

**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

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

**2022**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending**

<p><b>B</b> Check if applicable:</p> <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	<p><b>C</b> Name of organization <b>WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER</b></p> <p>Doing business as</p> <p>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <b>120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340</b></p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>EUGENE OR 97401</b></p> <p><b>F</b> Name and address of principal officer: <b>ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH</b> <b>120 SHELTON MCMURPHEY BLVD STE 340</b> <b>EUGENE OR 97401</b></p>	<p><b>D</b> Employer identification number <b>93-1010269</b></p> <p><b>E</b> Telephone number <b>541-485-2471</b></p> <p><b>G</b> Gross receipts \$ <b>5,965,079</b></p> <p><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</p>
<p><b>I</b> Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) ( ) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527</p>		
<p><b>J</b> Website: <b>WWW.WESTERNLAW.ORG</b></p>		
<p><b>K</b> Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>		<p><b>L</b> Year of formation: <b>1989</b> <b>M</b> State of legal domicile: <b>OR</b></p>

**Part I Summary**

<b>Activities &amp; Governance</b>	<p><b>1</b> Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <b>SEE SCHEDULE O</b></p>		
	<p><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.</p>		
	<p><b>3</b> Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)</p>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>
	<p><b>4</b> Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)</p>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>
	<p><b>5</b> Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a)</p>	<b>5</b>	<b>34</b>
	<p><b>6</b> Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)</p>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>
	<p><b>7a</b> Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12</p>	<b>7a</b>	<b>0</b>
<p><b>7b</b> Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11</p>	<b>7b</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Revenue</b>	<p><b>8</b> Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)</p>	Prior Year <b>3,429,967</b>	Current Year <b>4,595,114</b>
	<p><b>9</b> Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)</p>	<b>365,403</b>	<b>1,324,541</b>
	<p><b>10</b> Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)</p>		<b>44,224</b>
	<p><b>11</b> Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)</p>		<b>1,200</b>
	<p><b>12</b> Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)</p>	<b>3,795,370</b>	<b>5,965,079</b>
	<b>Expenses</b>	<p><b>13</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)</p>	<b>6,388</b>
<p><b>14</b> Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)</p>			<b>0</b>
<p><b>15</b> Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)</p>		<b>2,428,972</b>	<b>3,172,921</b>
<p><b>16a</b> Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)</p>			<b>0</b>
<p><b>b</b> Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) <b>219,527</b></p>			
<p><b>17</b> Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)</p>		<b>740,381</b>	<b>1,042,241</b>
<p><b>18</b> Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)</p>	<b>3,175,741</b>	<b>4,215,162</b>	
<p><b>19</b> Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12</p>	<b>619,629</b>	<b>1,749,917</b>	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<p><b>20</b> Total assets (Part X, line 16)</p>	Beginning of Current Year <b>4,952,217</b>	End of Year <b>6,825,058</b>
	<p><b>21</b> Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)</p>	<b>281,788</b>	<b>449,693</b>
	<p><b>22</b> Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20</p>	<b>4,670,429</b>	<b>6,375,365</b>

**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>	<p>Signature of officer <b>LYNDEE PRILL</b></p>	<p>Date</p>	<p><b>FINANCE &amp; ADMIN. DIR</b></p>	
	<p>Type or print name and title</p>			
<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	<p>Print/Type preparer's name <b>KARI YOUNG</b></p>	<p>Preparer's signature <b>KARI YOUNG</b></p>	<p>Date <b>10/20/23</b></p>	<p>Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PTIN <b>P0132552</b></p>
	<p>Firm's name <b>JONES &amp; ROTH, P.C.</b></p>		<p>Firm's EIN <b>93-0819646</b></p>	
	<p>Firm's address <b>PO BOX 10086</b> <b>EUGENE, OR 97440</b></p>		<p>Phone no. <b>541-687-2320</b></p>	

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 \$ 3,591,392 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 1,324,541 )

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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 3,591,392

**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 Rev. Proc. 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)		Yes	No		
<b>2a</b>	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	<b>2a</b>	34		
<b>b</b>	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	<b>2b</b>		X	
<b>3a</b>	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	<b>3a</b>			X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>3b</b>			
<b>4a</b>	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	<b>4a</b>			X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).				
<b>5a</b>	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	<b>5a</b>			X
<b>b</b>	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	<b>5b</b>			X
<b>c</b>	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	<b>5c</b>			
<b>6a</b>	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	<b>6a</b>			X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	<b>6b</b>			
<b>7</b>	<b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	<b>7a</b>			X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	<b>7b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	<b>7c</b>			X
<b>d</b>	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	<b>7d</b>			
<b>e</b>	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7e</b>			X
<b>f</b>	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	<b>7f</b>			X
<b>g</b>	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	<b>7g</b>			X
<b>h</b>	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	<b>7h</b>			X
<b>8</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b> Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	<b>8</b>			
<b>9</b>	<b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	<b>9a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	<b>9b</b>			
<b>10</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	<b>10a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	<b>10b</b>			
<b>11</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter:				
<b>a</b>	Gross income from members or shareholders	<b>11a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	<b>11b</b>			
<b>12a</b>	<b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	<b>12a</b>			
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	<b>12b</b>			
<b>13</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.</b>				
<b>a</b>	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? <b>Note:</b> See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	<b>13a</b>			
<b>b</b>	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	<b>13b</b>			
<b>c</b>	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	<b>13c</b>			
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	<b>14a</b>			X
<b>b</b>	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O	<b>14b</b>			
<b>15</b>	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	<b>15</b>			X
<b>16</b>	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	<b>16</b>			X
<b>17</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(21) organizations.</b> Did the trust, any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952 or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.	<b>17</b>			

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

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include questions about state disclosure requirements, public availability of forms, and the name/address of the person who possesses the organization's 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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 the 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 (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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	50.00 0.00			X			151,616	0	16,522	
(2) TANNIS FOX SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00					X	134,653	0	13,238	
(3) MATTHEW BISHOP SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00					X	127,276	0	14,991	
(4) KYLE TISDEL SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00					X	126,020	0	14,911	
(5) PETER FROST SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00					X	124,988	0	15,135	
(6) SUSAN JANE BROWN SENIOR ATTORNEY	40.00 0.00					X	131,380	0	5,975	
(7) LYNDEE PRILL FINANCE & ADMIN. DIR	40.00 0.00			X			102,136	0	14,372	
(8) DENISE FORT DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) DEREK RED ARROW DIRECTOR	FRANK 1.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) BRIAN HENNING DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) PHIL KATZEN DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X					0	0	0	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours 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/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(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			
(12) NELLIS KENNEDY-HOWARD SECRETARY	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(13) KEVIN KIRCHNER TREASURER	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(14) LISA MANNING DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) PEGGY NELSON VICE PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(16) KARIN SHELDON PRESIDENT	2.00 0.00	X		X				0	0	0
(17) CLIFF VILLA DIRECTOR	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(18) BROOKE WILLIAMS DIRECTOR	2.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
<b>1b Subtotal</b>								898,069		95,144
<b>1c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A</b>										
<b>1d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)</b>								898,069		95,144

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 10

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	X	
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		X

**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.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

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 0



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
<b>Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	4,595,114			
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	<b>1g</b>	\$ 70,768			
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		4,595,114			
	<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> FEES AND REIMBURSEMENTS	Business Code 541100	1,302,541	1,302,541	
<b>b</b> EDUCATION FEES		611699	22,000	22,000		
<b>c</b>						
<b>d</b>						
<b>e</b>						
<b>f</b> All other program service revenue						
<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f			1,324,541			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		44,224		44,224	
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties					
	<b>6a</b> Gross rents	(i) Real	1,200			
		(ii) Personal				
		<b>6a</b>	1,200			
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)	<b>6c</b>	1,200			
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)		1,200		1,200	
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		<b>7a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	<b>7b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>				
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)					
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>8a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>9a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>10a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>	<b>11a</b>	Business Code				
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b> All other revenue					
	<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d					
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions		5,965,079	1,324,541	0	45,424	

**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

	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>				
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	284,646	83,050	176,662	24,934
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	2,384,461	2,169,542	128,208	86,711
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	51,600	49,908		1,692
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	268,221	240,589	17,194	10,438
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	183,993	156,548	19,826	7,619
<b>11</b> Fees for services (nonemployees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting	11,800		11,800	
<b>d</b> Lobbying				
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion				
<b>13</b> Office expenses	100,740	9,045	26,474	65,221
<b>14</b> Information technology	7,195			7,195
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	132,668	112,879	14,295	5,494
<b>17</b> Travel				
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	16,018	13,629	1,726	663
<b>23</b> Insurance	9,291	7,905	1,001	385
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> LITIGATION EXPERTS	174,597	174,597		
<b>b</b> LITIGATION MEALS/TRAVEL	172,547	172,547		
<b>c</b> LITIGATION COMMUNICATION	128,845	128,845		
<b>d</b> EDUCATION	109,017	109,017		
<b>e</b> All other expenses	179,523	163,291	7,057	9,175
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	4,215,162	3,591,392	404,243	219,527
<b>26</b> Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

**Part X Balance Sheet**

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	204,709	1	361,860
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	4,041,831	2	4,793,576
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	356,794	3	1,250,032
	4	Accounts receivable, net	126,683	4	80,098
	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	7,647	9	5,218
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	132,098		
	10b	Less: accumulated depreciation	74,717	10c	57,381
	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	161,122	15	276,893
16	<b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	4,952,217	16	6,825,058	
<b>Liabilities</b>	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	22,868	17	86,065
	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	258,920	25	363,628
	26	<b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	281,788	26	449,693
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<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	3,842,980	27	4,262,838
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	827,449	28	2,112,527
	<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>	4,670,429	32	6,375,365
33	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	4,952,217	33	6,825,058	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	5,965,079
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	4,215,162
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,749,917
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	4,670,429
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-44,981
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	6,375,365

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990)

**Public Charity Status and Public Support**

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2022**

**Open to Public Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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

**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.

Name of the organization

WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

93-1010269

**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).)
- 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 on 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 5 The portion of total contributions by each person; 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 3,935,109
13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Line number, Percentage. Row 14: Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 79.81%. Row 15: Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 79.64%.

16a 33 1/3% support test—2022. 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 [X]
b 33 1/3% support test—2021. 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—2022. 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—2021. 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) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (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) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (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 on line 10b; 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets; 13 Total support; 14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 15 - %; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 - 16 - %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Description, Amount, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) - 17 - %; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 - 18 - %

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2022. 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—2021. 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 on line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

**Section A. All Supporting Organizations**

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



Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 11: Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? Sub-rows 11a, 11b, 11c.

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees at all times during the tax year? Row 2: Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization?

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)?

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Row 1: Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions). Sub-rows a, b, c. Row 2: Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below. Sub-rows a, b. Row 3: Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below. Sub-rows a, b.

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

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

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	<b>Adjusted Net Income</b> (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	<b>Discount</b> claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	<b>Minimum Asset Amount</b> (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	<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	1
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7 <b>Total annual distributions.</b> Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

Section E – Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required—explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022			
a From 2017 .....			
b From 2018 .....			
c From 2019 .....			
d From 2020 .....			
e From 2021 .....			
f <b>Total</b> of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, 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 2022. 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 2023.</b> Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2018 .....			
b Excess from 2019 .....			
c Excess from 2020 .....			
d Excess from 2021 .....			
e Excess from 2022 .....			

**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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**Schedule B  
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF.  
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**2022**

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

93-1010269

Organization type (check one):

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

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)( 3 ) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private 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**

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- 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), 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.

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- 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), 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).

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

Schedule B (Form 990) (2022)

Name of organization

WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER

Employer identification number

93-1010269

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ ..... 290,000</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>\$ ..... 120,000</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>\$ ..... 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>
4	<p>.....</p> <p>.....</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>\$ ..... 175,000</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>\$ ..... 500,000</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>\$ ..... 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>

Name of organization

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

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	<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>
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.....	<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>

SCHEDULE C (Form 990)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

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

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization: WESTERN ENVIRONMENTAL LAW CENTER
Employer identification number: 93-1010269

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 \$
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 \$
2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 \$
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 \$
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$
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.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6 are empty.



**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)	2,161													
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	106,739													
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	108,900													
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures	4,106,262													
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	4,215,162													
<b>f</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	360,758													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="text-align: left;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>			If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	90,190													
<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) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) Total
<b>2a</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount	285,895	286,543	308,787	360,758	1,241,983
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					1,862,975
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	23,830	29,019	44,969	108,900	206,718
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	71,474	71,636	77,197	90,190	310,497
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					465,746
<b>f</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures	9,678	7,025	8,481	2,161	27,345

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. 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 expenditures 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

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. Attach to Form 990.

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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: Description, Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year., 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 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, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 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: Description, Amount. 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, (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X, 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

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

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

**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.**

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?  Yes  No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- |  | Amount    |
|--|-----------|
| <b>c</b> Beginning balance             | <b>1c</b> |
| <b>d</b> Additions during the year     | <b>1d</b> |
| <b>e</b> Distributions during the year | <b>1e</b> |
| <b>f</b> Ending balance                | <b>1f</b> |
- 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
<b>1a</b> Beginning of year balance	58,071	51,006	46,283	39,136	40,337
<b>b</b> Contributions					
<b>c</b> Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-10,778	7,498	5,124	7,515	-842
<b>d</b> Grants or scholarships					
<b>e</b> Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
<b>f</b> Administrative expenses	372	433	401	368	359
<b>g</b> End of year balance	46,921	58,071	51,006	46,283	39,136

- 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 |
|------------------------------------|-----|----|
| <b>(i)</b> Unrelated organizations | X   |    |
| <b>(ii)</b> 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
<b>1a</b> Land				
<b>b</b> Buildings				
<b>c</b> Leasehold improvements				
<b>d</b> Equipment		132,098	74,717	57,381
<b>e</b> Other				
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				57,381

**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.)		

**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.)		

**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.)	

**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) LEASE LIABILITY	158,899
(3) PAYROLL PAYABLES	140,371
(4) CLIENT FUNDS HELD IN TRUST	54,305
(5) CREDIT CARDS	10,053
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	363,628

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	5,920,098
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
	a Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		-44,981
	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	-44,981
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	5,965,079
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	5,965,079

**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	4,215,162
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	4,215,162
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	4,215,162

**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**

BOARD DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT FUNDS (FUNDS) WERE ESTABLISHED AT THE OREGON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (OCF) IN 2007, AND AT SILICON VALLEY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (SVCF) IN 2022. THESE FUNDS ARE USED BY OCF AND SVCF AS A SOURCE OF UNRESTRICTED GRANTS FOR WELC. THE AGREEMENTS WITH OCF AND SVCF STIPULATES THAT THE FUNDS SHALL BE HELD AND OWNED BY EACH FOUNDATION. OCF AND SVCF MAY DISTRIBUTE, ON AN ANNUAL BASIS, A FIXED PERCENTAGE OF THE FUND ASSETS. THE PERCENTAGE IS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF EACH FOUNDATION. THE AGREEMENTS ALSO PROVIDES THAT, UPON WRITTEN REQUEST FROM A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF OCF AND SVCF, ADDITIONAL DISTRIBUTIONS MAY BE MADE FROM THE FUND ASSETS, EVEN TO THE EXHAUSTION OF THE FUNDS.

**Part XIII Supplemental Information** *(continued)*

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**SCHEDULE J**  
**(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

**Compensation Information**

**For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees**  
**Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**  
**Attach to Form 990.**

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**Part I Questions Regarding Compensation**

**1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel             | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account            | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

**b** If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

**2** Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

**3** Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee          | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

**4** During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- |  |           |  |   |
|--|-----------|--|---|
| <b>a</b> Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?                           | <b>4a</b> |  | X |
| <b>b</b> Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? | <b>4b</b> |  | X |
| <b>c</b> Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement?    | <b>4c</b> |  | X |
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

**Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.**

**5** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- |                                    |           |  |   |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| <b>a</b> The organization?         | <b>5a</b> |  | X |
| <b>b</b> Any related organization? | <b>5b</b> |  | X |
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

**6** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- |                                    |           |  |   |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--|---|
| <b>a</b> The organization?         | <b>6a</b> |  | X |
| <b>b</b> Any related organization? | <b>6b</b> |  | X |
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

**7** For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**8** Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

**9** If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
<b>1b</b>		
<b>2</b>		
<b>4a</b>		X
<b>4b</b>		X
<b>4c</b>		X
<b>5a</b>		X
<b>5b</b>		X
<b>6a</b>		X
<b>6b</b>		X
<b>7</b>		X
<b>8</b>		X
<b>9</b>		

**Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees.** Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that aren't listed on Form 990, Part VII.

**Note:** The sum of columns (B)(i)–(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
ERIK SCHLENKER-GOODRICH 1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	151,616	0	0	6,527	9,995	168,138	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	(i)							
	(ii)							
3	(i)							
	(ii)							
4	(i)							
	(ii)							
5	(i)							
	(ii)							
6	(i)							
	(ii)							
7	(i)							
	(ii)							
8	(i)							
	(ii)							
9	(i)							
	(ii)							
10	(i)							
	(ii)							
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

**Part III Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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**SCHEDULE M  
(Form 990)**

**Noncash Contributions**

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Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

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**Part I Types of Property**

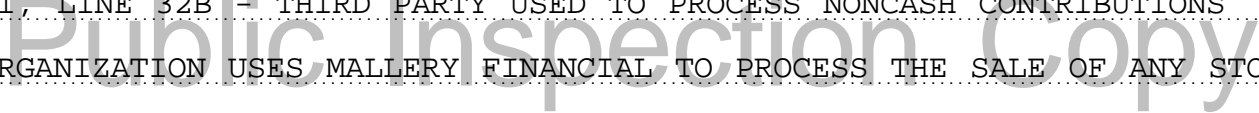
	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art — Works of art				
2 Art — Historical treasures				
3 Art — Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities — Publicly traded	X	7	70,768	FAIR MARKET VALUE
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 ( )				
26 Other ( )				
27 Other ( )				
28 Other ( )				

29	Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement	29	0
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	Yes	No
30a		X
During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		
b	If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.	
31	X	
Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		
32a	X	
Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		
b	If "Yes," describe in Part II.	
33		
If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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

PART I, LINE 32B - THIRD PARTY USED TO PROCESS NONCASH CONTRIBUTIONS  
THE ORGANIZATION USES MALLERY FINANCIAL TO PROCESS THE SALE OF ANY STOCK  
DONATIONS, AT THE TIME OF DONATION.



**SCHEDULE O  
(Form 990)**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.

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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 WESTERN U.S. 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

VOLUNTEERS ASSISTED STAFF WITH PROGRAM RELATED RESEARCH AND  
PROJECTS.

FORM 990, PART III - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

DINE CARE ET AL. V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ET AL., 1:20-CV-00673 (D.  
N.M.)

SUIT REPRESENTING DINE CARE, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, SIERRA CLUB, AND  
WILDEARTH GUARDIANS ALLEGING NEPA AND FLPMA VIOLATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH  
DECEMBER 2018 BLM RIO PUERCO FIELD OFFICE (RPFO) OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE.  
REACHED A SETTLEMENT IN APRIL 2022, FEES TO BE DISBURSED IN 2023.

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. IN 2021, THE AGENCIES

FINISHED PROVIDING DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE FOIA REQUESTS. FEES AWARDED

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Schedule O (Form 990) 2022

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DINÉ CARE V. BUREAU OF LAND MGMT., 1:22-CV-00804-WJ-KK (D.N.M.)

CHALLENGE TO BLM APPROVAL OF OIL AND GAS LEASING DECISIONS AND ASSOCIATED  
DRILLING PERMIT AUTHORIZATIONS FOR VIOLATIONS OF NEPA. ONGOING.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V. U.S. DEP'T OF INTERIOR, 1:22-CV-01716-  
TSC (D.D.C)

CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS DRILLING PERMIT APPROVALS IN THE PERMIAN AND  
POWDER RIVER BASINS FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK UNDER NEPA, FAILING TO  
CONSULT UNDER THE ESA, AND FOR VIOLATING FLPMA. ONGOING.

TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT AND MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. FEDERAL  
ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, NOS. 21-1120, 21-1121 (D.C. CIR.)  
REPRESENTING SEVERAL ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS AS INTERVENOR-RESPONDENTS  
TO DEFEND THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S DECISION THAT THE  
STATE OF WASHINGTON DID NOT WAIVE ITS AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE  
CLEAN WATER ACT WITH RESPECT TO THE RELICENSING OF HYDROELECTRIC  
PROJECTIONS ON THE TUOLUMNE RIVER. CONCLUDED IN 2023. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT.

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. THIS MATTER IS ONGOING.

IN RE: CLEAN WATER ACT RULEMAKING 20-CV-4636 (N.D. CA)/21-16958 (9TH CIR.)

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CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE REVIEW OF FEDERALLY LICENSED OR PERMITTED PROJECTS UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT. ON OCTOBER 21, 2021, THE DISTRICT COURT VACATED THE RULE. INTERVENOR-DEFENDANTS APPEALED THAT DECISION TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. THE MATTER IS ONGOING.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES V. STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, NO 21-0008C (PCHB)

CHALLENGE TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S DECISION TO ISSUE A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT TO THE BIRCH BAY WATER AND SEWER DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT THAT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. VOLUNTARILY DISMISSED IN 2022. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES V. STATE OF WASHINGTON, DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY, NO 21-010 (PCHB)

CHALLENGE TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY'S DECISION TO ISSUE A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT TO THE SKAGIT COUNTY SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT THAT FAILED TO COMPLY WITH STATE AND FEDERAL LAW. VOLUNTARILY DISMISSED IN 2022. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT.

NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES V. U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, ET AL., NO. 21-CV-01637 (W.D. WA)

CHALLENGE OF THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S FAILURE TO DEVELOP A TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD TO ADDRESS DISSOLVED OXYGEN IMPAIRMENTS IN PUGET SOUND. THE MATTER IS ONGOING.



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NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES V. U.S. EPA, ET AL., NO. 22-70053 (9TH CIR.)

CHALLENGE TO EPA DENIAL OF NWEA PETITION TO WITHDRAW WASHINGTON'S NPDES PERMITTING AUTHORITY OVER WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES DISCHARGING INTO PUGET SOUND BECAUSE OF THE AGENCY'S CONSISTENT FAILURE TO IMPOSE LAWFUL TECHNOLOGY-BASED AND WATER QUALITY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITS. IN SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS. ONGOING.

CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, ET AL., V. FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION, NOS. 20-72432, 20-72452, 20-72782, 20-72800, 20-72958, 20-72973 (9TH CIR.)

CHALLENGES TO THE FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION'S ORDERS FINDING THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HAS WAIVED ITS AUTHORITY UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT WITH RESPECT TO RELICENSING OF SEVERAL HYDROELECTRIC PROJECTS. CONCLUDED IN 2023. FEES SOUGHT IN 2023.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V. U.S. EPA, ET AL., NO. 1:22-CV-00486-BAH (D.D.C.)

WELC REPRESENTS CBD IN AN ESA SUIT FOR FAILURE TO CONSULT AND FAILURE TO INITIATE CONSULTATION WITH RESPECT TO WASHINGTON STATE'S AQUATIC CRITERIA FOR CYANIDE. THE MATTER IS ONGOING.

MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER ET AL. V. OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR ET AL., 4:22-CV-00029-BMM (D. MONT.)

CHALLENGE PERTAINING TO FOIA REQUEST RE. RECORDS RELATING TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 14008, SPECIFICALLY THE REPORT ON THE FEDERAL OIL AND GAS LEASING

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PROGRAM. THE AGENCIES ARE CONTINUING TO SLOWLY PROVIDE RECORDS, THE CASE IS ONGOING.

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DAKOTA RES. COUNCIL V. U.S. DEP'T OF INTERIOR, 1:22-CV-01853-CRC (D.D.C) CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS LEASING DECISIONS IN MONTANA, WYOMING, UTAH, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO AND COLORADO FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT CLIMATE IMPACTS AND FAILING TO PREPARE AN EIS UNDER NEPA, AND FOR VIOLATING FLPMA. THE CASE IS ONGOING.

SIERRA CLUB V. HOFFMAN ET AL., 4:22-CV-00037-DN (D. UTAH) CHALLENGE TO COAL MINE EXPANSION, SPECIFICALLY DECISION TO ALLOW EXPANSION OF EXISTING MINE'S LEASE AREA. MOTION BY THE GOVERNMENT TO REMAND IS PENDING BEFORE THE COURT. THE CASE IS ONGOING.

UNDER CANVAS WGS (Klickitat County Hearing Examiner, Washington Superior Court)

WE REPRESENTED DENNIS AND BONNIE WHITE, AND FRIENDS OF OAK RIDGE, IN A SUIT AGAINST Klickitat County for violating the State Environmental Policy Act when it issued a mitigated determination of non-significance. This matter concluded in 2022. No fees were sought.

WA DNR EJ Amicus (WA Supreme Court)

WELC represents Mason County Climate Justice in an Amicus brief supporting Appellants Conservation Northwest et al. in their suit against the Department of Natural Resources regarding the constitutionality of DNR's interpretation of its mandate. This matter was completed in 2022. No fees were sought.

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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 AND ARE ONGOING.

SAN LUIS VALLEY ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL V. DALLAS, 1: 21-CV-2994 (D. COLO)

WELC REPRESENTS SAN LUIS VALLEY ECOSYSTEM COUNCIL AND OTHER CONSERVATION  
GROUPS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE RIO GRANDE NATIONAL FOREST'S REVISED FOREST  
PLAN. THE CASE IS ONGOING.

GRAND CANYON WOLF RECOVERY PROJECT ET AL. V. HAALAND ET AL., 4:22-CV-00453  
-JAS (D. ARIZ.)

CHALLENGE TO 2022 ESA SECTION 10(J) EXPERIMENTAL POPULATION RULE FOR  
MEXICAN WOLVES. THE MATTER IS ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. U.S. DEP'T OF THE INTERIOR, NO. 1:18-CV-00232 (D.  
DC)

WELC IS REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE FREEDOM  
OF INFORMATION ACT FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR'S FAILURE TO  
RESPOND TO A FOIA REQUEST. THE MATTER IS ONGOING.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, NO. 1:18-CV-01020 (D. DC)  
 WELC IS REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE FREEDOM  
 OF INFORMATION ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S FAILURE TO RESPOND  
 TO A FOIA REQUEST. THE DEPARTMENT PRODUCED DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE  
 REQUEST, AND THE CASE WAS SETTLED IN JANUARY 2022. FEES AWARDED TO WELC OF  
 \$2,950 IN 2022.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, NO. 1:18-CV-01020 (D. DC)  
 WELC IS REPRESENTING WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE FREEDOM  
 OF INFORMATION ACT FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S FAILURE TO RESPOND  
 TO A FOIA REQUEST. THE DEPARTMENT HAS PRODUCED DOCUMENTS RESPONSIVE TO THE  
 REQUEST, AND THE CASE WAS SETTLED IN JANUARY 2022. NO FEES.

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, AND WE  
 PREVAILED IN THE DISTRICT COURT ON SEVERAL CLAIMS IN 2021. WE RECEIVED A  
 FAVORABLE FEE DECISION IN DECEMBER 2022, WHICH THE GOVERNMENT INITIALLY  
 APPEALED BUT HAS RECENTLY DISMISSED AS OF MAY 2023.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WILLIAMS, 3:21-CV-349 (N.D. CAL.)  
 WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND OTHER CONSERVATION GROUPS IN A  
 CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S DECISION TO REMOVE  
 ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT PROTECTIONS FROM THE GRAY WOLF. IN FEBRUARY 2022,

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THE COURT ISSUED A DECISION IN OUR FAVOR. APPEALS ARE CURRENTLY BEING HELD IN ABEYANCE UNTIL FEBRUARY 2024.



WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT V. PERDUE, NO. 4:21-CV-00020 (D. AZ)

WELC IS REPRESENTING WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT AND WILDERNESS WATCH IN A CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE'S REAUTHORIZATION OF GRAZING IN ARIZONA AND NEW MEXICO UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT. THE CASE IS ONGOING.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V. BLM, 1:21-CV-00174-TSC (D.D.C)

WELC REPRESENTS CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, ROCKY MOUNTAIN WILD, WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AND YELLOWSTONE TO UINTAS CONNECTION IN A CHALLENGE TO MULTIPLE BLM PLANNING DECISIONS MADE BY ACTING BLM DIRECTOR PENDLEY UNDER THE FEDERAL VACANCIES REFORM ACT. THE MATTER IS ONGOING.

WESTERN ORG. OF RESOURCE COUNCILS V. BLM, 4:20-CV-00076-BMM (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 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN A CHALLENGE TO REMANDED 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 ON THE ORIGINAL PLANS. FEES AWARDED IN 2023.

WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE V. BIDEN, CASE NO. 0:21-CV-00013-SWS (D. WYO.);

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WYOMING V. U.S. DEP'T OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 0:21-CV-00056-SWS (D. WYO.); WYOMING V. DOI, 1:22-CV-00247-SWS (D. WYO.); NORTH DAKOTA V. DOI, 1:21-CV-00148-DMT (D.N.D.)

WELC REPRESENTS CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, DINÉ CARE, FOOD & WATER WATCH, INDIAN PEOPLE'S ACTION, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, POWDER RIVER BASIN RESOURCE COUNCIL, WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS, AND WILDEARTH GUARDIANS. THESE AND OTHER CONSERVATION GROUPS INTERVENED ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT BIDEN AND THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR TO HELP DEFEND A PAUSE ON OIL AND GAS LEASING. A CHALLENGE TO THE PAUSE WAS BROUGHT BY INDUSTRY AND THE STATE OF WYOMING. THE ABOVE CAPTIONED CASES WERE CONSOLIDATED IN THE D. WYO. FOLLOW UP LITIGATION WAS BROUGHT AND CONSOLIDATED IN D. WYO. SEPARATE LITIGATION WAS BROUGHT BY THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA IN THE DISTRICT OF NORTH DAKOTA. THE SECOND ROUND OF LITIGATION IS ONGOING.

AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 2:21-CV-02506-TAD-KK (W.D. LA.)

WELC REPRESENTS CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, FOOD & WATER WATCH, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, AND WESTERN ORGANIZATION OF RESOURCE COUNCILS. THESE AND OTHER CONSERVATION GROUPS INTERVENED IN A CHALLENGE TO THE LEASING PAUSE BROUGHT BY API IN THE W.D. OF LOUISIANA. THE CASE IS ONGOING.

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 FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE CLIMATE IMPACTS OF

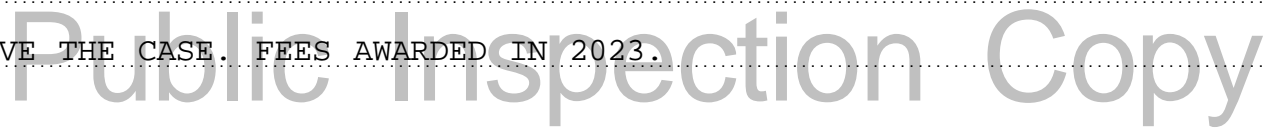
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THE OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM. WE HAVE REACHED A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE THE CASE. FEES AWARDED IN 2023.



CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V BLM, 1:19-CV-02869-REB (D. COLO.)

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. COURT HAS MAINTAINED JURISDICTION AND REMAND IS ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BERNHARDT, 1:20-CV-00056-RC (D.D.C)

WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN MONTANA, WYOMING, UTAH, COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE CLIMATE IMPACTS OF THE OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM. THIS IS A FOLLOW UP CASE TO OUR EARLIER VICTORIES. BLM FILED A MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY REMAND. WE HAVE REACHED A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE THE CASE, WITH FEES RECEIVED IN 2023.

DINÉ CARE V. BLM, 1:19-CV-00703 (D.N.M), 21-2116 (10TH CIR.)

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. WE LOST A DECISION ON THE MERITS IN D.N.M. APPEAL AT THE TENTH CIRCUIT IS COMPLETE. 10TH CIRCUIT ORAL ARGUMENT HELD IN DENVER END OF 2022. AWAITING DECISION.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BLM, 4:21-CV-00004-BMM (D. MT)

WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, DAVID KATZ, BONNIE MARTINELL, AND JACK MARTINELL IN A CHALLENGE TO TWO BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN MONTANA IN 2017 AND 2018 FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT IMPACTS UNDER NEPA. CASE IS ONGOING.

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY V. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, CASE NO. 1:21-CV-01268-MSK (D. COLO)

WELC REPRESENTS CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, HIGH COUNTRY CONSERVATION ADVOCATES, WILDERNESS WORKSHOP, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, AND WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM'S APPROVAL OF THE NORTH FORK MANCOS MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT IMPACTS AND CONSIDER A REASONABLE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES UNDER NEPA. CASE IS ONGOING.

CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY V. BLM, 1:20-CV-02484-MSK (D. COLO.)

WELC REPRESENTS CITIZENS FOR A HEALTHY COMMUNITY, HIGH COUNTRY CONSERVATION ADVOCATES, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, SIERRA CLUB, WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT, AND WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM'S APPROVAL OF A RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE UNCOMPAHGRE FIELD OFFICE, FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT IMPACTS AND CONSIDER A REASONABLE RANGE OF ALTERNATIVES UNDER NEPA. FEES OF \$75,606 IN 2022.

CITIZENS CARING FOR THE FUTURE V. HAALAND, 2:23-CV-00060-GBW-KRS (D.N.M.)

CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS LEASING DECISIONS FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT CLIMATE UNDER NEPA AND FOR VIOLATING FLPMA. ONGOING.



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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. BERNHARDT, 1:21-CV-00175-RC (D.D.C)

WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY IN A CHALLENGE TO BLM OIL AND GAS LEASE SALES IN MONTANA, WYOMING, UTAH, COLORADO AND NEW MEXICO FOR FAILING TO TAKE A HARD LOOK AT THE CLIMATE IMPACTS OF THE OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM. THIS IS A FOLLOW UP CASE TO OUR EARLIER VICTORIES. BLM FILED A MOTION FOR VOLUNTARY REMAND. WE HAVE REACHED A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT TO RESOLVE THE CASE, WITH FEES RECEIVED IN 2023.

PNM MERGER WITH AVANGRID, 20-00222-UT, PNM ABANDONMENT OF FOUR CORNERS, 21-00017-UT (NMPRC)

WELC REPRESENTS DINÉ CARE, SAN JUAN CITIZENS ALLIANCE, TÒ NIZHÒNÍ ANÍ, AND NAVA EDUCATION PROJECT IN INTERVENTION BEFORE THE NM PRC IN TWO CASES: THE FIRST INVOLVING PNM'S PROPOSED MERGER WITH AVANGRID, AND THE SECOND IN PNM'S ABANDONMENT OF ITS SHARE OF FOUR CORNERS POWER PLANT AND TRANSFER TO NTEC. THE PRC DENIED THE MERGER, WHICH IS NOW ON APPEAL TO THE NM SUPREME COURT. THE PRC DENIED ABANDONMENT, WHICH IS NOW ON APPEAL TO THE NM SUPREME COURT. BOTH CASES ARE ONGOING.

FRIENDS OF THE WILD SWAN V. VERMILLON, 13-CV-006-DLC (D. MONT. 2015)

NEW WOLF REGULATIONS IN MONTANA VIOLATED OUR SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT FROM 2015 WHICH RESTRICTED SNARING, BAITES ETC. IN LYNX AREAS. ONGOING.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WILLIAMS, 9:20-CV-183-DWM (D. MT.)

WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS, OTHER CONSERVATION GROUPS, AND AN INDIVIDUAL IN A CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSED RULE TO LIST THE WOLVERINE AS THREATENED UNDER THE

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ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. CASE RESOLVED AT DISTRICT COURT LEVEL IN 2022. FEES AWARDED IN 2023.

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. CASE AND FEES SETTLED FEES. FEES OF \$110,000 IN 2022.

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. LOST AT DISTRICT COURT. CASE ON APPEAL.

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS ET AL. V. BERNHARDT ET AL., 4:19-CV-00441-CKJ (D. ARIZ.)

CHALLENGE TO SONORAN DESERT TORTOISE NOT WARRANTED FINDING SETTLED AND AGENCY REASSESSING PRIOR DECISION. ONGOING.

HELENA HUNTER AND ANGLERS ASS'N ET AL. V. MOORE ET AL., 9:22-CV-00126-DWM (D. MONT.)

CHALLENGE TO REVISED FOREST PLAN ON THE HELENA-LEWIS & CLARK IN MONTANA, PRIMARILY ON THE FOREST SERVICE'S REMOVAL OF KEY WILDLIFE STANDARDS ESSENTIAL FOR GRIZZLY BEARS AND CANADA LYNX. AWAITING HEARING OR DECISION.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. WILLIAMS, 9:20-CV-97 (D. MT.)

WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS AND WILDERNESS WORKSHOP IN A CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S FAILURE TO RESPOND TO A COURT ORDER TO REVISE THE AGENCY'S CRITICAL HABITAT DESIGNATION FOR CANADA LYNX IN CERTAIN PARTS OF IDAHO, MONTANA, AND THE SOUTHERN ROCKIES. FEES OF \$61,499 IN 2022.

FRIENDS OF WILD SWAN V. HAALAND, 9:20-CV-00173-DWM (D. MONT. 2021)

WELC REPRESENTS FRIENDS OF THE WILD SWAN AND OTHER CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS IN ITS CHALLENGE TO THE U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE'S DECISION TO FOREGO RECOVERY PLANNING FOR THE CANADA LYNX. THE LAWSUIT WAS FILED IN DECEMBER 2020, AND WAS RESOLVED IN 2021. FEES OF \$101,012 IN 2022.

CAPITAL TRAIL VEHICLE ASSOC. V. FOREST SERVICE, 22-CV-0015-BM (D. MONT. 2022)

WELC REPRESENTS THE HELENA HUNTERS AND ANGLERS ASSOCIATION IN A MOTION TO INTERVENE IN A CHALLENGE TO THE FOREST SERVICE'S 2016 DIVIDE TRAVEL PLAN ON THE HELENA-LEWIS AND CLARK NATIONAL FOREST. PREVAILED ON SUMMARY JUDGMENT, NO APPEAL FILED, NO FEES.

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

WELC REPRESENTS WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN A CHALLENGE UNDER THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT TO A DECISION TO DELIST GRIZZLY BEARS IN THE GREATER YELLOWSTONE ECOSYSTEM IN IDAHO, MONTANA, AND WYOMING. CASE WON AT NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN JULY 2020. ATTORNEYS' FEES RESOLVED IN 2022. FEES OF \$432,426 IN 2022.

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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. ZINKE, 18-CV-0048-JGZ (D. ARIZ. 2018), WILDEARTH GUARDIANS ET AL. V. DEB HAALAND ET AL., 22-15029 (9TH CIR.) 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. THE CASE IS ONGOING AND ON APPEAL AT THE NINTH CIRCUIT.

WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT ET AL. V. MOORE ET AL., 9:22-CV-00149-DLC-KLD (D. MONT.)

CHALLENGE TO EAST PARADISE LIVESTOCK GRAZING AUTHORIZATIONS NEAR YELLOWSTONE NP IN MT WITH MAJOR IMPLICATIONS ON GRIZZLY BEAR RECOVERY AND CONNECTIVITY. CASE ONGOING.

WILDERNESS WORKSHOP V. BUREAU OF LAND MGMT. ET AL., 1:22-CV-01216-APM (D.D.C)

CHALLENGE TO FOIA RESPONSE CONCERNING BLM PRACTICE OF LEASE EXTENSIONS IN AND NEAR ROADLESS AREAS NEAR NORTH FORK VALLEY IN CO. CASE ONGOING.

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 UNDER CONTINUING ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE

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PENDING BLM RELEASE OF FINAL METHANE WASTE RULE (DRAFT RULE RELEASED  
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WILDEARTH GUARDIANS V. OSM, CV 17-80-BLG-SPW-TJC (D. MONT)

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. OBTAINED FAVORABLE  
RULING ON SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON 2/3/21. FEES OF \$103,500 IN 2022.

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. CASE ONGOING.

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. CONSOLIDATED WITH STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA ET AL. V. BERNHARDT ET AL., 4:18-CV-05712-YGR (N.D. CA.).  
OBTAINED A FAVORABLE DECISION FROM N. D. CA ON 7/31/2020. APPEAL ON

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ADMINISTRATIVE CLOSURE AS OF 8/23/21 PENDING FEDERAL RULEMAKING.

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MEIC V. OSM, NO. CV-19-130-BLG-SPW-TJC; 9TH CIR. CASE NO. 22-36002

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. CASE AND FEES RESOLVED 2023.

HELD V. STATE OF MT OUR CHILDREN'S' TRUST NO. CDV-2020-307 MT FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT:

CAS ON BEHALF OF YOUTH PLAINTIFFS FILED 2020, PREVAILED AFTER TRIAL IN 2023. ONGOING.

350 V. BERNHARDT NO. 9:19-CV-00012-DWM; 20-35411 (9TH CIR.); 350 MONTANA V. BERNHARDT, CV 19-12-M-DWM (D. MT.)

WELC REPRESENTS 350 MONTANA, MONTANA ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION CENTER, SIERRA CLUB, AND WILDEARTH GUARDIANS IN CHALLENGE TO OSMRE BULL MOUNTAINS MINE PERMITS EXPANSION AND COAL TRAIN TRANSPORT IMPACTS ON GRIZZLIES UNDER NEPA. CASE WON AT NINTH CIRCUIT AND REMANDED TO THE U.S. DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA FOR FURTHER PROCEEDINGS.

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 IN 2022 AT U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT AND NOW CLOSED.

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

FILED IN OREGON DISTRICT COURT IN 2021, WELC REPRESENTS WILLAMETTE  
RIVERKEEPER AND THE CONSERVATION ANGLER IN A CHALLENGED TO A NMFS  
BIOLOGICAL OPINION APPROVING A HATCHERY AND GENETICS MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR  
PLACING HATCHERY SUMMER STEELHEAD IN HABITAT FOR ESA-LISTED WILD WINTER  
STEELHEAD IN THE SANTIAM RIVER BASIN. CASE ONGOING.

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. LITIGATED IN 2021  
WITH DISCOVERY. SETTLED. FEES OF \$223,903 IN 2022.

FRIENDS OF THE CLEARWATER V. PROBERT, 3:21-CV-56 (D. IDAHO)

WELC REPRESENTS FRIENDS OF THE CLEARWATER IN A CHALLENGE TO THE CLEARWATER  
NATIONAL FOREST'S 2017 TRAVEL MANAGEMENT DECISION AND ITS FAILURE TO  
RESPOND TO A PRIOR COURT ORDER RELATED TO THE FOREST'S TRAVEL MANAGEMENT  
PLAN. THIS LAWSUIT WAS FILED IN 2021, AND WE RECEIVED A FAVORABLE MERITS  
DECISION FROM THE COURT IN MARCH 2022. OBTAINED REMEDY IN 2022. DOJ  
APPEALED, THEN DROPPED APPEAL. WE ARE NOW NEGOTIATING FEES.

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. CASE ONGOING AS OF 2022.

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KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER ET AL. V. U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MGMT. ET AL., 1:19-CV-01810-CL (D. OR.), 22-35035 (9TH CIR.)

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE NORTH LANDSCAPE TIMBER SALE AND BIOLOGICAL OPINION. WELC RECEIVED AN ADVERSE DECISION IN THE DISTRICT COURT AND APPEALED THE CASE TO THE NINTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. CASE CLOSED ON 11/30/2022. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER ET AL. V. U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE ET AL., 1:20-CV-00952-AA (D. OR.), 22-36058 (9TH CIR.)

IN THIS CASE WE'RE REPRESENTING A COALITION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS CHALLENGING A LARGE BLM TIMBER SALE THAT OVERLAPS WITH THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT, AND A LARGE 2019 WILDFIRE. CASE ONGOING.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER ET AL. V. UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, 1:21-CV-00058-CL (D. OR.)

IN THIS CASE, OUR ENVIRONMENTAL NON-PROFIT CLIENTS CHALLENGE ANOTHER SET OF BLM TIMBER SALES THAT OVERLAP WITH NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL DESIGNATED CRITICAL HABITAT. OUR GOAL IN THIS CASE IS TO ENSURE THE BLM AND FWS COMPLY WITH THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT, AND TO HALT THE TIMBER SALES THAT THREATEN THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL IN THE MEANTIME. CASE CLOSED IN 2022. NO FEES WERE SOUGHT.

ENVT'L PROT. INFO. CTR. ET AL. V. VAN ATTA ET AL., 3:22-CV-03520-TLT (N.D.)



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NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA CASE CHALLENGING NMFS SAFE HARBOR AGREEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENT PERMITS ISSUED TO IRRIGATION DISTRICTS AND RANCHES IMMUNIZING THEM FROM LIABILITY FOR TAKING ESA-LISTED COHO SALMON IN THE SHASTA RIVER. PF, SIJ, TOM WHEELER (EPIC). CASE ONGOING.

CASCADIA WILDLANDS ET AL. V. ADCOCK ET AL., 6:22-CV-00767-AA (D. OR.)

WELC IS REPRESENTING CASCADIA WILDLANDS AND OREGON WILD IN A NEPA CHALLENGE TO THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT'S N126 PROJECT. CASE ONGOING.

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 REPRESENTED 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, AND IS ON APPEAL IN THE NINTH CIRCUIT BY THE PLAINTIFFS. D.D.C. CASES WERE RESOLVED IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFFS, BUT THE DISTRICT COURT ORDERED NO RELIEF IN THE MATTER. THIS WORK IS ONGOING, THOUGH WELC IS NO LONGER REPRESENTING DEFENDANTS-INTERVENORS. FEES WILL NOT BE SOUGHT.

KLAMATH-SISKIYOU WILDLANDS CENTER V. BLM, 19-CV-02069-CL (D. OR.)

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE GRIFFIN HALF MOON TIMBER SALE. SUMMARY JUDGMENT IN FAVOR OF PLAINTIFFS. FEDERAL DEFENDANTS HAVE FILED A NOTICE OF APPEAL. CASE CLOSED JUNE 2022. FEES OF \$46,000 IN 2022.

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CASCADIA WILDLANDS ET AL V. UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 6:22-CV-00204-AA (D. OR.)

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE ARCHIE CREEK POST-FIRE SALVAGE TIMBER SALE. CASE SETTLED IN OCTOBER 2022. FEES WILL NOT BE SOUGHT.

CASCADE FOREST CONSERVANCY, ET AL V. USFS, 22-35087 (9TH CIR.)

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS-APPELLANTS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE SPIRIT LAKE ACCESS PROJECT ON THE MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT. NINTH CIRCUIT LOSS; WILL FILE PETITION FOR REHEARING EN BANC (DUE 12/3) AND EXPLORING POLITICAL OPTIONS TO STOP ROAD CONSTRUCTION. CASE LOST AND NOW CLOSED.

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

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE 2020 FINAL RULE AMENDING THE COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT REGULATIONS. CASE IS STAYED WHILE CEQ PLOTS A PATH FORWARD; CEQ HAS COMPLETED PHASE 1 RULEMAKING; PHASE 2 RULEMAKING EXPECTED EARLY SPRING (JANUARY) 2023. ONGOING.

CASCADIA WILDLANDS ET AL V. UNITED STATES BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 6:21-CV-01313-AA (D. OR.)

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE BLM'S FINAL RULE PROMULGATING A SALVAGE LOGGING CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION. FEES OF \$30,000 IN 2022.

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CASCADIA WILDLANDS ET AL V. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, 6:21-CV-01487-MC (D. OR.)

WELC REPRESENTED PLAINTIFFS IN A CHALLENGE TO THE BLM'S FINAL RULE

ELIMINATING THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROTEST FOR TIMBER SALES. CASE WAS LOST AT DISTRICT COURT AND WELC IS NO LONGER REPRESENTING PLAINTIFFS.

CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY V. U.S. DOI, 1:22-CV-01716 (D. D.C.)

WELC REPRESENTS PLAINTIFFS CHALLENGING 4,000 APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS TO DRILL ISSUED BY BLM DURING 2021/22 IN THE PERMIAN BASIN IN NM AND POWDER RIVER BASIN IN WY; FILED IN D.D.C. THIS CASE IS ACTIVE.

IPANM V. NM EIB, CT. APP. NO. A-1-CA-40546 (NM)

WELC REPRESENTS INTERVENOR-APPELLEES IN APPEAL TO NM COURT OF APPEALS BY THE NM INDEPENDENT OIL AND GAS ASSOCIATION OF THE OZONE PRECURSOR RULE, PASSED BY THE NM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT BOARD (EIB). THIS CASE IS ACTIVE.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990

A COPY WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS (BOARD PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TREASURER, BOARD MEMBER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR) BEFORE FILING, AND THE FULL BOARD ONCE COMPLETED.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY

WELC SEEKS TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A REPUTATION FOR THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF FAIRNESS AND INTEGRITY IN ALL ITS BUSINESS AND PROGRAM AFFAIRS.

WELC EMPLOYEES AND BOARD MEMEBERS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ANNUAL CONFLICT

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DISCLOSURE FORMS, AND HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY DISCLOSE ANY  
 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR DISCUSSION AND  
 RESOLUTION. IN THE EVENT A RESOLUTION CANNOT BE REACHED BY THE EXECUTIVE  
 DIRECTOR, THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST SHALL BE REFERRED TO THE BOARD OF  
 DIRECTORS FOR A FINAL DECISION. ADDITIONALLY, ALL STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS  
 ARE NOTIFIED OF POTENTIAL NEW MATTERS OF ENGAGEMENT IN ORDER TO REVIEW FOR  
 POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.

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

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,  
 TENNESSEE, UTAH, VIRGINIA, WISCONSIN

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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 **4562**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Name(s) shown on return

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

Attach to your tax return.

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

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Attachment Sequence No. **179**

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Business or activity to which this form relates

INDIRECT DEPRECIATION

**Part I Election To Expense Certain Property Under Section 179**

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

1	Maximum amount (see instructions)	1	1,080,000
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	2,700,000
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 <b>smaller</b> of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2021 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 2023. 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	23,099
15	Property subject to section 168(f)(1) election	15	
16	Other depreciation (including ACRS)	16	2,475

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

**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2022	17	117
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 2022 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	
			27.5 yrs.	MM	S/L	
i	Nonresidential real property		39 yrs.	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2022 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	25,691
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.

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