



# Congressional Fact Finding Tour August 13 - 17, 2018

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### WELCOME MESSAGE

#### Welcome to Wyoming!

The Northeast Wyoming Municipal Leader's Group (NEWY) is excited to host the 2018 Congressional Fact-Finding Tour here in the great State of Wyoming. NEWY, comprised of leaders from several municipalities in NE Wyoming, feels strongly that the resources located here in the Equality State, both above and below ground, are under-appreciated and share some misconceptions.

We want you to enjoy your stay, visit some amazing sights, and most importantly, learn about the two biggest industries in Wyoming – energy production and tourism. Both industries are critical to the economic health of Wyoming and the ation. Wyoming leads the nation in coal, trona, and uranium production, and is fifth in natural gas production. As you take in the sights and sounds during your visit, keep in mind that this quiet corner of the state produces nearly 10% of America's energy needs!

During your stay, pay particular attention to the methods and procedures the energy industries in Wyoming follow to reduce the impact to the environment and to provide affordable, clean energy to the rest of the country. Do not hesitate to ask questions about reclamation, the environment, and Wyoming's natural resources. You are here to see what our energy industries do, and it is hard to imagine the scale of these activities until you are up close and personal. Over the course of the next few days, you will get to do just that. Enjoy your stay!

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Mayor Louise Carter-King Chair of the Northeast Wyoming Municipal Leaders City of Gillette

### Monday, August 13, 2018

12:45 PM Approximate Arrival at Casper/Natrona County Int'l Airport

1:15 PM Depart From Airport - Box Lunches Provided Bus Speaker: Dr. Steve Carpenter, Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Director, Univ. of Wyoming School of Energy Resources Topic: CO2-Enhanced Oil Recovery Bus Speaker: Laine Anderson, Rocky Mountain Power Topic: Wind Energy Resources



Wind Turbines near Douglas, WY

3:00 PM

Tour of Bucking Horse Gas Plant, Douglas, WY



**Bucking Horse Gas Plant** 



The Williams Bucking Horse Plant plays an important role in establishing and maintaining our nation's energy infrastructure. The plant processes Wyoming gas collected by the company's Jackalope Gathering System and makes it available to be transported by pipeline to be used in homes and businesses across the United States. This clean, affordable energy supply contributes an integral element to reducing carbon emissions, supporting national security, and in providing personal security for every individual who uses natural gas or its byproducts to heat their homes, provide power for their phones, and necessary plastics and chemicals to support the medical industry.

#### Monday, August 13, 2018

4:00 PM

Bus Departs for Tour of Camp Douglas, WWII POW Camp

Officially closed on February 1, 1946, the Douglas, Wyoming prisoner of war camp that housed Italian and German P.O.W.'s during WWII represents an interesting chapter in the history of our state. Located on 687 acres of land acquired by the Federal Government, construction of 180 buildings began early in 1942 and the first Italian prisoners began to arrive in August of that year. The Officers Club was constructed in the spring of 1943 and today is one of the few remaining buildings. After the war, Spiegelberger Lumber and Building Company of Laramie dismantled 137 buildings and the rest were sold as surplus inventory. The Douglas Community Country Club acquired the Officers Club and saved it from destruction. The interior walls of the club are painted with sixteen large, colorful murals—most of them 6 feet tall-- by three of the Italian prisoners who today are known only by their signatures on the mural: V. Finotti; E. Tarquinio; and F. DeRossi. The murals have been identified as copies of western paintings by William Henry Jackson and Charles Russell. The Club was placed on the National Register of Historic Places September 8, 2001.





- 5:00 PM Check in at Hampton Inn, Douglas, WY
- 6:00 PM Depart for Douglas Golf Course
- 6:30 PM Dinner at Douglas Golf Course Dinner Sponsored by: Williams Partners Welcome: Mayor Bruce Jones

Speaker: Dallas Scholes, Government Affairs Rep, Williams Topic: Key Pipeline & Gas Production Issues

Overnight Stay in Douglas — Hampton Inn

### Tuesday, August 14, 2018

Breakfast at Hotel

- 7:15 AM Bus Departs
- 7:30 AM Meet at Jackalope Square for Safety Talk and PPE Distribution
- 8:00 AM Tour of Drilling Rig Chesapeake Energy



Chesapeake is one of the largest operators in the Powder River Basin, and we will continue supporting the communities where we live and work while reducing our environmental footprint through efficient water use and reduced air emissions. Our unique partnership in the Douglas Core Area Plan is one way we are committed to protecting wildlife while responsibly developing Wyoming's oil and natural gas.

9:30 AM Bus Departs for Republic Services

10:00 AM Tour of Republic Environmental Services



Republic Services, Inc. is the second largest provider of services in the domestic non-hazardous solid waste industry, as measured by revenue as well as a Fortune 500 company, publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE: RSG). Through our subsidiaries, we provide non-hazardous solid waste and recycling services for commercial, industrial, municipal and residential customers. Our customers come first as we strive to safely and sustainably provide reliable service through 340 collection operations, 201 transfer stations, 193 active landfills, 67 recycling centers, 8 treatment, recovery and disposal facilities, 12 salt water disposal wells, and 69 landfill gas and renewable energy project across 41 States and Puerto Rico.

11:00 AM Bus Departs for Wright

#### Tuesday, August 14, 2018

- 12:00 PM Lunch at Open Range Steakhouse, Wright, WY Lunch Sponsored by: Republic Services
  - 1:30 PM Bus Departs for Durham Buffalo Ranch
- 2:00 PM Tour of Durham Buffalo Ranch, John Flocchini





In the 1930's, Armando Flocchini, Sr., John's grandfather, purchased the Durham Meat Company in San Francisco where he worked as a butcher. In 1965, he purchased a 65,000 acre bison ranch near Wright, Wyoming and renamed it Durham Ranch. Three generations later, this same ranch is operated by the Flocchini family and remains one of the largest bison operations in North America. The Durham Ranch name represents far more than a beautiful stretch of land in northeast Wyoming. The name represents family, from John's grandfather the butcher, to his two sons and their six children and even two great grandchildren who are following in his footsteps, they are committed to providing the highest quality products and experience to their customers.

- 3:30 PM Bus Departs for Gillette Bus Speaker: Wendy Hutchinson, Millennium Bulk Terminals Topic: Reclamation
- 4:30 PM Check in at LaQuinta Inn & Suites
- 5:30 PM Bus Departs for Barlow Ranch Bus Speaker: Wendy Hutchinson, Millennium Bulk Terminals Topic: Coal Exports
- 6:00 PM Dinner at Barlow Ranch Dinner Sponsored by: Representative Eric Barlow & Kelly Barlow Welcome & Talk about Working Ranch: Rep. Eric Barlow

Overnight Stay in Gillette — La Quinta Inn & Suites

#### Wednesday, August 15, 2018

#### Breakfast at Hotel

- 8:30 AM Bus Departs for Eagle Butte Mine Bus Speaker: Wendy Hutchinson, Vice President of Public Affairs, Millennium Bulk Terminals Topic: Reclamation
- 9:00 AM Tour of Blackjewel Eagle Butte Coal Mine



#### **Eagle Butte Mine**

Eagle Butte Mine began shipping coal in 1978. As of 2017, Eagle Butte has shipped over 680 million tons of coal. The heat content of the coal is 8400 BTU and is shipped to 12 different customers in 15 states. The coal is extracted from the Anderson and Wyodak Coal Seams; the combined thickness of these seams is 100 feet. Eagle Butte Mine is a Truck/Shovel Surface mining operation in which all material is loaded into 240-ton haul trucks. Safety is considered an integral part of our organization. Over the years, Eagle Butte has accumulated an extensive list of Reclamation and Safety Awards.

- 10:30 AM Bus Departs for L&H Industrial
- 11:00 AM Tour and Lunch at L&H Industrial Lunch Sponsored by: L&H Industrial



L&H Industrial was founded in 1964 in Gillette, Wyoming, by Leon Wandler and Hank Barney with six employees. Today, they have offices in four countries and more than 375 employees dedicated to delivering outstanding service to the mining centers and heavy industrial operations of the world. L&H Industrial has also assembled a worldwide distribution network with providers that share the same mission, vision and values that we have.

#### Wednesday, August 15, 2018

12:45 PM Bus Departs for Strata Energy 2:15 PM Tour of Strata Uranium Speaker: Ralph Knode Topic: Uranium Mining



Strata Energy is the US subsidiary of Australian-based Peninsula Energy Limited. Listed on the Australian Securities Exchange under the symbol PEN, Peninsula is an emerging uranium producer with projects located in the United States and South Africa. Strata entered production in late 2015 at the Ross Project in northeastern Wyoming, under the first phase of a scalable development plan. This plan allows Strata greater flexibility in responding to market conditions while reducing up-front capital costs. As the uranium market grows, Strata is poised to grow along with it.

- 3:45 PM Depart for Devils Tower Bus Speaker: Rocky Courchaine, Crook County Museum Director Topic: History of Crook County
- 5:00 PM Devils Tower Tour via Hayrack Ride



Devils Tower rises above the surrounding grassland and Ponderosa pine forests like a rocky sentinel. Northern Plains Tribes have lived and held ceremonies near this remarkable geologic formation for thousands of years. Fur trappers, explorers, and settlers alike were awed by the tower's majesty. In 1906, President Theodore Roosevelt established Devils Tower as our nation's first National Monument.

6:00 PM Dinner at Campstool Ranch at the Base of Devils Tower Dinner Sponsored by: Senator Ogden Driskill Welcome: Senator Ogden Driskill Speakers: Jim D. Neiman, VP & CEO of Devils Tower Forest Products Ben Wudtke, Exec. Director, Intermountain Forest Assn. Topic: Forest Management

Overnight Stay in Hulett – Best Western

### Thursday, August 16, 2018

- 7:00 AM Bus Departs for Breakfast
- 7:30 AM Breakfast at The Golf Club at Devil's Tower Breakfast Sponsored by: Devils Tower Forest Products
- 8:30 AM First Flyover to Gillette Piloted by Senator Michael Von Flatern
- 9:45 AM Second Flyover to Gillette Piloted by Senator Michael Von Flatern
- 10:30 AM Bus Departs for Dry Fork Station
- 11:00 AM Tour of Dry Fork Station & Integrated Test Center







Basin Electric's Dry Fork Station is a state-of-the-art coal-fired power plant located 7 miles north of Gillette. This 385 MW facility provides enough electricity for 308,000 homes. Dry Fork Station is the home of the Wyoming Integrated Test Center. The ITC was created to study capture, sequestration, and management of carbon emissions from a Wyoming coal-fired power plant. The ITC will provide space for researchers to test Carbon Capture, Utilization and Sequestration (CCUS) technologies using 20 MW of actual coal-based flue gas. Along with testing capture technologies, additional research will look at taking flue gas and turning it into a marketable commodity. The first tenant of the ITC will be the XPrize Foundation. The Carbon XPRIZE is a \$20 Million global competition to develop breakthrough technologies that will convert  $CO_2$  emissions from power plants and industrial facilities into valuable products like building materials, alternative fuels, and other items that we use every day.

12:00 PM Lunch at Dry Fork Station Lunch Sponsored by: Basin Electric

### Thursday, August 16, 2018

- 12:30 PM Depart for Sheridan Bus Speaker: Sarah Young, Wyoming Infrastructure Authority
- 3:15 PM Arrive at Dayton Town Hall Speaker: Randall Atkins, RAMACO



- 3:45 PM Trip to Tongue River Canyon Speaker: Amy Ormseth, Tongue River Forest District Ranger Topic: Natural Resource & Energy Challenges
- 6:00 PM Bus Departs for Sheridan

Check in at Historic Sheridan Inn



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Historic Sheridan Inn

6:30 PM Dinner and Fun at Sheridan's Third Thursday Event Main Street, Sheridan Dinner Sponsored by: RAMACO

Overnight Stay - Historic Sheridan Inn

## AGENDA

### Friday, August 17, 2018

4:30 AM Bus Departs for Sheridan County Airport

6:00 AM Depart from Sheridan County Airport to Denver

#### **TOUR SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

#### Wendy Hutchinson - Senior Vice President External Affairs Millennium Bulk Terminals - Longview, LLC



Wendy Hutchinson is the Senior Vice President of External Affairs for Millennium Bulk Terminals, an operating bulk materials port on the Columbia River in Washington. Ms. Hutchinson has over 25 years of experience in industrial site development, environmental management, and external affairs.

Prior to joining Millennium, she was the Regulatory Affairs Manager for Thunder Basin Coal Company, which operated the largest coal mine in North America. She currently serves on the board of the Longview Chamber of Commerce and is President of the Rocky Mountain Coal Mining Institute. Wendy also served for 10 years as a governor's appointee to the Wyoming Environmental Quality Council. She received her BS and MS degrees in civil engineering from The Ohio State University.



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#### **TOUR SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

#### Sarah Young - Director of Public Affairs & Communications Wyoming Infrastructure Authority



Sarah Young is currently the Director of Public Affairs and Communications for the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority. She develops and manages the outreach and communications activities for the office as well as tracking issue areas on the local, state, and national level.

Before joining WIA in 2016, she worked extensively in program management, events, communications, and public relations for local government, nonprofit organizations, healthcare, and political campaigns. Originally from Beaverton, Oregon, Sarah has a B.S. in Business Administration and B.S. in Psychology from the University of Oregon.

The mission of the Wyoming Infrastructure Authority is to diversify and expand the state's economy by adding value to Wyoming's energy resources and infrastructure for the benefit of Wyoming and the region.



#### **TOUR SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**

Dr. Steven Carpenter, Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute Director University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources





Dr. Carpenter is a seasoned executive with 30 years of experience in the energy, mining, international, and federal contracting industry. He is an internationally recognized Subject Matter Expert on Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR), climate change, carbon, and risk management issues. Dr. Carpenter's clientele include numerous confidential commercial clients, EPA, DOE, DOD, USACE, USAID, USTDA, the International Performance Assessment Centre for Geologic Storage of CO2 (IPAC-CO2), Canadian Standards Association (CSA), International Standards Organization (ISO), the Interstate Oil & Gas Compact Commission (IOGCC), the Energy Mineral Law Foundation (EMLF), the Southern States Energy Board (SSEB), the World Bank/ International Finance Corporation, and the Countries of Turkey, China, and Pakistan. His work includes technical assessment, public policy, legal and regulatory issues, training and education, and is a sought after public speaker.

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- 2. Emily Richardson Legislative Assistant Office of US Representative David Price (D-NC-4)
- 3. Omar Guzman-Toro Legislative Aide Office of US Representative Val Demings (D-FL-10)
- 4. Kelly Collins Legislative Clerk Committee on Energy and Commerce, US House of Representatives
- Austin Hacker Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Energy & Minerals US House of Representatives
- Emily Strombom Legislative Assistant Office of US Representative Alan Lowenthal (D-CA-47)
- Brandon Miller Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Federal Lands US House of Representatives
- 8. Rick Westerdale Senior Advisor Bureau of Energy Resources, US Department of State
- Jessica Brown Senior Legislative Assistant Office of US Representative Elizabeth H. Esty (D-CT-5th)
- Jon Monger Counsel, Energy & Commerce Committee, Subcommittee on Oversight & Investigations (Democratic Staff) US House of Representatives
- 11. Marc Alberts Director of Coalitions and Member Services Committee on Natural Resources, US House of Representatives
- 12. Mike Stoever Legislative Assistant Office of US Representative Nanette Diaz Barragan (D-CA-44)
- **13.** Martin Rivera Legislative Assistant Office of US Representative Darren Soto (D-FL-09)
- Chris Burk Legislative Fellow Office of US Representative William R. Keating (D-MA-9)

