# 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):**
Washington Association of Wheat Growers, NW RiverPartners, The McGregor Company, Washington State Potato Commission

**Travel Dates:**
08/17/2026 to 08/19/2026

**Name of accompanying family member (if any):**

**Relationship to Traveler:**

## Expenses

| Transportation Expenses | Lodging Expenses | Meals Expenses | Other Expenses (Amount & Description) |
|---|---|---|---|
| $2,283.40 | $220.00 | $80.00 | $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.*

9-18-2026
Date

**Sidney Kucera**
Printed Name of Traveler

Sidney Kucera
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.*

9-18-2026
Date

Deb Fischer
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 |
|---|---|---|
| There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses. | | |

## 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

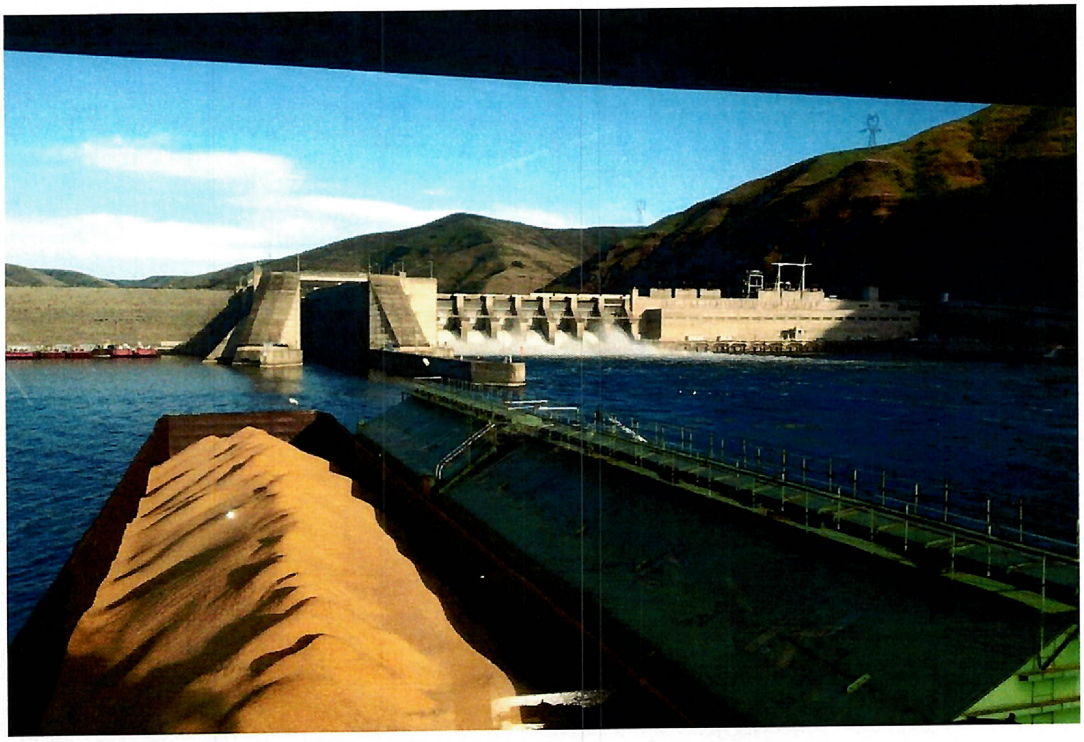
**Explanation:** There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.




Come and experience going through the dam's lock via boat and a walking tour of the Lower Granite Dam. In a full day's tour, you will hear from stakeholders who rely on Marine Highway 84 for transportation, hydropower, irrigation and tourism, as well as visiting the dam and the Port Lewiston. ***This is a privately sponsored event with limited number of spots available which will be filled with a first come, first served basis.*** Travel days August 17th and 19th. Kindly respond by June 10th, if you are interested.

RSVP by email: kgilkey@wawg.org or call 509-990-6105.

# Explore Marine Highway 84



**Lower Snake River Dams' Lock System**

Allow barges to transport 60 percent of U.S. wheat exports and 50 percent of U.S. wheat donations to international food programs. We would see significant reduction to this export system's ability to feed the world without the ability to cost-effectively transport grain.



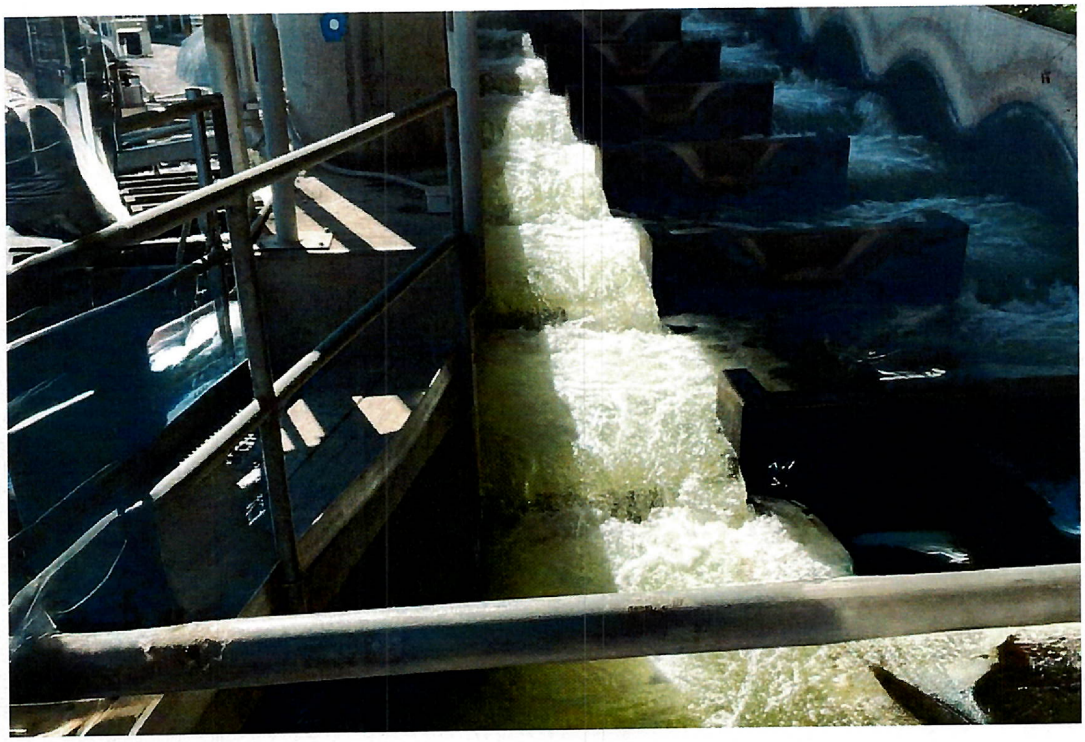
**Region Relies on Irrigation Water**

More than 50,000 acres of diverse crops are irrigated with water originating from the river. Crops range from alfalfa hay, potatoes, other vegetables, and fruit trees.




**River Transportation**

Assists in meeting our region's climate goals. Barging is the most efficient transportation mode with the least CO2 emissions per ton-mile. Replacing barging with rail and trucking would require an additional 5 million gallons of diesel each year, significantly increasing CO2 emissions.



**Salmon Populations**

Innovative solutions like fish ladders, turbine bypass systems, and spillway weirs help guide juvenile salmon safely downstream. New fish-friendly turbines, with safer blades, reduce the risk of fish injury and improve energy efficiency. Today, fish passage at many projects is highly effective, with survival rates at, near, or above 96% past each dam for juvenile salmon and steelhead.



**Hydroelectricity** Is one of the cleanest, affordable and efficient sources of electricity. Hydropower in the Pacific Northwest provides benefits beyond electricity generation by providing flood control, irrigation support and clean drinking water to surrounding communities.



**Tourism**

American Cruise Lines cruises the Columbia and Snake Rivers aboard six modern riverboats and two classic paddlewheelers, each accommodating 150 to 180 guests. Other tourism centers on outdoor recreation, including jet boating through Hells Canyon, salmon/steelhead fishing, and boating on reservoir lakes.



The day's tour will conclude at Lindsay Creek Winery where local farmers will join us for dinner.

Washington Association of Wheat Growers
109 East First,
Ritzville, WA 99169

# 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:**
SIDNEY KUCERA

**Employing Office/Committee:**
FISCHER, DEB

**Private Sponsor(s):**
Washington Association of Wheat Growers, NW RiverPartners, The McGregor Company, Washington State Potato Commission

**Destination(s):**
Lewiston, Idaho

**Travel Dates:**
08/17/2026 to 08/19/2026
**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.

Opportunity to tour the Lower Snake River to understand the lock system, hydropower, and irrigation associated with the Lower Granite Dam.

**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.*

7.17.2026
Date

Sidney Kucera
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 Fischer
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Sidney Kucera
(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)

8/4/26
Date

Deb Fischer
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

# Washington Association of Wheat Growers: 2026 Lower Snake River System Educational Tour

## Sidney Kucera

**Title:**
None

**Employing Office/Committee:**
FISCHER, DEB

**Duty Station:**
WASHINGTON,DC

**Destination(s):**

Lewiston, Idaho

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

Opportunity to tour the Lower Snake River to understand the lock system, hydropower, and irrigation associated with the Lower Granite Dam.

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

**Name and Relationship to Traveler:**
None

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**
Washington Association of Wheat Growers

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**
N/A

**Address 2** (Optional)
Ritzville

**Phone Number**
5099906105

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

○ Yes ◉ No

**Address**
109 E First Ave

**City, State Zip**
Ritzville, Washington 99169 United States

**Organization URL**

## History of Congressional Travel

We've sponsored a similar tour for the past three years.

## Educational Activities

We are a member-based, grass roots organization which provides educational seminars, workshops that benefit our multi-generational members. Examples -- we host an annual convention, other educational workshops with keynote speakers. We also participate in farm fairs to educate students about how wheat is grown.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

**Lobbyist Registration Status:** *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does 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**

## Signature Page

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## Purpose and Details

**Provide a brief description of the trip.**

We will provide a first-hand experience and educational tour of our Lower Snake River System that is used for renewable energy, irrigation and transportation of our commodity. Participants will have the opportunity to experience the loc through the dam on a boat, tour the Lower Granite dam facility, learn more about the Port of Lewiston and its activities and learn more about barge transportation system. They will hear from farmers, barge operators, managers and other related river system users.

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

The Lower Snake River system is an important element in getting our farmers' (members') product to market. Many of those in D.C. making important decisions about the river system have never experienced nor seen the dams and how they benefit our region. We are a nonprofit member-based organization that provides educational information to our members as well as the public about the importance of our wheat industry.

## Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

○ Yes ● No

## Describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

We are the main sponsor, planner and organizer. We have three joint sponsors for this educational tour: Washington State Potato Commission, The McGregor Company and Northwest RiverPartners. Our joint sponsors are assisting in funding and providing speakers during the tour.

# Joint Sponsor: NW RiverPartners

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**
NW RiverPartners

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**
N/A

**Address 2** (Optional)
Suite 1135

**Phone Number**
2539056720

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

○ Yes ● No

**Address**
825 Northeast Multnomah Street

**City, State Zip**
Portland, Oregon 97232 United States

**Organization URL**

## History of Congressional Travel

We sponsored a similar trip in 2023, 2024, and 2025.

## Educational Activities

We provide public education on the value of the multi-purpose hydropower system in the Northwest.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

**Lobbyist Registration Status:** *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does 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**

## Signature Page

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# Joint Sponsor: The McGregor Company

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**
The McGregor Company

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**
N/A

**Address 2** (Optional)
401 Colfax Airport Road

**Phone Number**
(509) 397-4355

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

**Address**
P.O. Box 740

**City, State Zip**
Colfax, Washington 99111 United States

**Organization URL**

## History of Congressional Travel

We jointly sponsored a similar tour led by Washington Association of Wheat Growers for the past three years.

## Educational Activities

The McGregor Company educates farm customers on agronomic topics, participates in K-12 and higher education ag programs, and utilizes opportunities to raise agricultural literacy in rural and urban communities.

## 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:**

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- ☑ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

**Comments**

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# Joint Sponsor: Washington State Potato Commission

## Organization Information

**Organization Name**
Washington State Potato Commission

**§501(c)(3) Organization Type**
N/A

**Address 2** (Optional)

**Phone Number**
(509) 750-3478

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

**Address**
108 S Interlake Rd - Moses La

**City, State Zip**
Moses Lake, Washington 98837 United States

**Organization URL**

## History of Congressional Travel

The Washington State Potato Commission has a long history of sponsoring bipartisan educational travel that brings congressional offices directly to farms, processing facilities, research sites, and critical infrastructure. These tours provide firsthand insight into how federal policy affects Washington growers, rural communities, and the agricultural supply chain.

## Educational Activities

The Washington State Potato Commission educates growers, policymakers, industry partners, and the public through policy briefings, research updates, workshops, publications, and direct outreach. These activities provide practical information on production, trade, water, labor, environmental regulation, food safety, and other issues affecting Washington's potato industry.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

**Lobbyist Registration Status:** *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does 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.
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- ✓ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

**Comments**

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## 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
- ○ 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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  > There are limited flights out of Spokane International Airport (two hours away) and no flights available after 10:30 pm on the 18th which necessitates a third day for travel.

## 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:**
08/17/2026 @ 06:55 AM

**Trip End Date/Time:**
08/19/2026 @ 07:37 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: $2,283.40 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

| Transportation Type | Class | Amount |
|---|---|---|
| Airfare | Coach | $2,021.40 |
| **Note** Round trip from Omaha to Spokane | | |
| Ground Transportation | Coach | $159.00 |
| **Note** Use bus to bring from airport to Lewiston on 8/17, for day's tour on 8/18 and then return to airport on 8/19. | | |
| Other | N/A | $103.00 |
| **Note** We will take a boat through the dam's lock so they can experience it first-hand. It will be a one-way trip as the bus will pick them up on the other side of the dam. | | |

### Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $220.00 )

| Check-In | Check-Out | Facility | City | State | Country | Nights | Cost/Night | Cost Exceed Per Diem |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 08/17/2026 | 08/19/2026 | Hells Canyon Grand Hotel | Lewiston | Idaho | United States | 2 | $110.00 | No |

### Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $80.00 )

| Date | Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner | Incidentals | Total | City | State | Country | Cost Exceeds Per Diem |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 08/17/2026 | $0.00 | $0.00 | $28.00 | $0.00 | **$28.00** | Lewiston | Idaho | United States | No |
| 08/18/2026 | $0.00 | $19.00 | $28.00 | $5.00 | **$52.00** | Lewiston | Idaho | 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.

# Trip Name: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour

## Organization Information

**Organization Name:**
Washington State Potato Commission

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

**If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:**
[ ] Private Foundation [ ] Public Charity

**Address:**
108 S Interlake Rd.

**City, State, Zip:**
Moses Lake, WA 98837

**Phone Number:**
509 765 8845

**Organization URL:**
www.potatoes.com

## History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

We jointly sponsored a similar tour led by Washington Association of Wheat Growers for the past three years.

## Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

Our Commission participates in multiple educational activities throughout each year. This includes bringing our fry van to a regional elementary school program communicating how potatoes are grown. Attending Bloomsday in Spokane, the Seattle to Portland bike ride, Washington School Nutrition Conferences communicating about how potatoes are nutritious and key to a balanced diet.

## Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

**Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):**

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

(•) I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

**Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):**

(•) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

( ) I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

## Foreign Government Involvement

**Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):**

[✔] 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.

**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: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour

Travel Date(s): August 17 19, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

Sponsor: Washington State Potato Commission

Geordy Bryant Greene — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Director of Government Affairs — *(title)*

GBG. — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

7.6.26 — *(date)*

**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: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour

Travel Date(s): August 17 19, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

Sponsor: The McGregor Company

Leslie Druffel — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Outreach Director — *(title)*

Leslie Druffel — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

07/15/2026 — *(date)*

## 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: Lower Snake River System Educational Tour

Travel Date(s): August 17 19, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

Sponsor: Washington Association of Wheat Growers

Michelle L. Hennings — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Director — *(title)*

*(signature of sponsor representative)*

7/13/26 — *(date)*

**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: Lower Snake River Tour

Travel Date(s): August 17-19, 2026

Travel Destination(s): Lewiston, Idaho

Sponsor: VW River Partners

Clark Mather
*(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Executive Dir.
*(title)*

*(signature of sponsor representative)*

7/16/2026
*(date)*

| First Name | Last Name | Distric | Title | Employer | Email |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mikayla | Bodey | | Policy Director | Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry ( | mikayla_bodey@ag.senate.gov |
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# Lower Snake River Dam System Educational Tour

***Lewiston, Idaho***

***With financial support from Washington State Potato Commission, The McGregor Company and Northwest RiverPartners***

**August 17-19, 2026**

**Tour Objective/Goal:** The Washington Association of Wheat Growers (WAWG) will demonstrate the importance of Marine Highway 84 for the region's navigation, irrigation, tourism and hydropower. Nearly 60 percent of the nation's wheat, corn and soybean are transported on the Lower Snake River-Columbia River system for export.

**Relevance to Staffers' official duties:** Congressional staffers were targeted by their topics of responsibility including agriculture, natural resources, energy, and/or transportation. Many staffers have never had the opportunity to see the Lower Snake River System. We want them to experience the river system first-hand and hear from those who utilize the river for navigation, irrigation, tourism and hydropower

**Location:** The purpose of travel to Lewiston, Idaho is for staffers to see and experience a hydro-power generating dam with fish ladders, visit the nation's furthest inland seaport in Lewiston as well as learn about the activities of the Port of Lewiston.

## August 17 -- TRAVEL DAY

7:25 am flight departs Washington, D.C. or member's home district and arrival at Spokane International Airport around 2:09pm.

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| 3 pm | Bus shuttle leaves airport to Hells Canyon Grand Hotel. |
| 5 pm | Arrive at Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, 621 21st St. in Lewiston |

There are no activities planned for this day. Will provide a voucher for dinner if they choose to stay on premise for their evening meal.

## August 18

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| 6:30 - 8:45 am | Working Breakfast and Introductions at hotel<br><br>Panel providing overview tour and sharing the importance of Marine Hwy 84 by river users' panel and set the stage for the day's stops. This panel will share several of the perspectives that we don't enough time to show during the tour.<br><br>**Michelle Hennings**, Panel Moderator, WAWG<br>**Neil Maunu**, Pacific Northwest Waterways Association<br>**Captain Jeremy Nielsen**, Columbia River Pilots<br>**Mark Freeman**, American Cruise Lines<br>**Jennifer Riddle**, Tidewater |
| 8:45 – 10:15 am | Load bus and go to Boyer Park & Marina<br>**Geordy Bryant Greene**, WA State Potato Commission will share importance of irrigation to region's farmers. |

**Tom Kammerzell,** Port of Whitman Commissioner will share history of area as well as information about the Port of Whitman County (which owns Boyer Park and Marina).

10:15 –11:00am Arrive Boyer Park & Marina 1753 Granite Rd. Colton (Hwy 195 to Hwy 194)

Get on tour boat to go through the navigation locks to the Lower Granite Dam Experience the navigational lock from inside as the boat goes through the locks, Corp of Engineer representative will be on the boat to explain the process as it happens. These are one of four of the navigational locks on the Lower Snake River System and are critical to shipping fuel, fertilizer and commodities (wheat, lumber, corn and soybeans) as well as for the cruise ships to go up and down the river. Bus will meet the boat on the other side of the dam and transport group to the visitor center for the start of the tour.

11:00 am-1:15 pm Arrive at Lower Granite Dam
**Clark Mather,** Northwest RiverPartners Clark will share region's hydropower helps provide clean energy to his organization's members – community-owned electric utilities in OR, WA, ID, MT, US, NV, CA and WY.

**Chuck Witherspoon,** Corp of Engineers, Safety brief and Project Orientation presentation provides mission of dam (hydropower, fish passage and navigation)

Walking tour of Dam – Corp of Engineers
- Information Center
- Adult fish trap – watch various agencies conduct studies on adult salmonids
- Adult fish ladders –bird's eye view of how a fish ladder works
- Fish screens – how fish are diverted away from turbines
- Removable Spillway Weir (RSW) – bypassing juvenile fish through spillways
- Power House – show running generators and discuss power production
- Group photo in front of the dam

The opportunity for House/Senate staffers to see first-hand the dam and its multiple purposes is a very critical element of this event. They will be hearing from Corp operation manager and fish biologist as to the power and fish saving activities that occur at the dam.

1:15 pm Load bus, pass out the boxed lunches and drive to Port of Lewiston
**Leslie Druffel,** The McGregor Company will share how this family-owned business provides fertilizer and crop protection to the region's farmers and uses Marine Hwy 84 to transport their product.
**George Walker,** AgriNorthwest the company's history dates to 1968 and is headquartered in Kennewick, WA, and includes several large farms in WA and OR and uses irrigation with their crops.

2:45-3:45 pm Port of Lewiston, 1626 N 6th Ave., Lewiston
**Scott Corbitt**, Manager of Port of Lewiston provides a tour of the port facilities and the new cruise line docking structure. This is the nation's further inland seaport and there are many businesses at the port. We will see the recently completed Confluence Riverfront docking system for American Cruise Lines (a large economic driver to area's tourism).

**Xochitl Casteneda**, MARAD, Director of Pacific Northwest & Alaska Gateway, for US Dept. of Transportation. The DOT agency responsible for America's waterborne transportation system, the Maritime Administration (MARAD) is busy. At their core, they support the technical aspects of America's maritime transportation infrastructure -- things like ships and shipping, port and

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| | vessel operations, national security, environment, and safety. They promote the use of waterborne transportation, and ensure that its infrastructure integrates seamlessly with other methods of transportation. |
| 3:45-4:00 pm | Load bus and go to Hells Canyon Grand Hotel, 621 21st St. |
| 4:00-5:00 pm | Participant break time at hotel |
| 5:15 -5:30 pm | Load bus and arrive at Lindsay Creek Vineyard, 3107 Powers Ave. |
| 5:30-8:30 pm | Networking and Dinner – invitation has been sent to farmers that did not attend the tour to come and join us for dinner. We want staffers to meet our growers and hear their stories of the value of Marine Hwy 84 to their farms and businesses. |
| 8:30-8:45 pm | Return to hotel – event concluded |

## August 19 – TRAVEL DAY

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| 6:30 – 7 am | Breakfast available – but not required to attend |
| 7 – 9 am | Bus departs and travels to Spokane Internation Airport |
| 11 am | Senate staffer depart from GEG |
| 9:59 pm | Arrival at DCA |