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):
(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Travel Dates:
08/29/2025 to 08/29/2025

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$107.36	$0.00	$30.00	$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.

06/17/26
Date

Harrison Walker
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.

06/17/26
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	$107.36	Originally the good faith estimate was made with a smaller group size in mind. Yet, we had record attendance and had to adjust the van to a charter bus. Then, we had 4 attendees cancel which also added to the cost per person.

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.



APPALACHIAN NATIONAL SCENIC TRAIL

Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Cooperative Management

FOR SENATE STAFF MEMBERS

August 29th, 2025
From 8:30 AM to 4 PM
Hosted by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy

The Appalachian National Scenic Trail is a 2,191-mile footpath that extends through 14 states, from Maine to Georgia, outlining one of the most prominent land features in the eastern United States, the Appalachian Mountains.

The Appalachian Trail (A.T.) is a unit of the National Park Service, cooperatively managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Appalachian Trail Conservancy (ATC).

The August 29, 2025, Field Trip titled "Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Cooperative Management" will feature educational briefings on the history of the Appalachian Trail, its cooperative management model, volunteer contributions, and current trends in hiker use and visitation. The day will also include a short site visit and working lunch to provide additional context on trail management challenges and successes.

Who Should Attend

This field trip is open to all Congressional staff and is particularly oriented to staff in states where the Appalachian Trail is located.

The Itinerary

08:30 – 08:45AM Meet at Spirit of Justice Park for transportation to Appalachian Trail Conservancy's Headquarters in Harpers Ferry.

10:30 – 11:00 AM Visit to ATC Headquarters for Cooperative Management Briefing - Participants will visit the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's headquarters in Harpers Ferry for a guided exploration of historical displays, interpretive exhibits, models, and artifacts that trace the history of the Appalachian Trail and the movement that built it. This session will offer a deeper understanding of the Trail's origins, the founding and evolution of the ATC, and the development of the Cooperative Management System - a first-of-its-kind model in public lands stewardship that remains a cornerstone of A.T. management today.

ATC staff will present on the Trail's legacy as one of America's earliest and most ambitious conservation projects, built not only to protect a footpath but also to preserve an interconnected corridor of public lands through the most densely populated part of the country. The A.T. remains one of the most visible and successful examples of what can be achieved when federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners share responsibility for stewarding a nationally significant resource.

11:00 – 11:15 AM Travel to Weverton Cliffs.

11:15 AM – 01:45 PM Educational Briefing with Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club- Following our visit to ATC headquarters, we'll head to a nearby section of the Appalachian Trail for a field-based educational briefing led by a Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club (PATC). Ridge Runners serve as front-line stewards of the Trail, and this session will offer an opportunity to see the A.T. through their eyes.

The briefing will highlight local trail conditions, ecological features, and the ongoing stewardship challenges faced along this segment of the Trail. Topics may include native flora and fauna, habitat pressures, and the importance of protecting the Trail's physical treadway and its surrounding corridor from erosion, overuse, invasive species, and encroachment.

Ridge Runners also serve a vital educational role - interacting directly with hikers to promote Leave No Trace principles, build awareness of land management policies, and foster a shared sense of responsibility among visitors. As increasing visitation, climate-related impacts, and aging infrastructure place new strains on public lands, Ridge Runners represent a proactive, people-centered approach to conservation. This stop underscores the Appalachian Trail's role as a living landscape that must be actively cared for, and highlights how volunteers, nonprofit partners, and federal land managers work together to sustain its ecological and recreational values for the long term. Lunch will be provided.

1:45 PM Head back to D.C. / Arrive by 4 PM.

Details

Small breakfast snacks and a picnic lunch and transportation will be provided, per Rules. Please RSVP by **Wednesday, July 30th** (coinciding with the 30-day lead time the House and Senate Ethics Committees require for your travel forms) to Max Raphelson at mraphelson@appalachiantrail.org. This trip has been submitted through the Senate Travel Portal System and you should receive an official invite from their system. Questions? Call: (828) 278- 9423 SPACE IS LIMITED. Attendees should feel free to provide their own transportation if more convenient.

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:
Harrison Walker

Employing Office/Committee:
TILLIS, THOM

Private Sponsor(s):
(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Destination(s):
Harpers Ferry, WV

Travel Dates:
08/29/2025 to 08/29/2025
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 work on public lands policy for Senator Tillis, who is one of the lead sponsors of the Appalachian Trail Centennial Act. The Appalachian Trail has a significant presence in North Carolina.

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.

07/11/25
Date

Harrison Walker
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 Thom Tillis (Print Senator's/Officer's Name) hereby authorize Harrison Walker (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)

07/11/25
Date

Thom Tillis
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy: Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Cooperative Management

Harrison Walker

Title:
Senior Policy Advisor

Employing Office/Committee:
TILLIS, THOM

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):
Harpers Ferry, WV

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
(ATC) Appalachian Trail Conservancy

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

Address 2 (Optional)
None

Phone Number
2699100482

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

Address
799 Washington Street, PO Box 807

City, State Zip
Harpers Ferry, West Virginia 25425 United States

Organization URL
https://appalachiantrail.org/

History of Congressional Travel

Prior trip in 2023. Cancelled trip in 2022 due to low turnout. Cancelled trip in 2021 due to Covid.

Educational Activities

Our organization engages in a variety of educational activities aimed at promoting stewardship, conservation, and public awareness of the Appalachian Trail and public lands. These include hosting workshops and training sessions for land managers, volunteers, and the public on trail maintenance, conservation practices, and outdoor safety. We also develop educational materials, conduct outreach programs in schools and communities, and provide policy briefings to inform decision-makers about public land management and conservation funding needs. Additionally, we organize field-based learning experiences to connect people with the natural and cultural history of the Appalachian Trail. We annually organize over 5,000 volunteers.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but retain or employ one or more 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

None Entered

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

This fact-finding trip offers participants a firsthand look at the Appalachian Trail and the Cooperative Management System that sustains it. The day begins at the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's headquarters in Harpers Ferry, where ATC staff will present on the Trail's history, its role as a major conservation corridor in the East, and the innovative public-private partnership model that manages it. Participants will then visit a nearby section of the Trail for an on-the-ground educational briefing led by a Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club. This portion will focus on local ecology, trail conditions, and current stewardship challenges, including impacts from overuse, erosion, and invasive species. The trip highlights the A.T. as both a cultural legacy and a living landscape—managed collaboratively by volunteers, nonprofits, and public land agencies to ensure its long-term protection.

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

This trip advances the Appalachian Trail Conservancy's mission to protect, manage, and advocate for the Appalachian Trail and its surrounding landscape. By providing a firsthand look at the Trail and the Cooperative Management System that sustains it, the trip highlights the ATC's leadership role in stewarding one of the most significant public lands corridors in the eastern U.S. The visit to ATC's headquarters offers insight into the Trail's history and the innovative public-private model that has supported it for nearly a century. The on-trail portion, led by a Ridge Runner from the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club, showcases the ecological value of the Trail corridor and the challenges it faces—from habitat pressures to increasing visitor use. Together, these components reinforce the ATC's role as both a protector of natural resources and a convener of partners working to ensure the Trail's long-term resilience.

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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations.

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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:
08/29/2025 @ 08:30 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
08/29/2025 @ 04:00 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: $30.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Ground Transportation	Coach	$30.00

Note
Coach bus if numbers are large or rental van.

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $0.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem

There are no lodging expenses.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $30.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
08/29/2025	$10.00	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$30.00**	Harpers Ferry	West Virginia	United States	No

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

Expense Type	Amount	Notes

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: Fact-Finding Visit: The Appalachian Trail & Cooperative Mar

Travel Date(s): August 29, 2025

Travel Destination(s): Harpers Ferry, West Virginia & Weverten Cliffs, Maryland

Sponsor: Appalachian Trail Conservancy

Max Raphelson
(printed name of sponsor representative)

Federal Policy Specialist
(title)

(signature of sponsor representative)

06/27/2025
(date)

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1:45 PM Depart Weverton Cliffs, Maryland.

4:00 PM arrive at Spirit of Justice Park, Washington, D.C.

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