

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**  
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**  
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**A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending**

<b>B</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	<b>C</b> Name of organization WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code EUGENE OR 97401	<b>D</b> Employer identification number 93-1010269 <b>E</b> Telephone number 541-485-2471 <b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ 3,416,455
<b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH 120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340 EUGENE OR 97401		<b>H(a)</b> Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <b>H(b)</b> Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
<b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) <b>t</b> (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		<b>H(c)</b> Group exemption number <b>u</b>
<b>J</b> Website: <b>u</b> WWW.WESTERNLAW.ORG		<b>L</b> Year of formation: 1989 <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: OR
<b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other <b>u</b>		

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: SEE SCHEDULE O		
	<b>2</b> Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	<b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	<b>3</b>	10
	<b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	<b>4</b>	10
	<b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	<b>5</b>	22
	<b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	<b>6</b>	2
	<b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	<b>7a</b>	0
<b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	<b>7b</b>	0	
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	<b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,762,603	2,191,559
	<b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	527,866	1,188,243
	<b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	6,345	36,653
	<b>12</b> Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,296,814	3,416,455
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	8,500	58,500
	<b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	<b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,527,052	1,911,301
	<b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	<b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>u</b> 215,834		
	<b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	665,406	748,100
<b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,200,958	2,717,901	
<b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	95,856	698,554	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	<b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	2,530,197	3,253,213
	<b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	124,573	142,039
		2,405,624	3,111,174

**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.

<b>Sign Here</b>	Signature of officer LYNDEE PRILL	Date	
	Type or print name and title FINANCE OFFICER		
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name KARI YOUNG	Preparer's signature	Date 10/27/20
	Firm's name } JONES & ROTH, P.C. PO BOX 10086	Firm's EIN } 93-0819646	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed PTIN P01325552
	Firm's address } 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 \$ 2,227,173 including grants of \$ 58,500 ) (Revenue \$ 1,188,243 )

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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 2,227,173

**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	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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 IRS 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 columns for question number, question text, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, and charitable contributions.

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 document retention.

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), 18 (public inspection), 19 (governing documents), 20 (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) KARIN SHELDON ..... PRESIDENT	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) PEGGY NELSON ..... VICE PRESIDENT	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) KEVIN KIRCHNER ..... TREASURER	1.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) MIKE LINDSAY ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(5) LISA MANNING ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(6) PHIL KATZEN ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(7) DYAN OLDENBURG ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(8) DENISE FORT ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(9) BROOKE WILLIAMS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(10) DANIEL CORDALIS ..... DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(11) ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH ..... EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 0.00			X				119,013	0	13,481

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 LYNDEE PRILL and PETER FROST.

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 2

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

Table with columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514. Rows include Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts; Program Service Revenue; Other Revenue; and Miscellaneous Revenue.

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**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	58,500	58,500		
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	233,380	111,511	114,468	7,401
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	1,364,905	1,208,159	79,279	77,467
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	43,816	36,973	4,469	2,374
9 Other employee benefits	148,289	122,847	17,539	7,903
10 Payroll taxes	120,911	100,591	13,852	6,468
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	9,600		9,600	
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	108,984	8,927	16,010	84,047
14 Information technology	6,399			6,399
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	103,565	86,161	11,865	5,539
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	13,116	10,911	1,503	702
23 Insurance	7,560	6,290	866	404
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 MEALS/TRAVEL	141,429	141,429		
b LITIGATION COMMUNICATION	122,395	122,395		
c LITIGATION EXPERTS	67,837	67,837		
d EDUCATION	59,269	59,269		
e All other expenses	107,946	85,373	5,443	17,130
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	2,717,901	2,227,173	274,894	215,834
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 checked="" 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)		(B)	
		Beginning of year		End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	50,847	1	92,349
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	2,105,496	2	2,412,290
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	174,505	3	206,911
	4	Accounts receivable, net	75,693	4	401,868
	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	18,689	9	19,277
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	108,810		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	64,978	10c	43,832
	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	63,941	15	76,686
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	2,530,197	16	3,253,213	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	21,991	17	24,616
	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	102,582	25	117,423
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	124,573	26	142,039
Net Assets or Fund Balances	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	1,944,371	27	2,565,499
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	461,253	28	545,675
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>				
	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	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	2,405,624	32	3,111,174
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	2,530,197	33	3,253,213	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	3,416,455
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	2,717,901
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	698,554
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	2,405,624
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	6,996
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	<b>10</b>	3,111,174

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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.		
<b>2a</b>	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
<b>2b</b>	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	
<b>2c</b>	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	
<b>3a</b>	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
<b>3b</b>	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)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

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

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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)						
<b>Total</b>						

**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) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,174,761	1,302,804	2,166,795	1,762,603	2,191,559	8,598,522
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	1,174,761	1,302,804	2,166,795	1,762,603	2,191,559	8,598,522
<b>5</b> 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)						1,778,438
<b>6</b> Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						6,820,084

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	1,174,761	1,302,804	2,166,795	1,762,603	2,191,559	8,598,522
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	3,738	3,630	4,416	6,345	36,653	54,782
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						8,653,304

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) **12** 3,926,694

**13 First five 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**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	78.81%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	79.34%

**16a 33 1/3% support test—2019.** 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—2018.** 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—2019.** 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—2018.** 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) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018, (e) 2019, (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) 2015, (b) 2016, (c) 2017, (d) 2018, (e) 2019, (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 five years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 15 - %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2018 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 2019 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 17 - %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 - 18 - %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2019. 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—2018. 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 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of 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 (b) and (c) 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 (b) and (c) 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	<b>Type I or Type II only.</b> Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c	<b>Substitutions only.</b> 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 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
<b>11</b>	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
<b>a</b>	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
<b>b</b>	A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
<b>c</b>	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

**Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>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 directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i>		
<b>2</b>	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? <i>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.</i>		

**Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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)? <i>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).</i>		

**Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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?		
<b>2</b>	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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
<b>3</b>	By reason of the relationship described in (2), 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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

**Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations**

<b>1</b>	<i>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).</i>		
<b>a</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. <i>Complete line 2 below.</i>		
<b>b</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. <i>Complete line 3 below.</i>		
<b>c</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. <i>Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).</i>		
<b>2</b>	Activities Test. <i>Answer (a) and (b) below.</i>		
<b>a</b>	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? <i>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.</i>		
<b>b</b>	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>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.</i>		
<b>3</b>	Parent of Supported Organizations. <i>Answer (a) and (b) below.</i>		
<b>a</b>	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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
<b>b</b>	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

**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.

<b>Section A - Adjusted Net Income</b>		(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	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
<b>Section B - Minimum Asset Amount</b>		(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	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e <b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in <b>Part VI</b> ):			
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 1-1/2% 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 .035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
<b>Section C - Distributable Amount</b>			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 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	<b>Distributable Amount.</b> 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)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> 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 2019 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-2019	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required-explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019			
a From 2014 .....			
b From 2015 .....			
c From 2016 .....			
d From 2017 .....			
e From 2018 .....			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, 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 2019. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7 <b>Excess distributions carryover to 2020.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2015 .....			
b Excess from 2016 .....			
c Excess from 2017 .....			
d Excess from 2018 .....			
e Excess from 2019 .....			

**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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Organization type (check one):

**Filers of:****Section:**

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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 foundationCheck 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<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>% 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).

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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
1	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 140,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
2	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 100,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
3	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 130,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
4	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 180,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
5	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 60,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
6	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 50,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 200,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
8	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 106,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
9	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 45,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
10	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 65,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
11	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 150,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
12	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 50,000</p>	<p>Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>

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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
13	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ 62,656</p>	<p>Person <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
.....	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ .....</p>	<p>Person <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
.....	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ .....</p>	<p>Person <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
.....	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ .....</p>	<p>Person <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
.....	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ .....</p>	<p>Person <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>
.....	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ .....</p>	<p>Person <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Payroll <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Noncash <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</p>



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**Part II Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
13	STOCK	\$ 62,656	11/18/19

**SCHEDULE C**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

**Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

**2019**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is described below.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for instructions and the latest information.

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**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.

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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) 2019

**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												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	9,678													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	14,152													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	23,830													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures	2,694,071													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	2,717,901													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	285,895													
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	71,474													
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
<b>j</b> 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) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	238,719	259,195	260,048	285,895	1,043,857
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,565,786
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	1,501	25,975	27,754	23,830	79,060
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	59,680	64,799	65,012	71,474	260,965
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					391,448
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	740	1,368	23,290	9,678	35,076

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, legislators, or the public?; e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?; f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?; g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?; h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?; 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: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. 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. (Sub-rows 2a-2d), 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: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. 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. 1b 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 u \$, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$. 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 u \$, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X u \$.

**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	39,136	40,337	35,060	33,190	33,684
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	7,515	-842	5,604	2,155	-211
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	368	359	327	285	283
g End of year balance	46,283	39,136	40,337	35,060	33,190

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 100.00 %
  - b Permanent endowment      %
  - c Term endowment      %
- 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		108,810	64,978	43,832
e Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)			<b>u</b>	43,832

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)	<b>u</b>	

**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)		
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)	<b>u</b>	

**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)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	<b>u</b>

**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	75,972
(3) CREDIT CARDS	23,916
(4) CLIENT FUNDS HELD IN TRUST	17,535
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	<b>u</b> 117,423

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	3,423,451
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	6,996	
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	6,996	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,416,455	
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	3,416,455	

**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	2,717,901
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	2,717,901	
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	2,717,901	

**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 I (Form 990)

Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments, and Individuals in the United States

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

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Name of the organization

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?
2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

Table with 8 columns: (a) Name and address of organization or government, (b) EIN, (c) IRC section (if applicable), (d) Amount of cash grant, (e) Amount of non-cash assistance, (f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other), (g) Description of noncash assistance, (h) Purpose of grant or assistance. Row 1 contains data for Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center.

- 2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table
3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table

**Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

**Part IV Supplemental Information.** Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

PART I, LINE 2 - PROCEDURES FOR MONITORING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS

ALL GRANT FUNDS PASSED THROUGH ARE DONE IN COORDINATION WITH WELC PROGRAM

PROFESSIONAL STAFF INVOLVED IN THAT WORK, WHO APPROVE AND MONITOR THE USE

OF THE FUNDS. IN ADDITION, THE USE AND ULTIMATE OUTCOME OF PASS THROUGH

FUNDS IS REPORTED TO THE GRANTING FOUNDATION BY WELC.

**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

OMB No. 1545-0047

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**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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**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	91,952	
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 <b>u</b> (MEALS)	X	1	724	
26 Other <b>u</b> ( )				
27 Other <b>u</b> ( )				
28 Other <b>u</b> ( )				

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	0
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	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X
33		

**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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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on  
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

u Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

u Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990](http://www.irs.gov/Form990) for the latest 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 2019, VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED ATTORNEYS WITH LEGAL RESEARCH AND OTHER PROJECTS, HELPED DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING STAFF WITH PROJECTS AND EVENTS, AND SUPPORTED GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF.

## FORM 990, PART III - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

THE WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER (WELC) WAS INVOLVED IN THE FOLLOWING LITIGATION DURING 2019 (JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31). UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED, COURT-AWARDED FEES WERE NOT RECOVERED DURING 2019.

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 RMP. FILED COMPLAINT 10/3/2019.

ONGOING. NO FEES SOUGHT OR RECEIVED IN 2019.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE CHALLENGE OF WASHINGTON GENERAL NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE

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ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS. WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR MORE PROTECTIVE CONDITIONS. THE MATTER IS ON APPEAL AT THE WASHINGTON COURT OF APPEALS. NO FEES SOUGHT OR RECEIVED IN 2019.

AMERICAN WHITEWATER, ET AL. V. FECC, NO. 18-70765 (9TH CIR.): WELC IS REPRESENTING SEVERAL GROUPS CHALLENGING FERC'S DENIAL OF A MOTION TO INTERVENE INTO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING AND STAY OF LICENSE'S CONSTRUCTION DEADLINE. WE ARE ADVOCATING FOR PROPER ENFORCEMENT OF THE FEDERAL POWER ACT'S REQUIREMENTS AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS. CASE HAS BEEN DISMISSED AS MOOT. 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. THE MATTER IS ON APPEAL TO THE WASHINGTON SUPREME COURT. NO FEES SOUGHT OR RECEIVED IN 2019.

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. THE MATTER IS ONGOING. NO FEES SOUGHT OR RECEIVED IN 2019.

DINE' CITIZEN AGAINST RUINING THE ENVIRONMENT, ET AL. V. U.S. EPA, NO. 18-71481 (9TH CIR.): WELC IS REPRESENTING SEVERAL GROUPS CHALLENGING EPA'S FAILURE TO ISSUE A CLEAN WATER ACT PERMIT TO A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT. THE CASE WAS SETTLED



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AFTER EPA ISSUED THE LONG OVERDUE PERMIT. WELC RECEIVED \$19,806 IN FEES IN 2019.

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IN RE: ARIZONA PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY NPDES PERMIT NO. NN0000019, APPEAL NO. NPDES 18-02 (EPA ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD): WELC REPRESENTED SEVERAL GROUPS CHALLENGING AN UNLAWFUL CLEAN WATER ACT NATIONAL POLLUTION DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT FOR A COAL-FIRED POWER PLANT. ADVOCATING TO ENSURE THAT EPA COMPLIES WITH THE CLEAN WATER ACT'S STATUTORY AND REGULATORY STANDARDS WHEN ISSUING PERMITS. NO FEES SOUGHT OR RECEIVED IN 2019.

WILLAPA-GRAYS HARBOR OYSTER GROWERS ASSOCIATION, ET AL. V. STATE OF WASHINGTON, NO. 18-073 (WASH. POLLUTION CONTROL HEARINGS BOARD): INDUSTRY CHALLENGE TO THE DENIAL OF A CLEAN WATER ACT PERMIT TO USE NEONICOTINOID TO KILL NATIVE BURROWING SHRIMP ON COMMERCIAL OYSTER BEDS. WELC ARE REPRESENTING GROUPS INTERVENING TO DEFEND ECOLOGY'S SCIENCE-BASED PERMIT DECISION. THE CASE WAS RESOLVED WHEN THE PETITIONERS SETTLED ITS CLAIMS AND DISMISSED THE ACTION. NO FEES.

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. THE MATTER IS ONGOING. NO FEES SOUGHT OR RECEIVED IN 2019.

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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. THE CASE WAS VOLUNTARILY DISMISSED AFTER EPA ISSUED ITS DECISION. NO FEES.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. CONNER, 1:15-CV-858-CMA (D. COLO.), 17-1334 (10TH CIR.): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE TO A U.S. FOREST SERVICE TIMBER SALE ON THE PIKE-SAN ISABEL NATIONAL FOREST FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. CASE WAS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF CONNER (U.S. FOREST SERVICE). APPEAL LOST AT THE 10TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. CASE CLOSED 2019. NO FEES.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. PROVENCIO, 3:16-CV-8010 (D. ARIZ.), 17-17373 (9TH CIR.): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AND OTHER CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS, IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE USFS TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE TO TRAVEL MANAGEMENT DECISIONS ON EACH OF THE KAIBAB'S THREE RANGER DISTRICTS. IN 2018, CASE WAS BRIEFED AT THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. NINTH CIRCUIT RULED IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT IN 2019. CASE CLOSED 2019. NO FEES.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ASHE, 4:15-CV-19-JGZ (D. ARIZ.): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AND OTHER CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS, IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S DECISION TO MODIFY THE MEXICAN WOLF EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION PROGRAM. THE DISTRICT COURT ISSUED A DECISION IN OUR FAVOR IN APRIL 2018. SETTLED FEES

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IN NOVEMBER 2019. CASE CLOSED 2019. WELC RECEIVED \$195,947 IN FEES AND COSTS IN 2019.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. SUCKOW, 1:17-CV-891-WYD (D. COLO): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT TO THE U.S.D.A. APHIS-WILDLIFE SERVICES' PREDATOR DAMAGE MANAGEMENT IN COLORADO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT. AN AMENDED PETITION FOR REVIEW WAS FILED IN AUGUST 2018. THIS CASE WAS BRIEFED AT THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO IN EARLY 2019. AWAITING ARGUMENT OR DECISION.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. JEFFRIES, 2:17-CV-1004-SU (D. OREGON): WELC REPRESENTS CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE OCHOCO NATIONAL FOREST'S DECISION TO DESIGNATE A 130+ MILE MOTORIZED VEHICLE TRAIL SYSTEM PASSING THROUGH IMPORTANT AND FRAGILE ECOSYSTEMS AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ON THE FOREST. CLAIMS ARISE UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT, NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT, TRAVEL MANAGEMENT RULE, AND ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. ORAL ARGUMENT WAS HELD IN MAY 2018, AND FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATION WAS ISSUED IN OUR FAVOR BY THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE IN AUGUST 2018. FEES AND COSTS SETTLED IN DECEMBER 2019. WELC RECEIVED \$145,000 IN FEES AND COSTS IN 2019.

CASCADIA WILDLANDS V. OREGON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION, 18CV34127 (LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT, OREGON): WELC REPRESENTS DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE AND CASCADIA WILDLANDS IN A CHALLENGE TO AN OREGON FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION DECISION DENYING AN UPLISTING PETITION FOR MARBLED MURRELET UNDER THE STATE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. THE CASE WAS FILED IN AUGUST 2018, AND THE COURT

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RULED IN OUR FAVOR IN 2019. FEES SETTLED WITH THE COMMISSION FOR \$100,000, WITH FUNDS ARRIVING IN DECEMBER 2019. WE SETTLED FOR \$100,000 IN FEES AND COSTS RECEIVED IN 2019. WELC'S SHARE OF THE \$100,000 WAS \$23,577, WITH THE REST GOING TO OUTSIDE CO-COUNSEL.

(520) 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): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, DUNTON HOT SPRINGS, AND SHEEP MOUNTAIN ALLIANCE IN A CHALLENGE TO A U.S. FOREST SERVICE TRAVEL MANAGEMENT PLAN ON THE SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST IN COLORADO FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND NATIONAL FOREST MANAGEMENT ACT. IN A COMPANION CASE, THE SAME PARTIES INTERVENED TO DEFEND PORTIONS OF THE SAME DECISION IN A CHALLENGE FROM MOTORIZED TRAIL RIDER ORGANIZATIONS. THE TWO CASES WERE CONSOLIDATED, BRIEFING IS COMPLETE AS OF 11/19. AWAITING ARGUMENT OR DECISION IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WEBER, 9:19-CV-00056-DWM (D. MT.): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT IN A 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 RELATED TO GRIZZLY BEAR, BULL TROUT, CANADA LYNX, AND WOLVERINE. THE CASE WAS FILED IN SPRING 2019, A FINAL DECISION EXPECTED IN 2021.

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

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING DEPT. OF INTERIOR

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RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY COMMUNICATIONS  
RELATING TO PUBLIC LANDS AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT. FILED COMPLAINT JAN. 31,  
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 JAN. 31, 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 1, 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 13, 2017. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-00121-RCL  
(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS  
ASSOCIATED WITH OIL AND GAS LEASES IN MONTANA AND WYOMING. CASE SETTLED IN  
JUNE 2019. WELC RECEIVED \$1,369 IN FEES IN 2019.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-0551-TNM  
(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE AGENCY'S MANAGEMENT OF PUBLICLY OWNED OIL AND GAS RESOURCES. CASE SETTLED IN APRIL 2019. WELC RECEIVED \$3,299 IN FEES IN 2019.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:17-CV-2510-APM  
(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH SECRETARIAL ORDER 3354. CASE SETTLED IN FEBRUARY 2019. WELC DID NOT RECEIVE ANY FEES FOR THIS MATTER.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 1:18-CV-0890-APM  
(D.D.C.):

FOIA SUIT REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SEEKING BLM RELEASE OF RECORDS ASSOCIATED WITH NORMALLY PRESSURED LANCE NATURAL GAS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT IN WYOMING. CASE SETTLED IN NOVEMBER 2019. WELC RECEIVED \$737 IN FEES IN 2019.

WESTERN ORG. OF RESOURCE COUNCILS V. BLM, 4:16-CV-00021 (D. MONT.): WELC REPRESENTS WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, POWDER RIVER BASIN RESOURCE COUNCIL, NORTHERN PLAINS RESOURCE COUNCIL, SIERRA CLUB, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR THE BUFFALO, WYOMING AND MILES CITY, MONTANA FIELD OFFICES FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA REQUIREMENTS TO DISCLOSE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES. WE PREVAILED IN MARCH 2018. FEES AND COSTS SETTLED IN 2019. CASE CLOSED AS OF

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2019 AND FEES RECEIVED OF \$230,227.

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

REPRESENTS DINÉ CARE, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS DRILLING APPROVALS ACROSS THE GREATER CHACO LANDSCAPE FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA AND THE NHPA REQUIREMENTS TO ANALYZE ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL IMPACTS. CASE WAS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF BLM AT THE DISTRICT COURT. WE APPEALED TO THE TENTH CIRCUIT, AND WON ON OUR NEPA CUMULATIVE IMPACTS CLAIM, LOST ON NHPA. FEES RECOVERED IN 2020.

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

WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, WESTERN COLORADO CONGRESS, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, AND SIERRA CLUB IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM'S RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE COLORADO RIVER VALLEY FIELD OFFICE FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA REQUIREMENTS TO DISCLOSE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL AND PUBLIC HEALTH IMPACTS AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES. 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.

SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE V. BLM, 1:16-CV-00376 (D.N.M.), 18-2119 (10TH CIR.):

WELC REPRESENTS SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, DINÉ CARE, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AMIGOS BRAVOS, AND SIERRA CLUB IN A CHALLENGE TO A BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE IN THE SANTA FE NATIONAL FOREST FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA REQUIREMENTS TO DISCLOSE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. WE PREVAILED BEFORE THE DISTRICT COURT IN MAY 2018. FEES AND COSTS COLLECTED VIA SETTLEMENT IN 2019. CASE

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

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN WYOMING, UTAH AND COLORADO FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA REQUIREMENTS TO DISCLOSE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS. WE PREVAILED ON THE MERITS IN MARCH 2019 WITH RESPECT TO WYOMING PARCELS. BLM AGREED TO A VOLUNTARY REMAND OF UTAH AND COLORADO. A SECOND ROUND OF LITIGATION IS ONGOING REGARDING THE REMAND DECISION. BRIEFING ON REMAND IS COMPLETE, AND WE ARE AWAITING THE COURT'S DECISION.

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

REPRESENTS WILDERNESS WORKSHOP IN INTERVENING IN A WILLSOURCE CHALLENGE TO IBLA FOR UPHOLDING A BLM DECISION CAUSING LEASES TO EXPIRE AND TERMINATE. CASE IS FULLY BRIEFED AND WE ARE WAITING FOR MERITS DECISION.

WILDERNESS WORKSHOP V. BLM, 1:18-CV-00987 (D. COLO.): WELC REPRESENTS

WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, LIVING RIVERS, AND SIERRA CLUB IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM DECISION TO LEASE LANDS WITHIN THE COLORADO RIVER VALLEY AND GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICES THROUGH A DETERMINATION OF NEPA ADEQUACY. A SETTLEMENT OF THE MERITS IN PRINCIPLE HAS BEEN REACHED, AWAITING FINALIZATION AND FILING WITH THE COURT.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BLM, 4:18-CV-00073 (D. MONT.): WELC REPRESENTS

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, DAVID KATZ, BONNIE MARTINELL, AND JACK MARTINELL IN A CHALLENGE TO SEVERAL BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN MONTANA. BRIEFING IS COMPLETE AND ARGUMENT HELD IN



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AUGUST 2019. WE PREVAILED IN A DECISION ON THE MERITS, AND AWAIT BLM'S DECISION WHETHER IT WILL APPEAL.



CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V BLM, (D. MONT.): WELC REPRESENTS CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, AND THE WILDERNESS SOCIETY IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM'S RMP FOR THE GRAND JUNCTION FIELD OFFICE FOR FAILURE TO CONSIDER OIL AND GAS LEASING ALTERNATIVES AND A HARD LOOK AT CLIMATE IMPACTS. BLM HAS AGREED TO A VOLUNTARY REMAND, WITH A PENDING MOTION BEFORE THE COURT TO DEFINE THE SCOPE OF REMAND.

DINÉ CARE V. BLM, 1:19-CV-00703 (D.N.M): WELC REPRESENTS DINÉ CARE, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, AND SIERRA CLUB IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMITS. AN AMENDED COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN 2020 FOLLOWING BLM'S RELEASE OF NEPA ADDENDUMS FOR THE CHALLENGED PERMITS. BRIEFING IS SCHEDULED FOR FALL 2020.

COGCC V. MARTINEZ (AMICUS): 2017SC297 (COLO. S. CT.): WELC REPRESENTS A BROAD COALITION OF GROUPS IN FILING AN AMICUS AT THE COLORADO COURT OF APPEALS, AND NOW THE COLORADO SUPREME COURT, IN SUPPORT OF A CHALLENGE TO COGCC OIL AND GAS PERMITTING REQUIREMENTS AND FAILURE TO SUFFICIENTLY BALANCE HARM TO PEOPLE AND THE ENVIRONMENT. PREVAILED AT THE COURT OF APPEALS. CASE WAS REVERSED BY COLORADO SUPREME COURT IN JANUARY 2019. CASE CLOSED.

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY V. BLM, 1:17-CV-02519 (D. COLO.): WELC REPRESENTS CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, HIGH COUNTRY CONSERVATION ADVOCATES, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, AND WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A

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CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS DRILLING APPROVALS IN THE NORTH FORK VALLEY FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA REQUIREMENTS TO DISCLOSE ADVERSE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND CONSIDER ALTERNATIVES. WE PREVAILED ON THE MERITS IN MARCH 2019, WITH SUBSEQUENT DECISION ON REMEDIES. CURRENTLY IN FEE NEGOTIATIONS.

PNM ABANDONMENT OF SAN JUAN, 19-00018-UT, 19-00195-UT (NMPRC): WELC REPRESENTS DINÉ CARE AND SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE IN INTERVENTION BEFORE THE NM PRC IN THE ABANDONMENT OF SAN JUAN GENERATING STATION AND REPLACEMENT RESOURCES. NO FEES.

WYOMING V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 2:16-CV-00285-SWS (D. WYO.), 18-8027 (10TH CIR.): WELC REPRESENTS CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, DINE CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING OUR ENVIRONMENT, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, WYOMING OUTDOOR COUNCIL, AND EARTHWORKS. THESE AND OTHER CITIZEN GROUPS INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT TO HELP DEFEND AGAINST AN INDUSTRY ATTACK AGAINST THE BLM'S WASTE PREVENTION, PRODUCTION SUBJECT TO ROYALTIES, AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION RULE ("WASTE PREVENTION RULE"). CASE NOT YET RESOLVED AND ONGOING.

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 TERRY TEMPEST WILLIAMS AND BROOKE WILLIAMS IN AN APPEAL OF A BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT DECISION TO REJECT THE WILLIAMSES' NONCOMPETITIVE OIL AND GAS LEASE OFFERS. BLM'S REJECTION OF THE OFFERS

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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." CASE FULLY BRIEFED, NOT YET DECIDED.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, CASE NO. 1:17-CV-01849 (D.D.C.): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE BLM'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO GUARDIANS' FOIA REQUESTS REGARDING ONLINE LEASING. FEES SETTLED IN 2019 FOR \$13,000.

CALIFORNIA V. BLM, 3:17-CV-7186-(N.D. CAL): WELC REPRESENTS CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, EARTHWORKS, NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, DINE' CARE, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS, WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AND WYOMING OUTDOOR COUNCIL IN A CHALLENGE TO THE BLM'S RULE SUSPENDING FOR ONE YEAR CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS OF ITS WASTE PREVENTION RULE FOR VIOLATIONS OF THE MLA, THE APA, AND NEPA ("SUSPENSION RULE"). IN 2018, WELC'S CLIENTS PREVAILED ON TWO MOTIONS: A MOTION TO PRELIMINARILY ENJOIN THE SUSPENSION RULE, AND A MOTION TO COMPLETE THE ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD. FEES SETTLED IN 2019 FOR \$73,780.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 1:18-CV-00405-TJK (D.D.C.): WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE DOI'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO FOUR FOIA REQUESTS REGARDING SECRETARIAL ORDERS 3357, 3358, 3359, AND 3360. DOI COMPLETED PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS ON 11/14/18. AGENCY IS CONDUCTING ADDITIONAL SEARCHES. PRODUCTION WILL LIKELY TAKE ANOTHER YEAR OR MORE TO COMPLETE. WAITING FOR RESPONSE FROM OPPOSING

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

LOS PADRES FORESTWATCH, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, EARTHWORKS,

NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATION, CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, DINE' CARE,

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE,

WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS, WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, WILDEARTH

GUARDIANS, AND WYOMING OUTDOOR COUNCIL IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM'S RESCISSION

OF THE 2016 WASTE PREVENTION RULE, WHICH LIMITED WASTE OF NATURAL GAS BY

OIL AND GAS COMPANIES ON FEDERAL PUBLIC LANDS FROM VENTING, FLARING, AND

EQUIPMENT LEAKS. CASE WAS FULLY BRIEFED ON 12/11/19.

MCKENZIE FLYFISHERS V. BRUCE MCINTOSH, NO. 6-13-CV-02125-TC (D. OR.): WELC

REPRESENTS TWO FISHING GROUPS SEEKING TO REQUIRE STATE OF OREGON TO COMPLY

WITH THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IN ITS OPERATION OF FISH HATCHERIES THAT

HARM WILD NATIVE FISH. CASE BECAME MOOT, NO FEES. CASE CLOSED IN 2019.

CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER V. STANISLAUS NATIONAL FOREST,

NO. 1:17-CV-00441-LJO-SAB (E.D. CAL.): WELC REPRESENTS TWO CONSERVATION

GROUPS WHO CHALLENGED CATTLE GRAZING IN ALPINE MEADOWS ON THREE LIVESTOCK

ALLOTMENTS IN THE SIERRA NEVADA. CASE LOST AT DISTRICT COURT AND NOW ON

APPEAL. AWAITING ORAL ARGUMENT, CASE ONGOING AT THE END OF 2019.

WILLAMETTE RIVERKEEPER V. U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS, NO. 6:17-CV-00801-

MC (D. OR.): WELC REPRESENTS TWO FISHING GROUPS SEEKING TO END HATCHERY

SUMMER STEELHEAD AND RAINBOW TROUT RELEASES INTO HABITAT FOR ESA-LISTED

WILD WINTER STEELHEAD. SETTLED FOR \$130,000 IN FEES IN 2019.

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BOHMKER V. STATE OF OREGON, NO. 1-15-CV-01975-CL (D. OR.): WELC REPRESENTS FIVE CONSERVATION GROUPS WHO INTERVENED TO DEFEND THE STATE OF OREGON'S TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON SUCTION DREDGE PLACER MINING IN ESSENTIAL SALMONID HABITAT IN OREGON. WON. NO FEES, AS WE WERE INTERVENORS. CASE CLOSED IN 2019.

KLAMATH GRAZING: SERVED NOI ON THE FOREST SERVICE FOR FAILING TO CONSULT ON IMPACTS OF GRAZING ON ESA-LISTED COHO SALMON ON HORSE CREEK AND DRY CREEK ALLOTMENTS ON TRIBES TO THE KLAMATH RIVER. HAVE QUERIED FELICE PACE AS TO STATUS. TOM WHEELER (EPIC) ASSISTING BY LOOKING AT POTENTIAL OVERLAY OF USFS GRAZING ALLOTMENTS IN SONCC HABITAT THAT IS ALSO YUOK ANCESTRAL LANDS. MATTER ONGOING AS OF END OF 2019.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. HOOVER, NO. 9:16-CV-00065-DWM (D. MT.): WELC REPRESENTS ONE CONSERVATION GROUP SEEKING TO REQUIRE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO COMPLY WITH THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT AND THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IN THE CONTEXT OF ITS FEDERAL EXPORT PROGRAM FOR ANIMAL PARTS AND PELTS. CASE WON ON THE MERITS IN 2018, FEES AND COSTS SETTLED IN 2019 FOR \$144,447.

AMERICAN WHITEWATER V. ELECTRON HYDRO LLC, NO. 2-16-CV-00047-JCC (W.D. WASH.): WELC REPRESENTS TWO CONSERVATION GROUPS SEEKING TO REQUIRE A HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT OWNER TO COMPLY WITH THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. FILED JOINT STATUS REPORT. TRIAL SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 2020. ON TRACK TO MAKE THIS PROJECT SAFE FOR UPSTREAM AND DOWNSTREAM FISH PASSAGE. CASE ONGOING AS OF END OF 2019.

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OREGON BEAVER: WE'RE ASSISTING A NEWLY-FORMED OREGON BEAVER ADVOCACY GROUP WITH (1) LEGISLATIVE/RULEMAKING PROPOSALS AND (2) FISH PASSAGE LAW AND BEAVER RELOCATION/PROTECTION ON FEDERAL LANDS. IN 2020 WE WILL SEND A MEMO TO CLIENTS RE FOREST SERVICE AND BLM AUTHORITY TO CLOSE BEAVER RELOCATION AREAS TO TRAPPING.

CALIFORNIA CATTLEMAN'S ASSOCIATION V. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NO. 1:17-CV-01356-TNM (D. D.C.): WELC REPRESENTS ONE CONSERVATION GROUP THAT INTERVENED TO DEFEND THE DESIGNATION OF CRITICAL HABITAT FOR TWO SPECIES IN THE SIERRA NEVADA. CASE RESOLVED IN OUR FAVOR IN 2019. NO FEES OR COSTS FROM THE OTHER PARTIES ASSOCIATED WITH THIS CASE. CASE CLOSED 2019.

BEAVER CAMPAIGN: POTENTIAL CASE AGAINST WILDLIFE SERVICES FOR KILLING BEAVER IN ESA-LISTED COHO SALMON HABITAT IN CALIFORNIA. WILDLIFE SERVICES HAS INITIATED CONSULTATION WITH NMFS, AND TAKEN MEASURES TO INSULATE ITSELF FROM A 7(D) CLAIM. AWAITING FOIA RESPONSE RE "COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS" AND MOUS THAT ENABLE WILDLIFE SERVICES TO CULL BEAVER, WITH AN EYE TOWARD SUING CA STATE AGENCIES/COUNTIES FOR FAILING TO PREPARE CEQA ANALYSES. WORKED UP PETITION FOR RULEMAKING TO THE CALIFORNIA FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION TO AMEND ITS REGULATIONS TO (1) PROHIBIT COMMERCIAL TRAPPING OF BEAVER AND (2) ALLOW ISSUANCE OF DEPREDATION PERMITS ONLY IF NON-LETHAL REMOVAL OR TRANSFER IS INFEASIBLE. PETITION FILED NOVEMBER OF 2019.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE, NO. 1:19-CV-00203-CWD (D. ID.): IDAHO DISTRICT COURT CASE ALLEGING THE FOREST SERVICE AND FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE HAVE ILLEGALLY FAILED TO REINITIATE CONSULTATION OVER THE FOREST SERVICE'S DECISION TO ALLOW STATES TO DECIDE WHETHER BAIT CAN BE USED TO

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HUNT BLACK BEARS IN GRIZZLY HABITAT IN NATIONAL FORESTS. THE STATES OF WYOMING AND IDAHO AND THE SAFARI CLUB HAVE FILED MOTIONS TO INTERVENE; THEY'RE STAYED PENDING COURT'S DECISION ON DEFENDANTS' PARTIAL MOTION TO DISMISS (1) FWS AS DEFENDANT AND (2) THE NEPA SUPPLEMENTATION CLAIM. COURT GRANTED MOTION AS TO NEPA CLAIM, CASE CONTINUES. FED DEFS INTEND TO FILE ANOTHER MOTION TO DISMISS.

STAVRIANOUDAKIS V. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, NO. 2:18-CV-01622 (E.D. CAL.): 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. PLAINTIFFS FILED A MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE AND STATE OF CALIFORNIA FILED MOTIONS TO DISMISS THE CASE. BOTH MOTIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED; COURT HAS STAYED PROCEEDINGS UNTIL THEIR RESOLUTION.

THE NATIONAL TRUST FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION V. BERNHARDT, 19-CV-05008-MHB (D. ARIZONA 2019): WELC IS REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL TRUST ET AL. IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM'S AMENDED MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE SONORAN DESERT NATIONAL MONUMENT. THE NEW PLAN VIOLATED FEDERAL LAW BY ALLOWING TARGET SHOOTING THAT HARMS THE AREA'S OBJECTION. THE MATTER IS CURRENTLY BEING BRIEFED AND LITIGATED.

HELENA HUNTERS AND ANGLERS V. MARTEN, 19-CV-0047-DLC (D. MONT 2019): WELC IS REPRESENTING HELENA HUNTERS ET AL. IN CHALLENGE TO U.S. FOREST SERVICE LOGGING PROJECT IN ROADLESS AREA. WE ALLEGE THE PROJECT VIOLATES FEDERAL

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LAW BY ALLOWING ROAD WORK IN ROADLESS. WE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE DECISION IN JULY, 2020 AND PLAN TO MOVE FOR FEES LATER THIS YEAR.

FRIENDS OF THE CRAZY MOUNTAINS V. ERICKSON, 19-CV-006-SPW-TJC (D. MONT 2019): WELC IS REPRESENTING FRIENDS OF THE CRAZY MOUNTAINS ET AL. IN A CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S EASEMENT EXCHANGE AND FAILURE TO PROTECT PUBLIC ACCESS TO PUBLIC LANDS IN THE CRAZY MOUNTAINS. THE MATTER IS CURRENTLY BEING LITIGATED AND BRIEFED.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BERNHARDT, 19-CV-00441-CKJ (D. ARIZONA 2019): WELC IS REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS ET AL. IN A CHALLENGE TO USFWS'S NOT-WARRANTED FOR LISTING FINDING FOR THE SONORAN DESERT TORTOISE. WE ALLEGE THIS FINDING VIOLATES THE LAW AND IS INCONSISTENT WITH THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE. WE ARE CURRENTLY DISCUSSING SETTLEMENT WITH THE AGENCY.

CROW INDIAN TRIBE V. U.S. OF AMERICA, 17-CV-00089 (D.MONT. 2018): WELC IS REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN CHALLENGE TO USFWS'S DECISION TO DELIST GRIZZLY BEARS IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM. WE RECEIVED FAVORABLE DECISION ON THE MERITS OF THE DISTRICT COURT AND NINTH CIRCUIT. WILL SEEK REIMBURSEMENT FOR FEES IN 2020.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ZINKE, 18-CV-0048-JGZ (D. ARIZ. 2018): WELC IS REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS ET AL. IN A CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE'S 2017 REVISED RECOVERY PLAN FOR MEXICAN WOLVES. WE ALLEGE THE PLAN DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR OBJECTIVE, MEASURABLE CRITERIA NECESSARY FOR "RECOVERY" OF THE SUBSPECIES AND DOES NOT UTILIZE THE BEST AVAILABLE SCIENCE. CASE IS CURRENTLY BEING BRIEFED ON THE MERITS.



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

CHALLENGES TO A LARGE BLM 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.  
FILED 11/12/19. THROUGH THIS CASE WE ARE SEEKING TO PROTECT THREATENED  
SPECIES AND THEIR HABITAT, AND TO HALT A TIMBER SALE THAT WOULD INCREASE  
THE RISK OF WILDFIRE IN AN AREA ALREADY PRONE TO HIGH SEVERITY FIRE.  
CURRENTLY STAYED WHILE THE BLM PREPARES A SUPPLEMENTAL EA. NO FEES HAVE YET  
BEEN SOUGHT.

BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN OF AMERICA V. FOREST SERVICE, 19-CV-02149 (E.D.  
CAL.): CHALLENGE TO THE FOREST SERVICE'S DECISION TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF  
E-BIKES ON NON-MOTORIZED TRAILS IN THE TAHOE NATIONAL FOREST. FILED  
10/23/19. 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. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT.

MONT. ENVTL. INFO. CTR. V. MONT. DEQ, CDV 12-1075 (MONT. 1ST JUD. DIST.  
CT.): WELC REPRESENTS MEIC AND SIERRA CLUB. WE PREVAILED ON MERITS  
CHALLENGE TO CLEAN WATER ACT PERMIT. NEGOTIATED FEES \$10K, CONTINGENT ON  
SUCCESS ON APPEAL. DEFENDANT DEQ APPEALED IN EARLY 2018. APPEAL WENT  
FORWARD WITH BRIEFING IN 2018. IN 2019 THE MONTANA SUPREME COURT REVERSED  
THE DISTRICT COURT AND REMANDED FOR TRIAL, WIPING OUT THE PROJECTED FEES.  
CONDUCTING DISCOVERY AT DISTRICT COURT. THE CASE AIMS TO PUBLIC WATER

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DINÉ CITIZENS AGAINST RUINING OUR ENVIRONMENT V. US BUREAU OF INDIAN

AFFAIRS, CV-8077-PCT-SPL (D. ARIZ.), 17-17320 (9TH CIR.): WELC REPRESENTED

DINÉ CARE, AMIGOS BRAVOS, SIERRA CLUB, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, AND

SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE IN CHALLENGE TO MINE EXPANSION AND EXTENSION OF

LEASE FOR COAL POWER PLANT. THIS CASE AIMS TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES

AND COMMUNITIES FROM POLLUTION FROM COAL PLANT. DISTRICT COURT DISMISSED

THE CASE AND WE APPEALED; APPEAL IS PENDING. APPEAL WAS PENDING IN 2018. IN

2019 THE NINTH CIRCUIT AFFIRMED THE DISTRICT COURT DECISION. WE

SUBSEQUENTLY PETITIONED FOR REHEARING, WHICH WAS DENIED 12/19. FILED

PETITION FOR CERTIORI AT THE US SUPREME COURT IN EARLY 2020 WHICH WAS NOT

GRANTED.

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

REPRESENTS MEIC AND SIERRA CLUB IN LAWSUIT AGAINST APPROVAL OF COAL MINE

(ROSEBUD STRIP-MINE). THIS CASE AIMS TO PROTECT THE PUBLIC FROM IMPACTS TO

WATER RESOURCES FROM STRIP-MINING. CASE REMAINED IN ACTIVE LITIGATION IN

2018. IN 2019, THE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW RULED AGAINST US AND WE

APPEALED. INITIAL JUDGE RECUSED, NEW JUDGE ASSIGNED 9/27. MT BER MOVED TO

DISMISS BER AS A PARTY, WE OPPOSED, MOTION SUBMITTED. BRIEFING FILED IN

2020.

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

REPRESENTS MEIC AND SIERRA CLUB IN LITIGATION OVER EXPANSION OF THE BULL

MOUNTAINS COAL MINE. CASE AIMS TO PROTECT PUBLIC WATER RESOURCES FROM

STRIP-MINING. FILED COMPLAINT IN JAN 2019; DISCOVERY THROUGH 2019.

DISPOSITIVE BRIEFING FILED IN 2020.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. OSM, CV 17-80-BLG-SPW-TJC: WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER IN SUIT AGAINST COAL MINE EXPANSION (SPRING CREEK MINE). IN EARLY 2019 WE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE PROPOSED RULING FROM THE MAGISTRATE, WHICH WAS THEN FORWARDED TO THE DISTRICT JUDGE. FILED OBJECTIONS IN EARLY 2019. CASE STAYED FOLLOWING SPRING CREEK BANKRUPTCY FILING. BANKRUPTCY COMPLETED IN EARLY 2020. AWAITING DECISION FROM DISTRICT JUDGE.

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 AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION). IN NOVEMBER 2018, THE DISTRICT COURT RULED IN OUR FAVOR. IN 2019, THE DISTRICT COURT GRANTED US FEES. BUT 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.

MEIC V. OSM, CIV. A. NO. 19-3019 (JEB): WELC REPRESENTS MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER AND THE SIERRA CLUB IN A 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

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MEIC V. OSM, NO. 19-2977 (TNM) (DDC): WELC REPRESENTS MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER IN A 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 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.

MEIC V. OSM, NO. CV-19-130-BLG-SPW-TJC: WELC REPRESENTS MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, SIERRA CLUB, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, INDIAN PEOPLE'S ACTION, AND 350 MONTANA IN A NEPA/ESA SUIT FILED AGAINST THE U.S. OFFICE OF SURFACE MINING AND OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES OVER THE AREA F EXPANSION OF THE ROSEBUD MINE. COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN NOVEMBER 2019 AND MOTIONS PRACTICE HAS FOLLOWED THROUGH 2020. THE CASE AIMS TO PROTECT ENDANGERED SPECIES AND THE PUBLIC FROM THE IMPACTS OF STRIP-MINING AND COAL COMBUSTION AT A POWER PLANT.

IN THE MATTER OF NORTHWESTERN ENERGY'S REQUEST TO INCREASE RETAIL ELECTRICITY RATES, NO. D2018.2.12 (MONT. PSC): WE REPRESENT NW 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.

Name of the organization

WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

93-1010269

COMMUNITY ASS'N FOR NORTH SHORE CONSERVATION V. FLATHEAD COUNTY, DA 18-0366 (MONT. SUP. CT.): WE REPRESENTED MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER IN AMICUS FILING ADVOCATING FOR A REVISED INTERPRETATION OF THE MONTANA PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOCTRINE. BRIEFING SUBMITTED IN 2018. CASE DECIDED IN 2019, WITH COURT DECLINING TO REASSESS THE DOCTRINE. NO FEES RECEIVED.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. GERRITSMA, 12-1166-PA (D. OR.): WELC REPRESENTED PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE RIO CLIMAX TIMBER SALE ON THE BLM MEDFORD DISTRICT. CASE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANTS.

PACIFIC RIVERS COUNCIL V. BLM, 16-1598-TC (D. OR.): WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE WESTERN OREGON PLAN REVISIONS. CASE IS ACTIVE AND ON APPEAL.

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. D.OR. CASE WAS RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANTS-INTERVENORS, BUT APPEAL WINDOW HAS NOT YET CLOSED. D.D.C. CASES REMAIN ACTIVE. WIN IN OREGON, MURPHY HAS APPEALED. LOSS IN DC, NOTICE OF APPEAL DUE 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.

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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. SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN THE DISTRICT COURT IS COMPLETE; NO ORAL ARGUMENT WAS HELD. AWAITING SUMMARY JUDGMENT DECISION.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. BLM, 19-CV-01810-CL (D. OR): FILED 12/20/19. WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE GRIFFIN HALF MOON TIMBER SALE. SUMMARY JUDGMENT COMPLETE AUGUST 2020. ORAL ARGUMENT PENDING.

CASCADIA WILDLANDS V. FOREST SERVICE, 10-6337-TC (D.OR): WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE TRAPPER TIMBER SALE ON THE WILLAMETTE NATIONAL FOREST. CASE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFFS.

KARUK TRIBE V. STELLE, 16-01079 (N.D. CAL): WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE WESTSIDE TIMBER SALE ON THE KLAMATH NATIONAL FOREST. CASE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF DEFENDANTS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990  
A COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO ALL CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS, 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

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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 BUDGET PROCESS BY THE BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE AT THE EMPLOYEE LEVEL, AND IN TOTAL AT THE BOARD LEVEL. SPECIFIC SALARY SURVEYS AND EMPLOYEE FEEDBACK ARE INCORPORATED INTO THIS PROCESS, WHEN AVAILABLE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15B - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR OFFICERS 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,

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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 **990-T**

**Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return**  
**(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2019**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

For calendar year 2019 or other tax year beginning \_\_\_\_\_, and ending \_\_\_\_\_  
**Go to [www.irs.gov/Form990T](http://www.irs.gov/Form990T) for instructions and the latest information.**  
**Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).**

Open to Public Inspection for  
501(c)(3) Organizations Only

**A**  Check box if address changed

**B** Exempt under section

501(c)(3)  220(e)  530(a)

408(e)  408A  529(a)

Name of organization ( Check box if name changed and see instructions.)

**Print or Type** **WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER**

Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions.  
**120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340**

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
**EUGENE OR 97401**

**D Employer identification number**  
(Employees' trust, see instructions.)  
**93-1010269**

**E Unrelated business activity code**  
(See instructions.)

**C** Book value of all assets at end of year  
**3,253,213**

**F** Group exemption number (See instructions.) **u**

**G** Check organization type **u**  501(c) corporation  501(c) trust  401(a) trust  Other trust

**H** Enter the number of the organization's unrelated trades or businesses. **u** 1 Describe the only (or first) unrelated trade or business here **u** \_\_\_\_\_ . If only one, complete Parts I-V. If more than one, describe the first in the blank space at the end of the previous sentence, complete Parts I and II, complete a Schedule M for each additional trade or business, then complete Parts III-V.

**I** During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? **u**  Yes  No  
If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation.  
**u**

**J** The books are in care of **u** **LYNDEE PRILL** Telephone number **u** **541-485-2471**

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income		(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
<b>1a</b> Gross receipts or sales				
<b>b</b> Less returns and allowances				
<b>c</b> Balance	<b>u</b>	<b>1c</b>		
<b>2</b> Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7)		<b>2</b>		
<b>3</b> Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c		<b>3</b>		
<b>4a</b> Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D)		<b>4a</b>		
<b>b</b> Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797)		<b>4b</b>		
<b>c</b> Capital loss deduction for trusts		<b>4c</b>		
<b>5</b> Income (loss) from partnership and S corporation (attach statement)		<b>5</b>		
<b>6</b> Rent income (Schedule C)		<b>6</b>		
<b>7</b> Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E)		<b>7</b>		
<b>8</b> Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organization (Schedule F)		<b>8</b>		
<b>9</b> Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G)		<b>9</b>		
<b>10</b> Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I)		<b>10</b>		
<b>11</b> Advertising income (Schedule J)		<b>11</b>		
<b>12</b> Other income (See instructions; attach schedule)		<b>12</b>		
<b>13 Total.</b> Combine lines 3 through 12		<b>13</b>	0	0

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.)			
<b>14</b> Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K)		<b>14</b>	
<b>15</b> Salaries and wages		<b>15</b>	
<b>16</b> Repairs and maintenance		<b>16</b>	
<b>17</b> Bad debts		<b>17</b>	
<b>18</b> Interest (attach schedule) (see instructions)		<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b> Taxes and licenses		<b>19</b>	
<b>20</b> Depreciation (attach Form 4562)		<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return		<b>21a</b>	<b>21b</b> 0
<b>22</b> Depletion		<b>22</b>	
<b>23</b> Contributions to deferred compensation plans		<b>23</b>	
<b>24</b> Employee benefit programs		<b>24</b>	
<b>25</b> Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I)		<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b> Excess readership costs (Schedule J)		<b>26</b>	
<b>27</b> Other deductions (attach schedule)		<b>27</b>	
<b>28 Total deductions.</b> Add lines 14 through 27		<b>28</b>	
<b>29</b> Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 28 from line 13		<b>29</b>	
<b>30</b> Deduction for net operating loss arising in tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2018 (see instructions)		<b>30</b>	
<b>31</b> Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 30 from line 29		<b>31</b>	

Part III Total Unrelated Business Taxable income

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Amount. Rows 32-39. Total unrelated business taxable income: 0.

Part IV Tax Computation

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Amount. Rows 40-45. Total tax: 0.

Part V Tax and Payments

Table with 3 columns: Description, Line Number, Amount. Rows 46a-56. Total payments: 450. Tax due: 0. Overpayment: 450.

Part VI Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 57-59 regarding foreign interest, distributions, and tax-exempt interest.

Sign Here u 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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Preparer information section including name (KARI YOUNG), firm name (JONES & ROTH, P.C.), address (EUGENE, OR 97440), and phone number (541-687-2320).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? Yes No

**Schedule A – Cost of Goods Sold.** Enter method of inventory valuation **u**

<b>1</b> Inventory at beginning of year	<b>1</b>		<b>6</b> Inventory at end of year	<b>6</b>	
<b>2</b> Purchases	<b>2</b>		<b>7</b> <b>Cost of goods sold.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and in Part I, line 2	<b>7</b>	
<b>3</b> Cost of labor	<b>3</b>				
<b>4a</b> Additional sec. 263A costs (attach schedule)	<b>4a</b>				
<b>b</b> Other costs (attach schedule)	<b>4b</b>		<b>8</b> Do the rules of section 263A (with respect to property produced or acquired for resale) apply to the organization?	Yes	No
<b>5</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 4b	<b>5</b>				

**Schedule C – Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased With Real Property)**

(see instructions)

**1.** Description of property

(1) N/A
(2)
(3)
(4)

**2.** Rent received or accrued

<b>(a)</b> From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)	<b>(b)</b> From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)	<b>3(a)</b> Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>(b)</b> Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B) <b>u</b>

**(c) Total income.** Add totals of columns 2(a) and 2(b). Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (A) **u**

**Schedule E – Unrelated Debt-Financed Income** (see instructions)

1. Description of debt-financed property		2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property	3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property	
			(a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule)	(b) Other deductions (attach schedule)
(1) N/A				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
4. Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	5. Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule)	6. Column 4 divided by column 5	7. Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6)	8. Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b))
(1)		%		
(2)		%		
(3)		%		
(4)		%		
<b>Totals</b>			Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B).
<b>Total dividends-received deductions</b> included in column 8			<b>u</b>	<b>u</b>

Schedule F – Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

Table with 6 columns: 1. Name of controlled organization, 2. Employer identification number, 3. Net unrelated income (loss), 4. Total of specified payments made, 5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income, 6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5. Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

Table with 5 columns: 7. Taxable Income, 8. Net unrelated income (loss), 9. Total of specified payments made, 10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income, 11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10. Rows 1-4 are empty.

Totals row for Schedule F with instructions for adding columns 5 and 10, and 6 and 11.

Schedule G – Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

Table with 5 columns: 1. Description of income, 2. Amount of income, 3. Deductions directly connected (attach schedule), 4. Set-asides (attach schedule), 5. Total deductions and set-asides (col. 3 plus col.4). Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

Totals row for Schedule G with instructions for entering data on page 1, Part I, line 9.

Schedule I – Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Description of exploited activity, 2. Gross unrelated business income from trade or business, 3. Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income, 4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business, 5. Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income, 6. Expenses attributable to column 5, 7. Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4). Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

Totals row for Schedule I with instructions for entering data on page 1, Part I, line 10 and page 1, Part II, line 25.

Schedule J – Advertising Income (see instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis

Table with 7 columns: 1. Name of periodical, 2. Gross advertising income, 3. Direct advertising costs, 4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3), 5. Circulation income, 6. Readership costs, 7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4). Row 1 contains 'N/A'.

Totals row for Schedule J with instruction to carry to Part II, line (5).

**Part II Income From Periodicals Reported on a Separate Basis** (For each periodical listed in Part II, fill in columns 2 through 7 on a line-by-line basis.)

1. Name of periodical	2. Gross advertising income	3. Direct advertising costs	4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7.	5. Circulation income	6. Readership costs	7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4).
(1) N/A						
(2)						
(3)						
(4)						
<b>Totals from Part I</b> . . . . . <b>u</b>						
	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (A).	Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (B).				Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26.
<b>Totals, Part II (lines 1-5)</b> . . . . . <b>u</b>						

**Schedule K – Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees** (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percent of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1) N/A		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
<b>Total.</b> Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14			<b>u</b>

Form **4562**

**Depreciation and Amortization**  
(Including Information on Listed Property)

OMB No. 1545-0172

**2019**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service (99)

u Attach to your tax return.

u Go to [www.irs.gov/Form4562](http://www.irs.gov/Form4562) for instructions and the latest information.

Attachment Sequence No. **179**

Name(s) shown on return

Identifying number

WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

93-1010269

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	1,020,000
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	2,550,000
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 2018 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 2020. 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	1,684

**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 2019	17	1,882
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 type="checkbox"/>		

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2019 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 2019 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	<b>Total.</b> 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	3,566
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	

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Form **4562** (2019)