (remote location inside Denali National Park only accessible by plane).		
Ground Transportation	N/A	$113.02
Note Share of rental cars and gas in Fairbanks.		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,333.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
08/27/2026	08/28/2026	La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	1	$254.00	No
08/28/2026	08/31/2026	Camp Denali	Denali National Park	Alaska	United States	3	$275.00	No
08/31/2026	09/01/2026	La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	1	$254.00	No

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $474.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/27/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/28/2026	$20.00	$30.00	$38.00	$0.00	**$88.00**	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	No
08/29/2026	$38.00	$38.00	$38.00	$0.00	**$114.00**	Denali National Park	Alaska	United States	No
08/30/2026	$38.00	$38.00	$38.00	$0.00	**$114.00**	Denali National Park	Alaska	United States	No
08/31/2026	$15.00	$23.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$88.00**	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	No
09/01/2026	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$20.00**	Fairbanks	Alaska	United States	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $3,296.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Guide Services)	$3,296.00	Share of Camp Denali guide services fee.

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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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: Aug 27 - Sept 1 - Denali National Park Fact-Finding Trip

Travel Date(s): 08/27/2026 - 09/01/2026

Travel Destination(s): Fairbanks, AK; Denali National Park, AK

Sponsor: American Lands Project

Jason M. Paulsen — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Board Vice President — *(title)*

Signed by: 27FF23E589CB418... — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

7/21/2026 — *(date)*

AMERICAN LANDS PROJECT

Aug 27 - Sept 1 - Denali National Park Fact-Finding Trip

Senate Invite List:

- Abimael Jimenez - Legislative Assistant, Senator John Fetterman's Office
- Cydney Karlins - Legislative Assistant, Senator Raphael Warnock's Office
- Angela Alsobrooks - Legislative Director, Senator Angela Alsobrooks' Office
- Nathan Robinson - Legislative Assistant, Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester's Office
- Lukas Warren Kauth - Legislative Assistant, Senator Peter Welch's Office
- Julien Caubel - Policy Advisor for Energy and Natural Resources, Senator Mark Kelly's Office
- Catherine Melman-Kenny - Legislative Correspondent, Senator Andy Kim's Office

American Lands Project
Denali National Park
2026 Fact-Finding Trip Itinerary
August 27 - September 1, 2026

Thursday, August 27, 2026

- Travel from Washington, DC to Fairbanks, AK
  - **8:00 a.m.** Depart DCA, Alaska 1, **10:54 a.m.** arrive at SEA
  - **12:03 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 230, **3:02 p.m.** arrive at FAI

- **3:20 p.m. - 3:35 p.m.** Ground transportation from airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport - 4920 Dale Rd, Fairbanks, AK
  - *Abimael Jimenez (Legislative Assistant, Senator John Fetterman), Cydney Karlins (Legislative Assistant, Senator Raphael Warnock), Elizabeth Mabry (Legislative Director, Senator Angela Alsobrooks), Nathan Robinson (Legislative Assistant, Senator Lisa Blunt Rochester), Lukas Kauth (Legislative Assistant, Senator Peter Welch), Julien Caubel (Policy Advisor for Energy and Natural Resources, Senator Mark Kelly), Catherine Melman-Kenny (Legislative Correspondent, Senator Andy Kim), Ellen Wang (Board Member, American Lands Project), Jason Paulsen (Board Vice President, American Lands Project)*

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Working dinner at The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK
  - Meet with the Staff/Board of the Gwich'in Steering Committee to learn about their work, the Gwich'in communities of interior Alaska and Canada, and their connections to public lands.
    - *Attendees:*
      - *Kristen Moreland - Executive Director, Gwich'in Steering Committee*

Friday, August 28, 2026

Attendees: Abimael Jimenez, Cydney Karlins, Elizabeth Mabry, Nathan Robinson, Lukas Kauth, Julien Caubel, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Ellen Wang, Jason Paulsen, Camp Denali Guide (to be assigned)

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Denali National Park, AK
  - **8:00 a.m.** Ground transportation to airport
  - **9:00* a.m.** Depart FAI, Wrights Air, **10:00* a.m.** Arrive at Kantishna landing strip
  - **Note: Due to the Pretty Rocks Landslide at Mile 43 of Denali Park Road, Camp Denali is currently only accessible via plane.

- **10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** Ground Transportation to Camp Denali - Mile 89 Denali Park Road, Denali National Park, AK 99755

- **10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** Check-in at Camp Denali.

~~*(*All flight times to and from Camp Denali are subject to change based on weather)*~~

- **11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Orientation by a Camp Denali guide to learn key safety practices at the lodge along with the lodge's history within Denali National Park.

- **12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Review maps of Denali National Park to become oriented with the location of Camp Denali within the National Park and the location of Denali relative to the rest of Alaska.

- **1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** Working Lunch: Discuss the history of Denali National Park including its establishment as a National Park in 1917 and its expansion in 1980.

- **2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** Executive Time.

- **3:30 p.m – 5:30 p.m.** Hike to observe the landscape surrounding Camp Denali and learn about the key ecologic features of Denali NP's subarctic landscape. This includes the distinct northern and southern climates created by the Alaska Range bisecting the park, the Boreal Lowlands that make up its lower elevations, the subalpine zone where many of the park's large mammals reside, and the barren high alpine regions.

- **5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Talk with owners of Camp Denali Lodge to learn about small scale tourism within a National Park and the challenges and opportunities of operating a business within a National Park. Also discuss the impacts tourism has throughout the National Park and how the park works to manage visitors and wildlife.

- **6:30 p.m – 7:30 p.m.** Dinner

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** After dinner discussion on 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, 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.

Saturday, August 29, 2026
Attendees: Abimael Jimenez, Cydney Karlins, Elizabeth Mabry, Nathan Robinson, Lukas Kauth, Julien Caubel, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Ellen Wang, Jason Paulsen, Camp Denali Guide (to be assigned)

- **7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Guided Hike to observe the geologic and glacial history of Denali National Park. The Pacific Plate collides with the North American Plate beneath Alaska which created the Alaska Range and leaves the area seismically active today. Denali has also seen the advancement and retreat of ice sheets across its landscape throughout its history, carving many of the valleys found there today.

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- **10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** Observe the impacts of recent warming temperatures on the landscape, including melting permafrost and damage to road infrastructure. Discuss the closure of the Park Road at Mile 43, where permafrost melt accelerated the Pretty Rocks landslide making the road unsafe to drive. The park has been working to construct a bridge over this section of the road since 2021 to make it safe and accessible again. Discuss the impacts of permafrost melt on infrastructure both in Denali and throughout Alaska. Review estimates on the quantity of methane stored in permafrost along with recent scientific studies analyzing the climate inputs associated with increases in temperature. Alaskan landscapes are a major reservoir of this greenhouse gas, and rising temperatures have been accelerating release from existing stores in the permafrost.

- **12:00 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 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.

- **1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** Guided hike from Camp Denali to observe local wildlife. Discuss key wildlife interactions within Denali National Park and the use of the landscape by migratory birds, caribou, grizzly bears and other wildlife. Talk about how the landscape is managed and monitored by the National Park Service.

- **3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Break

- **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** Overview of the various public lands across Alaska including the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, National Petroleum Reserve - Alaska, Gates of the Arctic National Park, and the Tongass National Forest. Use maps to understand how these units of public land are spread across Alaska. Federal lands make up more than 60% of Alaska and almost two-thirds of all National Park Service land is found in Alaska.

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Dinner

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** After dinner discussion on the fossil fuel resources throughout Alaska, the history of development across the state, and its role in the Alaskan economy. Use maps to examine the geography and chronology of energy and infrastructure development in Alaska, including the discovery of oil in Prudhoe bay and the construction of the Trans-Alaska Pipeline to transport oil from the North Slope of Alaska. Provide an overview of the Alaska Permanent Fund, created in 1976 via an amendment to the state constitution to help manage the growing state income from oil and gas development. This will help guests better understand Alaska's fossil fuel resources and how their extraction and use relate to the nation's energy goals.

Sunday, August 30, 2026

Attendees: Abimael Jimenez, Cydney Karlins, Elizabeth Mabry, Nathan Robinson, Lukas Kauth, Julien Caubel, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Ellen Wang, Jason Paulsen, Camp Denali Guide (to be assigned)

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- **7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast

- **9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** Guided Hike Discussion: Overview of Indigenous community connections to Denali National Park. This area is the homeland of the Dena'ian, Koyukon, Lower Tanana, Upper Kuskokwim, and Western Ahtna people who have been stewards of this land for thousands of years. Discuss the history of these communities and the impacts of the formation of the national park on their communities and subsistence lifestyles.

- **10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.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."

- **12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** Lunch

- **1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** Guided Hike to visit lakes and streams surrounding Camp Denali. Discuss the importance of fish species such as Grayling and trout as a food source for bears and other wildlife within the Northern Denali ecosystem. These species, along with salmon, are also a critical food source for Alaskans and wildlife across the state and help transport nutrients into a variety of Alaskan ecosystems. Commercial fishing plays an important role in the state's economy and subsistence fishing is essential for many Alaskans.

- **2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Observe local vegetation and discuss how changes in temperature have impacted the ecological ranges of different plant species throughout the park. Discuss the impact that these changes have on the overall landscape and habitat distribution of the mammals, birds, and other wildlife that rely on certain plants for food and shelter.

- **4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** Break.

- **5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** Overview of the construction of the Alaska Railroad, the Denali Park Road, and other large development projects in Alaska. Discuss the role of the nearby Kantishna mining district in these infrastructure projects .

- **6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Dinner

- **7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.** After dinner discussion on the industries that make up the Alaskan economy including oil and gas, mining, logging, commercial fishing, and tourism. Provide an overview of each industry and how its role in the Alaskan economy has shifted over time.

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Attendees: Abimael Jimenez, Cydney Karlins, Elizabeth Mabry, Nathan Robinson, Lukas Kauth, Julien Caubel, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Ellen Wang, Jason Paulsen, Camp Denali Guide (to be assigned)

- **7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** Breakfast

- **8:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.** Morning Hike: Visit Camp Denali's solar farm and learn about the various systems that allow the lodge to operate entirely off the grid and in Alaska's extreme weather conditions. Review renewable energy development across Alaska, including projects in rural Alaskan towns that are disconnected from the state's larger grid.

  Discuss the on-going scientific studies throughout Denali National Park and Preserve to better understand the ecology, wildlife, glaciology, and complex interactions of these systems within the National Park.
  - *Additional Attendees: Camp Denali Guide (to be assigned)*

- **10:45 p.m. - 11:15 a.m.** Pack and prepare to leave Camp Denali.

- Travel from Camp Denali, AK to Fairbanks Alaska
  - **11:15 a.m.** Depart Kantishna landing strip, Wrights Air, **12:15 p.m.** Arrive FAI

- **12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.** Ground transportation from Airport to La Quinta Inn & Suites by Wyndham Fairbanks Airport

- **12:45 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** Check-in at hotel.

- **1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Ground transportation to Tanana Chiefs Conference Offices - 122 First Ave, Fairbanks, AK 99701

- **2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** Meeting with the Tanana Chiefs Conference leadership and staff. Learn about the history and role of the Tanana Chiefs Conference in interior Alaska. Discuss the historical and cultural roles that the land plays in Alaska Native communities and the impacts of public land decisions on interior Alaska Native communities.
  - *Additional Attendees:*
    - *Chief/Chairman Sharon Hildebrand (Tanana Chiefs Conference)*
    - *Chief Frank Thompson (Evansville Tribal Council)*
    - *Chief Julie Roberts-Hyslop (Tanana Tribal Council)*
    - *Chief Jerry Sam (Alatna Village Council)*
    - *Olivia Karns (Associate Counsel, Tanana Chiefs Conference)*
    - *Rob Rosenfeld (Consultant to Alatna, Evansville and Tanana Tribal Councils)*
    - *Joy Huntington (Government Affairs Director, Tanana Chiefs Conference)*
    - *Additional Staff TBD*

- **4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** Break

- **5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.** Walk to the Riverboat Discovery Landing on the Chena River and discuss the role of tourism in Fairbanks, Alaska and its connection to Denali National Park. Many cruise companies begin their trips in Fairbanks with a stop at Denali before

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continuing on to coastal Alaska, bringing additional tourism to interior Alaska. Discuss the role that this tourism plays in the Fairbanks economy along with other outdoor recreation driven tourism.

- **6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.** - Ground transportation to The Pump House Restaurant - 796 Chena Pump Rd, Fairbanks, AK

- **7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.** Working dinner: Review the trip experience and topics covered and discuss any remaining questions and topics.

Tuesday, September 1, 2026
Attendees: Abimael Jimenez, Cydney Karlins, Elizabeth Mabry, Nathan Robinson, Lukas Kauth, Julien Caubel, Catherine Melman-Kenny, Ellen Wang, Jason Paulsen

- Travel from Fairbanks, AK to Washington, DC
  - **5:31 a.m.** Depart FAI, Alaska 210, **10:18 a.m.** arrive at SEA
  - **1:46 p.m.** Depart SEA, Alaska 2, **9:59 p.m.** arrive at DCA.

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