

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2020

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER		D Employer identification number 93-1010269
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 541-485-2471
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) 120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340		Room/suite
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code EUGENE OR 97401		G Gross receipts \$ 3,659,357

F Name and address of principal officer:
 ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH
 120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340
 EUGENE OR 97401

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? Yes No
H(b) Are all subordinates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. See instructions

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3) 501(c) () **t** (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: **u** WWW.WESTERNLAW.ORG **H(c)** Group exemption number **u**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other **u** **L** Year of formation: 1989 **M** State of legal domicile: OR

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O			
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.			
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	10	
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	10	
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2020 (Part V, line 2a)	23	
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	3	
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	0	
	7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	0	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 2,191,559	Current Year: 3,110,076
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,188,243	529,056
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	36,653	20,225
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		0
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,416,455	3,659,357
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	58,500	0
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,911,301	2,100,720
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
		b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) u 215,909		
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	748,100	630,130
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,717,901	2,730,850
	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	698,554	928,507
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year: 3,253,213	End of Year: 4,213,625
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	142,039	169,708
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	3,111,174	4,043,917

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: LYNDEE PRILL Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: FINANCE OFFICER

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: KARI YOUNG Preparer's signature: _____ Date: 09/07/21 Check if self-employed PTIN: P0132552

Firm's name: JONES & ROTH, P.C. Firm's EIN: 93-0819646
 Firm's address: PO BOX 10086 EUGENE, OR 97440 Phone no.: 541-687-2320

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,203,249 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 529,056)

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SEE CASE DESCRIPTIONS ON SCHEDULE O.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

N/A

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

N/A

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses u 2,203,249

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

		Yes	No
1	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	X	
3	Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5	Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I		X
7	Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in donor-restricted endowments or in quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11	If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	X	
b	Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		X
c	Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		X
d	Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15, that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	X	
f	Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		X
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		X
17	Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I See instructions		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V

Input box for Part V check

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096 and backup withholding.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance (continued)

Table with 3 main columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 2a Employees reported (23); 2b Federal employment tax returns (X); 3a Unrelated business gross income (\$1,000 or more) (X); 4a Foreign financial accounts (X); 5a Prohibited tax shelter transaction (X); 6a Charitable contributions over \$100,000 (X); 7a-7h Sponsoring organizations (7a, 7b, 7c, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h marked X); 8-9 Sponsoring organizations (8, 9a, 9b); 10-12 Section 501(c) organizations (10a, 10b, 11a, 11b); 12a-12b Section 4947(a)(1) trusts (12a, 12b); 13-13c Section 501(c)(29) health insurance issuers (13a, 13b, 13c); 14a-14b Indoor tanning services (14a, 14b); 15 Section 4960 tax (X); 16 Section 4968 excise tax (X).

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes on Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 4 columns: Question, Yes, No, and a sub-table for 1a/1b. Rows include questions about voting members, family relationships, management delegation, and documentation.

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Table with 4 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, and compensation review processes.

Section C. Disclosure

- List of disclosure questions: 17 (states with copy of Form 990), 18 (public inspection of Forms 1023, 990, 990-T), 19 (governing documents availability), 20 (person with books and records).

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 0.00			X			123,175	0	14,472	
(2) PETER FROST ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00				X		110,141	0	13,674	
(3) SUSAN JANE BROWN ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00				X		100,180	0	4,649	
(4) LYNDEE PRILL FINANCE OFFICER	40.00 0.00			X			84,520	0	12,259	
(5) KARIN SHELDON PRESIDENT	1.00 0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(6) PEGGY NELSON VICE PRESIDENT	1.00 0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(7) KEVIN KIRCHNER TREASURER	1.00 0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(8) LISA MANNING DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) PHIL KATZEN DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) DYAN OLDENBURG DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) DENISE FORT DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

Table with 6 main columns: (A) Name and title, (B) Average hours per week, (C) Position, (D) Reportable compensation from the organization, (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations, (F) Estimated amount of other compensation. Includes entries for BROOKE WILLIAMS, DANIEL CORDALIS, and CLIFF VILLA.

Summary rows: 1b Subtotal, 1c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A, 1d Total (add lines 1b and 1c). Values: 418,016 and 45,054.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization u 3

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Yes, No. Contains questions 3, 4, and 5 regarding compensation reporting.

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

Table with 3 columns: (A) Name and business address, (B) Description of services, (C) Compensation. Includes a total row at the bottom.

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization u 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	3,110,076			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 61,183			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	u	3,110,076			
Program Service Revenue	2a FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS	Business Code	509,056	509,056		
	b EDUCATION FEES		20,000	20,000		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f	u	529,056			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	u	20,225		20,225	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	u				
	5 Royalties	u				
	6a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real			
			(ii) Personal			
	b Less: rental expenses	6b				
	c Rental inc. or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss)	u				
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities			
			(ii) Other			
	b Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	7b				
c Gain or (loss)	7c					
d Net gain or (loss)	u					
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
b Less: direct expenses	8b					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	u					
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
b Less: direct expenses	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	u					
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
b Less: cost of goods sold	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	u					
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Business Code				
	b					
	c					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d	u				
12 Total revenue. See instructions	u	3,659,357	529,056	0	20,225	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	250,739	113,537	124,153	13,049
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	1,507,448	1,336,187	95,600	75,661
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	44,068	37,351	4,530	2,187
9 Other employee benefits	167,178	138,191	20,508	8,479
10 Payroll taxes	131,287	109,098	15,560	6,629
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	10,500		10,500	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	114,750	7,343	24,121	83,286
14 Information technology	5,345			5,345
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	116,755	97,022	13,838	5,895
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	13,028	10,825	1,545	658
23 Insurance	6,947	5,773	823	351
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a LITIGATION COMMUNICATION	144,792	144,792		
b EDUCATION	54,406	54,406		
c OTHER LITIGATION	44,885	44,885		
d LITIGATION EXPERTS	42,579	42,579		
e All other expenses	76,143	61,260	514	14,369
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,730,850	2,203,249	311,692	215,909
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	92,349	1	335,524
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2,412,290	2	3,161,303
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	206,911	3	312,071
	4	Accounts receivable, net	401,868	4	268,005
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	19,277	9	4,884
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 119,499		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 78,006	10c	41,493
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	76,686	15	90,345
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	3,253,213	16	4,213,625	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	24,616	17	6,562
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	117,423	25	163,146
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	142,039	26	169,708
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	2,565,499	27	3,426,795
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	545,675	28	617,122
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances	3,111,174	32	4,043,917
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,253,213	33	4,213,625	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,659,357
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	2,730,850
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	928,507
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	3,111,174
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	4,236
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	4,043,917

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

u Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,302,804	2,166,795	1,762,603	2,191,559	3,110,076	10,533,837
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,302,804	2,166,795	1,762,603	2,191,559	3,110,076	10,533,837
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						1,943,078
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						8,590,759

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) 2020	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	1,302,804	2,166,795	1,762,603	2,191,559	3,110,076	10,533,837
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	3,630	4,416	6,345	36,653	20,225	71,269
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						10,605,106

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 3,868,208

13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2020 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	81.01%
15 Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	78.81%

16a 33 1/3% support test—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2020. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here**. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and **stop here**. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, (e) 2020, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 7c Add lines 7a and 7b; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2016, (b) 2017, (c) 2018, (d) 2019, (e) 2020, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support; 14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2020 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 15 - %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 - 16 - %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2020 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 17 - %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2019 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 - 18 - %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2020. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.
b 33 1/3% support tests—2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions.

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c	Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

		Yes	No
11	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b	A family member of a person described in line 11a above?		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in line 11a or 11b above? If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove officers, directors, or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

		Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3	By reason of the relationship described in line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).		
2	Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
b	Did the activities described in line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1 Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).		

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D – Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	
9 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2020	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2020
1 Distributable amount for 2020 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2020 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2020			
a From 2015			
b From 2016			
c From 2017			
d From 2018			
e From 2019			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2015 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2020 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2020 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2020, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2020 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2021. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2016			
b Excess from 2017			
c Excess from 2018			
d Excess from 2019			
e Excess from 2020			

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

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Name of the organization

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

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501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33^{1/3}% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000; or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ► \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization

WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

93-1010269

Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	\$ 140,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	\$ 70,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	\$ 200,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	\$ 500,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
8	\$ 75,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
9	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
10	\$ 349,179	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
.....	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
.....	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2020

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For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

Complete if the organization is described below.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (See separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (See separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. (See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")

2 Political campaign activity expenditures (See instructions) u \$

3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (See instructions)

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 u \$

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 u \$

3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? Yes No

4a Was a correction made? Yes No

b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities u \$

2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities u \$

3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b u \$

4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No

5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2020

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)

	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	7,025													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	21,994													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	29,019													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures	2,701,831													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	2,730,850													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	286,543													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
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Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	71,636													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	259,195	260,048	285,895	286,543	1,091,681
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,637,522
c Total lobbying expenditures	25,975	27,754	23,830	29,019	106,578
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	64,799	65,012	71,474	71,636	272,921
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					409,382
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	1,368	23,290	9,678	7,025	41,361

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation... a Volunteers? b Paid staff or management... c Media advertisements? d Mailings to members... e Publications... f Grants to other organizations... g Direct contact with legislators... h Rallies, demonstrations... i Other activities? j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? 2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? 3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political campaign activity expenditures from the prior year?

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

Table with 3 columns: Question, 1, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3, 4, 5. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid). a Current year b Carryover from last year c Total 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year? 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (See instructions)

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (See instructions); and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Series of horizontal dotted lines for providing supplemental information.

Part IV Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

u Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b. u Attach to Form 990.

u Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 1 Total number at end of year, 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 4 Aggregate value at end of year, 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

Part II Conservation Easements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year u, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located u, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year u \$, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

Table with 2 columns: u \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide in Part XIII the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange program
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII Yes No

Part V Endowment Funds.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	46,283	39,136	40,337	35,060	33,190
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	5,124	7,515	-842	5,604	2,155
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	401	368	359	327	285
g End of year balance	51,006	46,283	39,136	40,337	35,060

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **u** 100.00 %
 - b** Permanent endowment **u** _____ %
 - c** Term endowment **u** _____ %
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | X | |
| (ii) Related organizations | | X |
- b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		119,499	78,006	41,493
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)			u	41,493

Part VII Investments – Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	u	

Part VIII Investments – Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)	u	

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	u

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) PAYROLL PAYABLES	122,461
(3) CLIENT FUNDS HELD IN TRUST	26,281
(4) CREDIT CARDS	14,404
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	u 163,146

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	3,663,593
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	4,236	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	4,236	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,659,357	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	3,659,357	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a.

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	2,730,850
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e		
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,730,850	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c		
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	2,730,850	

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4; Part X, line 2; Part XI, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES FOR ENDOWMENT FUNDS

IN 2007, A BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUND (FUND) WAS ESTABLISHED AT THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OCF). THIS FUND IS USED BY OCF AS A SOURCE OF UNRESTRICTED GRANTS FOR WELC. THE AGREEMENT WITH OCF STIPULATES THAT THE FUND SHALL BE HELD AND OWNED BY OCF. OCF MAY DISTRIBUTE, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE FUND ASSETS. THE PERCENTAGE IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OCF. THE AGREEMENT ALSO PROVIDES THAT, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST FROM A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OCF, ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FUND ASSETS, EVEN TO THE EXHAUSTION OF THE FUND.

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No. 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

u Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
u Attach to Form 990.
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Name of the organization

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded	X	4	61,183	
10 Securities — Closely held stock				
11 Securities — Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities — Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution — Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution — Other				
15 Real estate — Residential				
16 Real estate — Commercial				
17 Real estate — Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other u ()				
26 Other u ()				
27 Other u ()				
28 Other u ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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FORM 990 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM - THE WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER USES THE POWER OF THE LAW TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC LANDS, WILDLIFE, AND COMMUNITIES OF THE AMERICAN WEST IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE. WE ENVISION A THRIVING, RESILIENT WEST, ABUNDANT WITH PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS AND WILDLIFE, POWERED BY CLEAN ENERGY, AND DEFENDED BY COMMUNITIES ROOTED IN AN ETHIC OF CONSERVATION.

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 6

DURING 2020, VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED STAFF WITH PROGRAM RELATED RESEARCH AND PROJECTS.

FORM 990, PART III - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER (WELC) WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING LITIGATION DURING 2020 (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31). UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, COURT-AWARDED FEES WERE NOT RECOVERED DURING 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ET AL., 1:19-CV-02974 (D.D.C.)

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, FOR BLM/DEPT. OF INTERIOR TO RELEASE RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH CARLSBAD RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS TO IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES FOR CLIMATE AND PUBLIC LANDS PROTECTION. FILED COMPLAINT IN OCTOBER 2019. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

PUGET SOUND KEEPER ALLIANCE, ET AL. V. ECOLOGY, NO. 17-016C (WASH. PCHB):

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ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGE OF WASHINGTON GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS. WE
ARE ADVOCATING FOR WATER QUALITY PROTECTIONS. ONGOING. NO FEES.

CELP, ET AL. V. ECOLOGY, 16-2-02161-34 (THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT):
CHALLENGE OF DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S DESIGNATION OF A MINIMUM INSTREAM FLOW
FOR THE SPOKANE RIVER. LITIGATION SOUGHT TO ENFORCE THE STATUTORY MANDATE
THAT ECOLOGY PROTECT THE PUBLIC INTEREST WHEN ESTABLISHING MINIMUM INSTREAM
FLOWS. CONCLUDED. NO FEES IN 2020.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES V. U.S. EPA, NO. 19-CV-01537 (W.D. WASH.)
CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S FAILURE TO
IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT TO IDENTIFY WHICH
WATERBODIES IN WASHINGTON REQUIRE CLEANUP PLANS AND THEN TO DEVELOP SUCH
PLANS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

AMERICAN RIVERS ET AL V. WHEELER ET AL., 20-CV-04636-WHA (N.D. CA):
CHALLENGE TO U.S ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S REVISION OF REGULATION
REGARDING STATE AND TRIBAL REVIEW OF PROJECTS UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE
CLEAN WATER ACT. THE LAWSUIT SEEKS TO VACATE REGULATIONS THAT UNLAWFULLY
LIMIT STATE AND TRIBAL AUTHORITY TO DENY OR PLACE CONDITIONS ON PROJECTS
THAT MAY IMPACT WATER QUALITY OR OTHERWISE VIOLATE STATE LAW. ONGOING. NO
FEES IN 2020.

CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD V. FERC, NOS. 20-72432, 20-
72452, 20-72782, 20-72800, 20-72958, 20-72973 (9TH CIR.):
CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION ORDER FINDING THE

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CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD WAIVED ITS AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT WITH RESPECT TO SEVERAL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA. THIS LITIGATION SEEKS TO PROTECT THE STATE'S AUTHORITY TO DENY OR IMPOSE CONDITIONS ON FEDERALLY LICENSED PROJECTS THAT MAY IMPACT WATER QUALITY OR OTHERWISE VIOLATE STATE LAW. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES V. WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, NO. 19-2-00822-34 (THURSTON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT):

CHALLENGE TO THE WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S FAILURE TO ENSURE THAT SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES DISCHARGING TO PUGET SOUND AND ITS TRIBUTARIES ARE USING ALL KNOWN, AVAILABLE, AND REASONABLE TREATMENT TECHNOLOGY TO CONTROL THE DISCHARGE OF NUTRIENTS AND TOXICS. NO FEES.

AMIGOS BRAVOS V. U.S. EPA, NO. 19-CV-00852 (D. NM):

CHALLENGING THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S UNREASONABLE DELAY IN RESPONDING TO AMIGOS BRAVOS' PETITION FOR A DETERMINATION THAT STORM WATER DISCHARGES IN LOS ALAMOS COUNTY, NEW MEXICO CONTRIBUTE TO WATER QUALITY STANDARDS VIOLATIONS AND REQUIRE A CLEAN WATER ACT PERMIT. CASE CONCLUDED IN JANUARY 2020. NO FEES.

WOLVERINE LISTING ROUND 2, 9:20-CV-00183-DWM (D. MT):

CASE CHALLENGING U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DECISION TO DENY ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PROTECTIONS TO THE WOLVERINE. COMPLAINT FILED IN DECEMBER 2020. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. SUCKOW, 1:17-CV-891-WYD (D. COLO):

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CHALLENGE TO THE U.S.D.A. APHIS-WILDLIFE SERVICES' PREDATOR DAMAGE
MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT FOR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL
POLICY ACT VIOLATIONS. AMENDED PETITION FOR REVIEW FILED IN AUGUST 2018.
RECEIVED A FINAL DECISION FROM COURT IN SPRING 2021 RULING AGAINST US ON
ALL CLAIMS. CLIENT ELECTED TO NOT APPEAL. CASE COMPLETE. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. PADILLA, 1:18-CV-02903-MSK (D. COLO); TRAILS
PRESERVATION ALLIANCE V. U.S. FOREST SERV., 1:18-CV-02354-MSK (D. COLO):
CHALLENGE TO A U.S. FOREST SERVICE PLAN ON THE SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST IN
COLORADO FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND
NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT TO PROTECT FOREST RESOURCES. IN A COMPANION
CASE, THE SAME CLIENTS INTERVENED TO DEFEND PORTIONS OF THE SAME DECISION
IN A CHALLENGE FROM MOTORIZED TRAIL RIDER ORGANIZATIONS. THE TWO CASES WERE
CONSOLIDATED, BRIEFING COMPLETED AS OF NOVEMBER 2019. AWAITING ARGUMENT OR
DECISION. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V WILLIAMS, 9:20-CV-00097 (D. MONT):
CHALLENGE TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE FAILURE TO ADDRESS LYNX CRITICAL HABITAT
IN SOUTHERN ROCKIES FOLLOWING REMAND IN 2016. COMPLAINT FILED JULY 2020.
CURRENTLY BRIEFING THE CASE THROUGH FALL 2021. HEARING OR DECISION PENDING.
NO FEES IN 2020

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. HAALAND, 9:20-CV-00173 (D. MONT)
CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DETERMINATION THAT A RECOVERY
PLAN WOULD NOT FURTHER CONSERVATION OF LYNX. COMPLAINT FILED IN DECEMBER
2020. PENDING. NO FEES IN 2020.

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FRIENDS OF THE CLEARWATER V. PROBERT, 3:21-CV-00056 (D. IDAHO):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE FAILURE TO ELIMINATE MOTORIZED TRAVEL ON FISH LAKE TRAIL IN IDAHO. COMPLAINT FILED IN JANUARY 2021 TO PROTECT FOREST RESOURCES. CASE IS BEING BRIEFED THROUGH FALL 2021. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ZINKE, 9:17-CV-118-DLC (D. MONT.):

CHALLENGE UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO A DECISION TO DELIST GRIZZLY BEARS IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM IN IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING. PREVAILED IN DISTRICT COURT IN SEPTEMBER 2018. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPEALED, AND THE CASE WAS BRIEFED AT THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN 2019. CASE WON AT NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN JULY 2020. WAITING FOR A DECISION ON ATTORNEY FEE AWARD FROM THE COURT. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WEBER, 9:19-CV-00056-DWM (D. MT.):

CHALLENGE TO A U.S. FOREST SERVICE FOREST PLAN FOR THE FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE AND TO PROTECT GRIZZLY BEAR, BULL TROUT, CANADA LYNX, AND WOLVERINE. CASE WON IN JUNE 2021. CURRENTLY ASSESSING NEXT STEPS WITH CLIENTS. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. HAALAND, 4:21-CV-00349-JSW (N.D. CAL):

CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S DECISION TO REMOVE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PROTECTIONS FOR GRAY WOLVES. THE CASE WAS FILED IN JANUARY 2021, AND WILL BE BRIEFED THROUGH FALL 2021. CASE PENDING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. DEP'T OF THE INTERIOR, 1:18-CV-00232-EGS

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(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING DEPT. OF INTERIOR RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. FILED COMPLAINT JANUARY 2018. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-00233-APM

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH BLM SENIOR OFFICIALS' COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. FILED COMPLAINT JANUARY 2018. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-01020-CRC

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH AUTHORIZATION OF OIL AND GAS PIPELINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN MONTANA. FILED COMPLAINT MAY 2018. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:17-CV-02665-ABJ

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH COAL LEASES IN MONTANA AND WYOMING. FILED COMPLAINT DECEMBER 2017. ONGOING.

WESTERN ORG. OF RES. COUNCILS V. BLM, 20-CV-76-BMM (D. MONT.):

CASE CHALLENGING REMAND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT FOR THE BUFFALO AND MILES CITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT VIOLATIONS THAT RISKED CLIMATE AND

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ENVIRONMENTAL HARM. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ZINKE, 9:17-CV-118-DLC (D. MONT.):

CHALLENGE UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO A DECISION TO DELIST GRIZZLY BEARS IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM IN IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING. PREVAILED IN DISTRICT COURT IN SEPTEMBER 2018. FEDERAL GOVERNMENT APPEALED, AND THE CASE WAS BRIEFED AT THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN 2019. CASE WON AT NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN JULY 2020. WAITING FOR A DECISION ON ATTORNEY FEE AWARD FROM THE COURT. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WEBER, 9:19-CV-00056-DWM (D. MT.):

CHALLENGE TO A U.S. FOREST SERVICE FOREST PLAN FOR THE FLATHEAD NATIONAL FOREST FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, AND TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE AND TO PROTECT GRIZZLY BEAR, BULL TROUT, CANADA LYNX, AND WOLVERINE. CASE WON IN JUNE 2021. CURRENTLY ASSESSING NEXT STEPS WITH CLIENTS. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. HAALAND, 4:21-CV-00349-JSW (N.D. CAL):

CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S DECISION TO REMOVE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PROTECTIONS FOR GRAY WOLVES. THE CASE WAS FILED IN JANUARY 2021, AND WILL BE BRIEFED THROUGH FALL 2021. CASE PENDING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. DEPT' OF THE INTERIOR, 1:18-CV-00232-EGS

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING DEPT. OF INTERIOR RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY COMMUNICATIONS

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RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. FILED COMPLAINT JANUARY
2018. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-00233-APM

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS
ASSOCIATED WITH BLM SENIOR OFFICIALS' COMMUNICATIONS RELATING TO PUBLIC
LANDS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. FILED COMPLAINT JANUARY 2018. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-01020-CRC

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS
ASSOCIATED WITH AUTHORIZATION OF OIL AND GAS PIPELINE RIGHTS-OF-WAY IN
MONTANA. FILED COMPLAINT MAY 2018. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:17-CV-02665-ABJ

(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS
ASSOCIATED WITH COAL LEASES IN MONTANA AND WYOMING. FILED COMPLAINT
DECEMBER 2017. ONGOING.

WESTERN ORG. OF RES. COUNCILS V. BLM, 20-CV-76-BMM (D. MONT.):

CASE CHALLENGING REMAND ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW BY THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND
MANAGEMENT FOR THE BUFFALO AND MILES CITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT VIOLATIONS THAT RISKED CLIMATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL HARM. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

DINÉ CARE V. ZINKE, 1:15-CV-00209 (D.N.M.), 18-2089 (10TH CIR.):

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CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS DRILLING APPROVALS IMPACTING THE GREATER CHACO LANDSCAPE FOR VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND NATIONAL HISTORICAL PRESERVATION ACT. CASE WON BEFORE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE TENTH CIRCUIT. FEES RECOVERED IN 2020 OF \$107,854.

WILDERNESS WORKSHOP V. BLM, 1:16-CV-01822 (D. COLO.):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER VALLEY FIELD OFFICE FOR VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND FAILURE TO PROTECT THE CLIMATE, PUBLIC LANDS. WE WON ON THE MERITS IN OCTOBER 2018. WE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT ON REMEDIES WITH BLM, WHICH WAS FINALIZED IN SEPTEMBER 2019. FEES RECOVERED IN 2020 OF \$118,421.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ZINKE, 1:16-CV-01724 (D.D.C.):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN WYOMING, UTAH, AND COLORADO FOR VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT REGARDING CLIMATE CHANGE. WE PREVAILED ON THE MERITS IN MARCH 2019 WITH RESPECT TO WYOMING PARCELS. BLM AGREED TO A VOLUNTARY REMAND OF UTAH AND COLORADO. BLM COMPLETED A RUSHED REMAND EA FOR THE WYOMING LEASES, WHICH WE SUCCESSFULLY CHALLENGED. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILLSOURCE V. IBLA (INTERVENTION), 1:17-CV-01887 (D. COLO.):

INTERVENTION IN CHALLENGE TO INTERIOR BOARD OF LAND APPEALS DECISION UPHOLDING A BLM DECISION CAUSING LEASES TO EXPIRE AND TERMINATE, WHICH PROTECTS THE ENVIRONMENT. CASE RESOLVED IN OUR FAVOR. NO APPEAL WAS FILED, CASE CLOSED IN 2020. NO FEES.

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WILDERNESS WORKSHOP V. BLM, 1:18-CV-00987 (D. COLO.):
CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION TO LEASE LANDS WITHIN
THE COLORADO RIVER VALLEY AND GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICES FOR NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT VIOLATIONS AS VEHICLE TO PROTECT CLIMATE, PUBLIC
LANDS. A SETTLEMENT OF THE MERITS HAS BEEN REACHED, WITH AGREED REMANDED
NEPA REVIEW FOLLOWING PLANNING STAGE REMANDS. WE HAVE MOVED FOR FEES AND
ARE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH BLM. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BLM, 4:18-CV-00073 (D. MONT.):
CHALLENGE TO SEVERAL BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN MONTANA PURSUANT TO
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND TO PROTECT CLIMATE. WE PREVAILED IN
A DECISION ON THE MERITS. WE HAVE REACHED AND FINALIZED AGREEMENT ON FEES
AND COSTS. FEES AND COSTS RECOVERED IN 2020 OF \$90,840.

DINÉ CARE V. BLM, 1:20-CV-00673 (D.N.M.):
CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES OUT OF
RIO PUERCO FIELD OFFICE PURSUANT TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT TO
PROTECT CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC HEALTH. COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN
JULY 2020. SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLAINT FILED IN JANUARY 2021. ONGOING. NO FEES
IN 2020.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V BLM, 4:18-CV-00073 (D. MONT.):
CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING DECISION FOR THE GRAND
JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE FOR VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT
TO PROTECT CLIMATE, PUBLIC LANDS. BLM HAS AGREED TO A VOLUNTARY REMAND,
WHICH WAS GRANTED BY THE COURT IN MARCH 2021. REMAND IS ONGOING. NO FEES IN
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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BERNHARDT, 1:20-CV-00056 (D.D.C.):
 CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS LEASES ACROSS
 WYOMING, UTAH, COLORADO, MONTANA, AND NEW MEXICO FOR VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL
 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND WITH INTENT TO PROTECT THE CLIMATE, PUBLIC
 LANDS. CASE ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

DINÉ CARE V. BLM, 1:19-CV-00703 (D.N.M.):
 CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS TO
 PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT, COMMUNITIES. AN AMENDED COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN
 2020 FOLLOWING BLM'S RELEASE OF NEPA ADDENDUMS FOR THE CHALLENGED PERMITS.
 ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY V. BLM, 1:20-CV-02484 (D. COLO.):
 CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT PLANNING DECISION FOR THE
 UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE PURSUANT TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT,
 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, AND FEDERAL VACANCIES REFORM ACT TO PROTECT
 CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC LANDS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY V. BLM, 1:17-CV-02519 (D. COLO.):
 CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS DRILLING APPROVALS
 IN THE NORTH FORK VALLEY OF COLORADO FOR VIOLATIONS OF NATIONAL
 ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. CASE WON, PROTECTING PUBLIC LANDS. SETTLEMENT
 AGREEMENT REACHED REGARDING FEES IN 2020. FEES AND COSTS RECOVERED IN 2020
 OF \$61,808.

PNM ABANDONMENT OF SAN JUAN, 19-00018-UT, 19-00195-UT (NMPRC):

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WELC REPRESENTS DINÉ CARE AND SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE IN INTERVENTION BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION REGARDING ABANDONMENT OF SAN JUAN GENERATING STATION AND REPLACEMENT RESOURCES TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CRISIS, ADVANCE COMMUNITY INTERESTS. PRC CASE CONCLUDED, BUT WORK ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

NM JUST TRANSITION: PNM/AVANGRID MERGER, 20-00222-UT (NMPRC):

WELC REPRESENTS DINÉ CARE, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, NAVA EDUCATION PROJECT, AND TÓ NIZHÓNÍ ANÍ IN INTERVENTION BEFORE THE NEW MEXICO PUBLIC REGULATION COMMISSION IN APPLICATION FOR PNM RESOURCES TO MERGE WITH AVANGRID/IBERDROLA TO SECURE COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY ET AL V. UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ET AL, 1:21-CV-00174-TSC (D.D.C.):

CHALLENGE TO 8 DECISIONS RELATED TO RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS ON BASIS THEY WERE UNLAWFULLY APPROVED BY ACTING U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR WILLIAM PERRY PENDLEY, CAUSING ENVIRONMENTAL HARM. CASE FILED JANUARY 2020. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WYOMING V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 2:16-CV-00285-SWS (D. WYO.), 18-8027 (10TH CIR.), 20-8072 (10TH CIR.):

INTERVENTION ON BEHALF OF THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO HELP DEFEND AGAINST AN INDUSTRY AND STATE ATTACK AGAINST THE BLM'S WASTE PREVENTION RULE AND PROTECT THE CLIMATE, PUBLIC LANDS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 1:18-CV-00405-TJK (D.D.C.):

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CHALLENGE TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR FAILURE TO RESPOND TO FOUR
 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS REGARDING SECRETARIAL ORDERS 3357,
 3358, 3359, AND 3360 PERTINENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION EFFORTS.
 ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

SIERRA CLUB V. ZINKE, CASE NO. 3:18-CV-05984 (N.D. CAL.):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RESCISSION OF THE 2016 WASTE
 PREVENTION RULE, WHICH HARMED THE CLIMATE, PUBLIC LANDS, AND COMMUNITIES.
 CASE WON AT DISTRICT COURT BUT APPEALED TO U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE
 NINTH CIRCUIT. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS ET AL V U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ET AL; 4:20-CV-
 00004-BMM-JTJ:

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES
 PURSUANT TO NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, WITH EYE TO PROTECT CLIMATE,
 PUBLIC LANDS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

NORTH FORK MDP 1:21-CV-01268 (D.CO):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION APPROVING GUNNISON
 ENERGY'S PROPOSAL TO DRILL AND OPERATE UP TO 35 HORIZONTAL WELLS FROM ONE
 EXISTING, ONE EXPANDED, AND THREE NEW WELL PADS, WHICH WILL HARM
 ENVIRONMENT. CASE FILED IN MAY 2021. NO FEES IN 2020.

NWE COLSTRIP UNIT 4: IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S APPLICATION FOR
 APPROVAL OF CAPACITY RESOURCE ACQUISITION. PSC DOCKET NO. 2019.12.101:
 NORTHWEST ENERGY FILED APPLICATION FOR CAPACITY RESOURCE ACQUISITION FOR
 PURCHASE OF 850 MW OF CAPACITY FROM COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT, HARMING

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CLIMATE. APPLICATION WITHDRAWN. NO FEES IN 2020.

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CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY ET AL V. UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND

MANAGEMENT ET AL, 1:20-CV-02484-MSK:

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR VIOLATION OF NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

ACT, ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, AND FEDERAL LAND POLICY AND MANAGEMENT ACT TO

PROTECT CLIMATE, WILDLIFE. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

350 MT V. BERNHARDT, 20-35411 (9TH CIR.):

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT CASE AGAINST

BULL MOUNTAINS COAL MINE TO PROTECT CLIMATE, ENVIRONMENT, AND WILDLIFE.

ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. DE LA VEGA, 20-183-M-DWM (D. MONT. 2020):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DECISION WITHDRAWING PROPOSAL

TO PROTECT WOLVERINE UNDER ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. ONGOING. NO FEES IN

2020.

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION V. BERNHARDT, 19-CV-05008-MHB

(D. ARIZONA 2019):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AMENDED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE

SONORAN DESERT NATIONAL MONUMENT TO PROTECT REGION'S PUBLIC LANDS VALUES.

ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

HELENA HUNTERS AND ANGLERS V. MARTEN, 19-CV-0047-DLC (D. MONT 2019):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE LOGGING PROJECT IN IMPORTANT WILDLIFE

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HABITAT ON THE HELENA AND LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST. THE COURT RULED IN FAVOR OF THE PLAINTIFFS IN JULY 2020. NO FEES RECOVERED IN 2020.

FRIENDS OF THE CRAZY MOUNTAINS V. ERICKSON, 19-CV-006-SPW-TJC (D. MONT 2019):

CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S EASEMENT EXCHANGE AND FAILURE TO PROTECT PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS IN THE CRAZY MOUNTAINS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BERNHARDT, 19-CV-00441-CKJ (D. ARIZONA 2019):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE NOT-WARRANTED FOR LISTING FINDING FOR THE SONORAN DESERT TORTOISE. FEDERAL DEFENDANTS AGREED TO WITHDRAW CHALLENGED FINDINGS AND REASSESS SPECIES' STATUS FOR LISTING. FEES RECOVERED IN 2020 OF \$23,524.

KLAMATH IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT, NO. A177510 (OR. CT. APP.):

LOCAL COUNSEL FOR THE YUOK TRIBE IN ITS APPEAL TO OREGON COURT OF APPEALS OF STATE TRIAL COURT DENIAL OF MOTION TO INTERVENE IN CASE WHERE KLAMATH IRRIGATION DISTRICT SEEKS TO REQUIRE OREGON TO WITHHOLD WATER IN UPPER KLAMATH LAKE. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WILLIAMS, 20-97-M-DLC (D. MONT. 2020):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH COURT ORDER AND REVISE CRITICAL HABITAT FOR LYNX PURSUANT TO THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

FRIENDS OF THE WILD SWAN V. BERNHARDT, 20-173-M-DWM (D. MONT. 2020):

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CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DECISION NOT TO PREPARE A
RECOVERY PLAN FOR LYNX AS REQUIRED BY THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. ONGOING.
NO FEES IN 2020.

CROW INDIAN TRIBE V. U.S. OF AMERICA, 17-CV-00089 (D. MONT. 2018):
CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DECISION TO DELIST GRIZZLY
BEARS IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM. CASE WON IN JULY 2020. ONGOING.
CLIENTS NOW SEEKING ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ZINKE, 18-CV-0048-JGZ (D. ARIZ. 2018):
CHALLENGE TO U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE'S 2017 REVISED RECOVERY PLAN FOR
MEXICAN WOLVES PURSUANT TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO ENSURE SPECIES' ACTUAL
RECOVERY. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, IBLA CASE NO. 2017-37
(U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OFFICE OF HEARINGS AND APPEALS, BOARD OF
LAND APPEALS):

WELC REPRESENTS TEMPEST, LLC IN AN ADMINISTRATIVE APPEAL OF A BUREAU OF
LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION TO REJECT THE NONCOMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE
OFFERS. BLM'S REJECTION OF THE OFFERS REFLECTED PUBLIC INTEREST-CENTERED
DEFICIENCIES REGARDING BLM'S OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM AND WAS BASED ON
THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE WILLIAMSES INTENDED TO KEEP THE OIL AND GAS IN
THE LEASES "IN THE GROUND." APPEAL LOST. NO FEES IN 2020.

CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER V. STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST,
NO. 1:17-CV-00441-LJO-SAB (E.D. CAL.):
CHALLENGE TO CATTLE GRAZING IN ALPINE MEADOWS ON THREE LIVESTOCK ALLOTMENTS

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IN THE SIERRA NEVADA TO PROTECT THOSE MEADOWS. CASE LOST AT DISTRICT COURT
AND NOW ON APPEAL. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILLAMETTE RIVERKEEPER V. NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE, NO. : 6:21-CV-
34 (D. OR.):

LAWSUIT AGAINST NATIONAL MARIN FISHERIES SERVICE, ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS,
AND U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE CHALLENGING APPROVAL AND FUNDING OF
HATCHERY SUMMER STEELHEAD PROGRAM IN SANTIAM RIVER BASIN IN OREGON.
ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2021.

KLAMATH GRAZING:

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SUE PROVIDED TO THE FOREST SERVICE FOR FAILING TO
CONSULT ON IMPACTS OF GRAZING ON ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT-LISTED COHO SALMON.
MATTER ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

AMERICAN WHITEWATER V. ELECTRON HYDRO LLC, NO. 2-16-CV-00047-JCC (W.D.
WASH.):

CHALLENGE TO HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE ENDANGERED
SPECIES ACT AND THEREBY PROTECT AQUATIC LIFE. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

OREGON BEAVER:

ASSISTANCE TO BEAVER ADVOCACY GROUP WITH REGARD TO (1)
LEGISLATIVE/RULEMAKING PROPOSALS AND (2) FISH PASSAGE LAW AND BEAVER
RELOCATION/PROTECTION ON FEDERAL LANDS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

BEAVER CAMPAIGN:

INVESTIGATION INTO OPPORTUNITIES TO PROTECT BEAVERS IN ENDANGERED SPECIES

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ACT-LISTED COHO SALMON HABITAT IN CALIFORNIA. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE, NO. 1:19-CV-00203-CWD (D. ID.):

CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE FOR FAILURE TO REINITIATE CONSULTATION OVER THE FOREST SERVICE'S DECISION TO ALLOW STATES TO DECIDE WHETHER BAIT CAN BE USED TO HUNT BLACK BEARS IN PROTECTED GRIZZLY HABITAT IN NATIONAL FORESTS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

STAVRIANOUDAKIS V. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NO. 2:18-CV-01622 (E.D. CAL.):

INTERVENTION IN EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CASE FILED BY PACIFIC LEGAL FOUNDATION CHALLENGING FEDERAL AND STATE REGULATIONS RE INSPECTIONS OF FALCON FACILITIES. WE ASSISTED THE NORTH AMERICAN FALCONRY ASSOCIATION AS AMICUS IN SUPPORT OF FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCY DEFENDANTS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

GRIZZLIES AND TRAINS:

INVESTIGATION OF U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HABITAT CONSERVATION PLAN/INCIDENTAL TAKE STATEMENT FOR BURLINGTON NORTHERN RAILROAD'S TRAIN OPERATIONS, WITH FOCUS ON GRIZZLY BEAR PROTECTIONS.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:19-CV-01810-CL (D. OR.):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TIMBER SALE ADJACENT TO THE CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT IN AN AREA OCCUPIED BY NORTHERN SPOTTED OWLS, BROUGHT UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. CASE FILED NOVEMBER 2019. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

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KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 1:20-CV-00952-AA (D. OR.):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TIMBER SALE THAT OVERLAPS WITH THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT, AND A LARGE 2019 WILDFIRE. COMPLAINT FILED JUNE 2020, AND AMENDED THE COMPLAINT TO BRING AN ADDITIONAL CLAIM AGAINST BLM IN JULY 2020. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE, 2:19-CV-02149-JAM-AC (E.D. CAL.):

CHALLENGE TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S DECISION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF E-BIKES ON NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS IN THE TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST, IN LATE 2019. OUR GOAL IN THIS LITIGATION WAS TO PROTECT THE NON-MOTORIZED CHARACTER OF THESE TRAILS, WHILE ENSURING THAT THE FOREST SERVICE COMPLY WITH THE PUBLIC PROCESS FOR REVISING MOTOR VEHICLE USE DESIGNATIONS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE EXISTING USES OF THESE TRAILS. AFTER MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TERMS WERE REACHED THROUGH SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS IN EARLY 2020, THE COURT GRANTED A JOINT STIPULATED DISMISSAL APRIL 2020. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT OR RECEIVED.

WESTERN ORG. OF RES. COUNCILS V. HUIZENGA, 20-CV-98-BMM (D. MONT.):

COMPLAINT FILED OCTOBER 2020. DOJ FILED MOTION TO DISMISS DECEMBER 2020 ON BASIS OF STANDING. RESPONSE BRIEF DUE JANUARY 2021. DEFEATED MOTION TO DISMISS IN EARLY 2021. AGENCY PREPARED RECORD, WHICH WE ARE REVIEWING.

MONT. ENVTL. INFO. CTR. V. MONT. DEQ, CDV 12-1075 (MONT. 1ST JUD. DIST. CT.):

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CHALLENGE TO PROTECT WATER RESOURCES FROM COAL MINE RESOURCES. WE PREVAILED ON MERITS CHALLENGE TO CLEAN WATER ACT PERMIT. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

DINÉ CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING OUR ENVIRONMENT V. US BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, CV-8077-PCT-SPL (D. ARIZ.), 17-17320 (9TH CIR.):

CHALLENGE TO COAL MINE EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF LEASE FOR COAL POWER PLANT. THIS CASE AIMED TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES AND COMMUNITIES FROM POLLUTION FROM COAL PLANT. CASE LOST AND NOW CLOSED. NO FEES IN 2020.

IN RE ROSEBUD STRIP MINE, BER 2016-03 SM (MONT. BD. OF ENVTL. REV.):

ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGE TO APPROVAL OF COAL MINE (ROSEBUD STRIP-MINE).

THIS CASE AIMS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM IMPACTS TO WATER RESOURCES FROM STRIP-MINING. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

IN RE BULL MOUNTAINS MINE, BER 2016-07 SM (MONT. BD. OF ENVTL. REV.):

ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGE TO EXPANSION OF THE BULL MOUNTAINS COAL MINE. CASE AIMS TO PROTECT PUBLIC WATER RESOURCES FROM STRIP-MINING. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. OSM, CV 17-80-BLG-SPW-TJC:

CHALLENGE TO COAL MINE EXPANSION (SPRING CREEK MINE) TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

SIGNAL PEAK V. MEIC, DV-18-869 (MONT. 13TH JUD. DIST. CT.):

WE REPRESENT MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER AND TWO RANCHERS, ELLEN PFISTER AND STEVE CHARTER, WHO WERE SUED BY A MINING COMPANY, SIGNAL PEAK, IN RETALIATION FOR COMMENTING ON A MINE EXPANSION. THIS CASE PROTECTS THE PUBLIC FROM HARASSMENT BY INDUSTRY (IN THE FORM OF STRATEGIC LITIGATION

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AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION). IN NOVEMBER 2018, THE DISTRICT COURT RULED IN OUR FAVOR. IN 2019, THE DISTRICT COURT GRANTED US FEES. SIGNAL PEAK THEN APPEALED. IN 2020, MONTANA SUPREME COURT DISMISSED SIGNAL PEAK'S CASE AND REMANDED TO BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS AND THEREFORE NO FEES IN FACT AWARDED. CASE CLOSED.

MEIC V. OSM, CIV. A. NO. 19-3019 (JEB):

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING, RECLAMATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OVER ITS FAILURE TO RESPOND TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE BULL MOUNTAIN COAL MINE IN MONTANA. THE CASE WAS SETTLED AND THE FEDERAL AGENCY PROVIDED THE OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE FOIA REQUEST. FEES RECOVERED IN 2020 OF \$2,064.

MEIC V. OSM, NO. 19-2977 (TNM) (DDC):

CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING, RECLAMATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OVER ITS FAILURE TO RESPOND TO A FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE ROSEBUD MINE AREA F EXPANSION. THE CASE WAS SETTLED AND THE FEDERAL AGENCY PROVIDED THE OUTSTANDING DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE FOIA REQUEST. FEES RECOVERED IN 2020 OF \$2,500.

MEIC V. OSM, NO. CV-19-130-BLG-SPW-TJC:

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT/ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES OVER THE AREA F EXPANSION OF THE ROSEBUD MINE TO PROTECT ENVIRONMENT. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

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ACLU OF MT V. MONT. DISASTER AND EMERGENCY SERVS., NO. CDV-2020-155 (MONT. 1ST JUD. DIST. CT.):

COMPLAINT FILED FEBRUARY 2020 TO SECURE PUBLIC RECORDS REGARDING KEYSTONE XL PIPELINE. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

HELD V. STATE OF MONTANA, NO. CDV-2020-307 (MONT. 1ST JUD. DIST. CT.):

CHALLENGE TO STATE OF MONTANA FOR FAILURE TO MEET CLIMATE TRUST DUTIES. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RETAIL

ELECTRICITY RATES, NO. D2018.2.12 (MONT. PSC):

REPRESENTATION OF NORTHWEST ENERGY COALITION IN UTILITY RATE CASE, WHERE WE ADVOCATED FOR STRENGTHENED PROVISIONS RELATED TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY. THIS CASE BENEFITED THE PUBLIC BY PROMOTING ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN UTILITY DECISION-MAKING. HEARING BEGAN AND COMPLETED IN MAY, PARTIAL SETTLEMENT REACHED. POST-HEARING BRIEF FILED IN JULY. WRITTEN ORDER ISSUED 12/20. CASE CLOSED. NO FEES IN 2020.

PACIFIC RIVERS COUNCIL V. BLM, 16-1598-TC (D. OR):

CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WESTERN OREGON PLAN REVISIONS TO PROTECT FOREST RESOURCES. CASE LOST AND NOW CLOSED. NO FEES IN 2020.

DEBORAH EVANS, ET AL V. FERC 20-1161 (DC CIR):

CHALLENGE TO FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATION COMMISSION ORDER GRANTING CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS EXPORT TERMINAL. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

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ASSOCIATION OF OREGON & CALIFORNIA COUNTIES V. TRUMP, NO. 17-280-RJL (D.D.C.); MURPHY CO. V. TRUMP, NO. 17-285-CL (D. OR); AMERICAN FOREST RESOURCES COUNCIL V. UNITED STATES, NO. 17-441-RJL (D.D.C.):

WELC REPRESENTS DEFENDANTS-INTERVENORS IN THREE CHALLENGES TO THE EXPANSION OF THE CASCADE-SISKIYOU NATIONAL MONUMENT IN OREGON. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

CARPENTERS INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL V. ZINKE; 13-CV-00361-RJL (D.D.C):

WELC REPRESENTS DEFENDANTS-INTERVENORS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE 2012 CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL. INTERVENTION WAS DENIED. CASE BETWEEN FEDERAL DEFENDANTS AND PLAINTIFFS SETTLED. CASE CLOSED. NO FEES IN 2020.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF PORTLAND ET AL V. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 3:21-CV-00443-JR (D. OR):

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO FWS'S FINAL REVISED 2021 CRITICAL HABITAT RULE FOR THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL. CASE HAS BEEN STAYED PENDING BIDEN ADMINISTRATION REVIEW OF THE RULE. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. GRANTHAM, 18-CV-02785-TLN-DMC (E.D. CAL):

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE SEIAD-HORSE TIMBER SALE ON THE KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST. RECEIVED AN ADVERSE DECISION IN 9TH CIRCUIT. BACK TO DISTRICT COURT FOR SUMMARY JUDGEMENT BRIEFING. OPENING BRIEF IN MARCH 2020, VIRTUAL ORAL ARGUMENT SCHEDULED FOR JUNE, BUT NOT HELD. AWAITING OPINION. NO FEES IN 2020.

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KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. BLM, 19-CV-01810-CL (D. OR).

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE GRIFFIN HALF MOON TIMBER SALE. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INFORMATION CENTER ET AL V. UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 3:20-CV-08657-LB (D. OR):

WELC REPRESENTED PLAINTIFFS IN A MISSED DEADLINE CASE TO COMPEL U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO RESPOND TO A PETITION TO UPLIST THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL TO ENDANGERED, AND TO COMPLETE A 5-YEAR STATUS REVIEW, PURSUANT TO ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FWS BELATEDLY RESPONDED TO THE PETITION TO LIST, AND THE PARTIES SUBSEQUENTLY DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE THE COMPLAINT. CASE CLOSED. NO FEES IN 2020.

ALASKA COMMUNITY ACTION ON TOXICS ET AL V. COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ET AL., 3:20-CV-05199-RS (N.D. CAL):

CHALLENGE TO NATIONAL RULEMAKING OVERHAULING NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT REGULATIONS. ONGOING. NO FEES IN 2020.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PUBLIC INTEREST LAW FIRM - THE WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER USES THE POWER OF THE LAW TO SAFEGUARD THE PUBLIC LANDS, WILDLIFE, AND COMMUNITIES OF THE AMERICAN WEST IN THE FACE OF A CHANGING CLIMATE. WE COMBINE OUR LEGAL SKILLS WITH SOUND CONSERVATION BIOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TO ADDRESS MAJOR ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES IN THE WEST IN THE MOST STRATEGIC AND EFFECTIVE MANNER.

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990
 A COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS,
 WHO WILL REVIEW IT AND ASK QUESTIONS OF THE FINANCE OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE
 DIRECTOR, PRIOR TO FILING.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY
 WELC SEEKS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A REPUTATION FOR THE HIGHEST STANDARDS
 OF FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY IN ALL ITS BUSINESS AND PROGRAM AFFAIRS.
 EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY DISCLOSE ANY POTENTIAL
 CONFLICTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DISCUSSION AND RESOLUTION. IN THE
 EVENT A RESOLUTION CANNOT BE REACHED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE
 CONFLICT OF INTEREST SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR A
 FINAL DECISION. ADDITIONALLY, ALL STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS ARE NOTIFIED OF
 POTENTIAL NEW MATTERS OF ENGAGEMENT IN ORDER TO REVIEW FOR POTENTIAL
 CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL
 THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DETERMINES THE SALARY OF
 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) AFTER REVIEW AND DISCUSSION EACH YEAR. THE
 BOARD SETS ED'S SALARY, ONLY. ALL OTHER SALARIES DETERMINED BY ED'S
 RECOMMENDATION AND REVIEWED AND APPROVED AS PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGETING
 PROCESS. APPROVAL IS GIVEN BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF
 DIRECTORS AT THE EMPLOYEE LEVEL, AND IN TOTAL AT THE BOARD LEVEL. SPECIFIC
 SALARY SURVEYS ARE INCORPORATED INTO THIS PROCESS, WHEN AVAILABLE.

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OFFICER SALARIES ARE DETERMINED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THEN APPROVED IN TOTAL BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. SALARIES ARE SET TO REFLECT MARKET WAGES BY UTILIZING SALARY SURVEYS AND OTHER DATA, WHEN AVAILABLE, IN ORDER TO STAY COMPETITIVE WITH A CONCERN FOR CURRENT ECONOMIC CONDITIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 17 - OTHER STATES WHERE COPY OF RETURN IS FILED NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW JERSEY, NEW MEXICO, NEW YORK, OREGON, SOUTH CAROLINA, TENNESSEE, UTAH, VIRGINIA, WISCONSIN

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION GOVERNING AND FINANCIAL DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER WEBSITE, THE STATE OF OREGON BUSINESS REGISTRY WEBSITE, OR ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

Form **4562**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service (99)

Name(s) shown on return

Depreciation and Amortization
(Including Information on Listed Property)

u Attach to your tax return.

u Go to www.irs.gov/Form4562 for instructions and the latest information.

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Attachment
Sequence No. **179**

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Business or activity to which this form relates

INDIRECT DEPRECIATION

Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179

Note: If you have any listed property, complete Part V before you complete Part I.

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	1,040,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	2,590,000
4	Reduction in limitation. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year. Subtract line 4 from line 1. If zero or less, enter -0-. If married filing separately, see instructions	5	
6	(a) Description of property	(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
7	Listed property. Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property. Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction. Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2019 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation. Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5. See instructions	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction. Add lines 9 and 10, but don't enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2021. Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	13	

Note: Don't use Part II or Part III below for listed property. Instead, use Part V.

Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)

14	Special depreciation allowance for qualified property (other than listed property) placed in service during the tax year. See instructions	14	
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	2,475

Part III MACRS Depreciation (Don't include listed property. See instructions.)

Section A

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2020	17	836
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2020 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs.		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2020 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System

20a Class life					S/L	
b 12-year			12 yrs.		S/L	
c 30-year			30 yrs.	MM	S/L	
d 40-year			40 yrs.	MM	S/L	

Part IV Summary (See instructions.)

21	Listed property. Enter amount from line 28	21	
22	Total. Add amounts from line 12, lines 14 through 17, lines 19 and 20 in column (g), and line 21. Enter here and on the appropriate lines of your return. Partnerships and S corporations—see instructions	22	3,311
23	For assets shown above and placed in service during the current year, enter the portion of the basis attributable to section 263A costs	23	

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