

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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2015
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A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning , and ending

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| B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending | C Name of organization WildEarth Guardians | | D Employer identification number 85-0406306 |
| | Doing business as | | E Telephone number 505-988-9126 |
| | Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 516 Alto St | | G Gross receipts\$ 3,836,440 |
| | City or town, state or province, and ZIP or foreign postal code Santa Fe NM 87501-2627 | | |

F Name and address of principal officer:
John C. Horning
516 Alto St
Santa Fe NM 87501-2627

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

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

J Website: **www.wildearthguardians.org** **H(c)** Group exemption number

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

Part I Summary

| | | | |
|---|---|---------------------------|------------------|
| Activities & Governance | 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West. | | |
| | 2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets. | | |
| | 3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) | 3 | 15 |
| | 4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) | 4 | 15 |
| | 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a) | 5 | 48 |
| | 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) | 6 | 30 |
| | 7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 | 7a | -3,178 |
| b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 | 7b | -2,274 | |
| Revenue | 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) | Prior Year | Current Year |
| | 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) | 3,138,545 | 2,781,529 |
| | 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) | 129,964 | 195,824 |
| | 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) | 1,477 | 15,749 |
| | 12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) | 20,524 | -18,060 |
| Expenses | 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) | 3,290,510 | 2,975,042 |
| | 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) | 0 | 0 |
| | 15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) | 0 | 0 |
| | 16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) | 1,807,651 | 1,815,162 |
| | b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 233,738 | 0 | 0 |
| | 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) | 1,519,383 | 1,138,310 |
| | 18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 3,327,034 | 2,953,472 |
| 19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 | -36,524 | 21,570 | |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) | Beginning of Current Year | End of Year |
| | 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) | 2,832,218 | 2,459,005 |
| | 22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 | 769,860 | 418,919 |
| | | 2,062,358 | 2,040,086 |

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here Signature of officer: **John C. Horning** Date: _____
 Type or print name and title: **Executive Director**

Paid Preparer Use Only Print/Type preparer's name: **Ken Roth** Preparer's signature: _____ Date: **05/06/16** Check if self-employed PTIN: **P01389203**
 Firm's name: **Taylor Roth and Company** Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: **800 Grant St Ste 205 Denver, CO 80203-2944** Phone no.: **303-830-8109**

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:

Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.

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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 \$ **582,363** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **42,061**)

River Restoration:

WildEarth Guardians balances our reform of public lands policy and protection of wild places with on-the-ground forest and watershed restoration. Active restoration provides opportunities for members and volunteers to give back to future generations and creates jobs in rural, land-based communities. WildEarth Guardians is restoring fragmented forests and waterways polluted by domestic livestock and a legacy of logging roads. We've replanted native riparian vegetation on hundreds of miles of rivers and streams and removed barbed-wire fence that impedes wildlife movement. In collaboration with land management agencies and local contractors, we are rewilding large landscapes and wildlife corridors as well as restoring

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **509,462** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Wild Places:

The American West is a place set apart with abundant public lands and remnant ancient forests, pristine grasslands, and wild headwaters and streams, which remind us of the spectacular richness that once epitomized this region. WildEarth Guardians' Wild Places Program protects public lands with a primary emphasis on National Forests and Bureau of Land Management lands. There are more than 300 million acres of public lands in the 17 western states, and our goal is to prevent their capture and destruction by private, extractive interests. Sadly, many of the diverse ecosystems in the West are in trouble. For example, the Southwestern ponderosa pine ecosystem, the Interior West's Sagebrush Sea, and fragile streams and

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **411,746** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **151,855**)

Legal:

Guardians' legal team worked closely this year with each of our four programs to support campaign strategies including consulting on legal issues, filing lawsuits, and negotiating settlements.

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

(Expenses \$ **1,021,769** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **1,908**)

4e Total program service expenses **2,525,340**

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

| | | Yes | No |
|-----|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A | X | |
| 2 | Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? | X | |
| 3 | Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I | | X |
| 4 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II | X | |
| 5 | Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I | | X |
| 7 | Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II | X | |
| 8 | Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III | | X |
| 9 | Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV | X | |
| 10 | Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or 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 |

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|---|----------|----------|
| 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 |
| 22 | Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III | | X |
| 23 | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J | | X |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a | | X |
| b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| c | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | |
| d | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | |
| 25a | Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | | X |
| b | Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I | | X |
| 26 | Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II | | X |
| 27 | Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III | | X |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | |
| a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | X |
| b | A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | X |
| c | An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV | | X |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | X | |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M | | X |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I | | X |
| 32 | Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II | | X |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I | | X |
| 34 | Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 | | X |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | X |
| b | If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | | |
| 36 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2 | | X |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI | | X |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. | X | |

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

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|----------|----------|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | X | |
| 2a | 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 | | |
| 2b | If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions) | X | |
| 3a | Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year? | X | |
| 3b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O | X | |
| 4a | 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)? | | X |
| 4b | 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). | | |
| 5a | Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? | | X |
| 5b | Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? | | X |
| 5c | If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? | | |
| 6a | 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? | | X |
| 6b | If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? | | |
| 7 | Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c). | | |
| 7a | 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? | X | |
| 7b | If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? | X | |
| 7c | Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? | X | |
| 7d | If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year | | 1 |
| 7e | Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? | | X |
| 7f | Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? | | X |
| 7g | If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? | | |
| 7h | If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? | | |
| 8 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? | | |
| 9 | Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. | | |
| 9a | Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? | | |
| 9b | Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? | | |
| 10 | Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: | | |
| 10a | Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 | | |
| 10b | Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities | | |
| 11 | Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: | | |
| 11a | Gross income from members or shareholders | | |
| 11b | Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) | | |
| 12a | Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? | | |
| 12b | If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year | | |
| 13 | Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers. | | |
| 13a | Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O. | | |
| 13b | 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 | | |
| 13c | Enter the amount of reserves on hand | | |
| 14a | Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? | | X |
| 14b | If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O | | |

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 in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|--|----------|----------|
| 1a | Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year. If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O. 15 | | |
| b | Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 15 | | |
| 2 | Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? | | X |
| 3 | Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? | | X |
| 4 | Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? | | X |
| 5 | Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? | | X |
| 6 | Did the organization have members or stockholders? | | X |
| 7a | Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? | | X |
| b | Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? | | X |
| 8 | Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: | | |
| a | The governing body? | X | |
| b | Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? | X | |
| 9 | Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O | | X |

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

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|----------|----------|
| 10a | Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? | | |
| 10b | | | |
| 11a | Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? | X | |
| b | Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. | | |
| 12a | Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 | X | |
| b | Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? | X | |
| c | Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done | X | |
| 12c | | X | |
| 13 | Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? | X | |
| 14 | Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? | X | |
| 15 | Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? | | |
| a | The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official | X | |
| b | Other officers or key employees of the organization | X | |
| | If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions). | | |
| 16a | Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? | | X |
| b | If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? | | |
| 16b | | | |

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NM, CO, AZ, UT, WY, MT, OR, CA**
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
John C. Horning, Exec Director 516 Alto St
Santa Fe NM 87501 505-988-9126

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

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

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

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

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

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---------------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (1) Jess Alford | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (2) Cathy Bailey | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (3) Nat Cobb | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (4) Debbie Lewis | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (5) Kristina Martinez | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (6) Dyan Oldenburg | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (7) Peter Schoenburg | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (8) Jon Spar | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (9) Bill Syme | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (10) Esther Yazzie-Lewis | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 0.00 | X | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| (11) David Will | 1.00 | | | | | | | | | |
| Director | 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) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|--|--|---|-----------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------------|--------|--|---|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional trustee | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | Former | | | |
| (12) Robin Smith President | 2.00 0.00 | | | X | X | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (13) Mimsi Milton Vice President | 2.00 0.00 | | | X | X | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (14) Todd Ringler Secretary | 2.00 0.00 | | | X | X | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (15) Glen Colton Treasurer | 2.00 0.00 | | | X | X | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (16) John C. Horning Executive Director | 40.00 0.00 | | | | X | | | 0 | 0 | 22,330 |
| (17) Carol Norton Associate Director | 40.00 0.00 | | | | X | | | 68,001 | 0 | 11,277 |
| 1b Sub-total | | | | | | | | 68,001 | | 33,607 |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | | | 68,001 | | 33,607 |

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 **0**

| | Yes | No |
|---|-----|----------|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or 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 | |
|---|--|---|----------------------|--|---|--|--------------|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts | 1a Federated campaigns | 1a | | | | | |
| | b Membership dues | 1b | | | | | |
| | c Fundraising events | 1c | 90,257 | | | | |
| | d Related organizations | 1d | | | | | |
| | e Government grants (contributions) | 1e | 484,736 | | | | |
| | f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | 1f | 2,206,536 | | | | |
| | g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$ | | 260,373 | | | | |
| | h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | 2,781,529 | | | | |
| | Program Service Revenue | 2a Legal fees | Busn. Code | 541900 | 151,855 | 151,855 | |
| b Riparian restoration services | | | 811000 | 42,061 | 42,061 | | |
| c Other | | | 811000 | 1,908 | 1,908 | | |
| d | | | | | | | |
| e | | | | | | | |
| f All other program service revenue | | | | | | | |
| g Total. Add lines 2a-2f | | | 195,824 | | | | |
| Other Revenue | | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | 1,862 | | | 1,862 |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | | | | |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real | 21,768 | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | | |
| | b Less: rental exps. | | 8,675 | | | | |
| | c Rental inc. or (loss) | | 13,093 | | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | 13,093 | | -3,178 | 16,271 | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | 269,241 | | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | 488,009 | | | | |
| | b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps. | | 270,334 | 473,029 | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | -1,093 | 14,980 | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | 13,887 | | | 13,887 | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 90,257 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | a | 77,813 | | | | |
| | | b Less: direct expenses | | 109,360 | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | -31,547 | | | -31,547 | |
| 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | a | | | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | | | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | a | | | | | | |
| | b Less: cost of goods sold | | | | | | |
| | c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | | |
| Miscellaneous Revenue | | Busn. Code | | | | | |
| 11a Miscellaneous income | | 900099 | 394 | 394 | | | |
| b | | | | | | | |
| c | | | | | | | |
| d All other revenue | | | | | | | |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | 394 | | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions. | | | 2,975,042 | 196,218 | -3,178 | 473 | |

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

| Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII. | (A) Total expenses | (B) Program service expenses | (C) Management and general expenses | (D) Fundraising expenses |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21 | | | | |
| 2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22 | | | | |
| 3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16 | | | | |
| 4 Benefits paid to or for members | | | | |
| 5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees | 101,608 | 70,110 | 13,209 | 18,289 |
| 6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) | | | | |
| 7 Other salaries and wages | 1,404,383 | 1,185,111 | 111,074 | 108,198 |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 27,717 | 23,493 | 2,157 | 2,067 |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 126,577 | 110,554 | 8,769 | 7,254 |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 154,877 | 129,601 | 12,607 | 12,669 |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | 132,677 | 132,677 | | |
| c Accounting | 10,485 | | 10,485 | |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | | | | |
| f Investment management fees | 719 | | 719 | |
| g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.) | 408,746 | 390,030 | 7,934 | 10,782 |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 193,557 | 141,570 | 6,889 | 45,098 |
| 14 Information technology | | | | |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 84,715 | 67,773 | 9,315 | 7,627 |
| 17 Travel | 118,260 | 109,271 | 385 | 8,604 |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | | | | |
| 20 Interest | 134 | | 134 | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 8,496 | | 8,496 | |
| 23 Insurance | 20,608 | 18,674 | 256 | 1,678 |
| 24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.) | | | | |
| a Program supplies | 54,027 | 54,027 | | |
| b Staff devlpmnt/training | 47,493 | 39,046 | 4,438 | 4,009 |
| c Equipment leases | 35,321 | 35,285 | 18 | 18 |
| d Miscellaneous expenses | 20,852 | 15,898 | -2,491 | 7,445 |
| e All other expenses | 2,220 | 2,220 | | |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 2,953,472 | 2,525,340 | 194,394 | 233,738 |
| 26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720) | | | | |

Part X Balance Sheet

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

| | | (A) Beginning of year | | (B) End of year | |
|------------------------------------|--|---|-----------|--------------------|-----------|
| Assets | 1 | Cash—non-interest bearing | 132,910 | 1 | 378,430 |
| | 2 | Savings and temporary cash investments | 1,827,453 | 2 | 703,325 |
| | 3 | Pledges and grants receivable, net | 97,937 | 3 | 65,347 |
| | 4 | Accounts receivable, net | 26,106 | 4 | 124,997 |
| | 5 | Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 5 | |
| | 6 | Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 6 | |
| | 7 | Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 | Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 | Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 15,326 | 9 | 18,653 |
| | 10a | Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 79,910 | | |
| | | 10a | 79,910 | | |
| | b | Less: accumulated depreciation | 77,226 | 10c | 2,684 |
| | | 10b | 77,226 | | |
| | 11 | Investments—publicly traded securities | | 11 | 929,236 |
| | 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 | 716,826 | 15 | 236,333 | |
| 16 | Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34) | 2,832,218 | 16 | 2,459,005 | |
| Liabilities | 17 | Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 87,308 | 17 | 150,676 |
| | 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 | 271,745 | 21 | 267,480 |
| | 22 | Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L | | 22 | |
| | 23 | Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | 407,202 | 23 | |
| | 24 | Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties | 3,605 | 24 | 763 |
| | 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 | | 25 | |
| | 26 | Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 769,860 | 26 | 418,919 |
| Net Assets or Fund Balances | Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. | | | | |
| | 27 | Unrestricted net assets | 1,376,437 | 27 | 1,402,882 |
| | 28 | Temporarily restricted net assets | 504,839 | 28 | 456,122 |
| | 29 | Permanently restricted net assets | 181,082 | 29 | 181,082 |
| | Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34. | | | | |
| | 30 | Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds | | 30 | |
| | 31 | Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund | | 31 | |
| | 32 | Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds | | 32 | |
| 33 | Total net assets or fund balances | 2,062,358 | 33 | 2,040,086 | |
| 34 | Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 2,832,218 | 34 | 2,459,005 | |

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 | 2,975,042 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 2,953,472 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 21,570 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A)) | 4 | 2,062,358 |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | -11,253 |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | -32,589 |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B)) | 10 | 2,040,086 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number

85-0406306

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 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An 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.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
 - 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 1–9 above (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document? | | (v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions) | (vi) Amount of other support (see instructions) |
|------------------------------------|----------|--|---|----|---|---|
| | | | Yes | No | | |
| (A) | | | | | | |
| (B) | | | | | | |
| (C) | | | | | | |
| (D) | | | | | | |
| (E) | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | |

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

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

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 1,441,889 | 1,834,988 | 2,671,792 | 3,138,545 | 2,781,529 | 11,868,743 |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | 1,441,889 | 1,834,988 | 2,671,792 | 3,138,545 | 2,781,529 | 11,868,743 |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) | | | | | | 778,782 |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 11,089,961 |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 1,441,889 | 1,834,988 | 2,671,792 | 3,138,545 | 2,781,529 | 11,868,743 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 448 | 634 | 11,694 | 17,239 | 18,133 | 48,148 |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | 91,559 | 155,221 | 124,964 | 91,263 | 77,813 | 540,820 |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 12,457,711 |

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 969,893

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|---|----|---------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 89.02 % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 87.39 % |

16a **33 1/3% support test—2015.** If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b **33 1/3% support test—2014.** 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—2015.** 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—2014.** 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 9 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

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | | | | | | |
| 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose | | | | | | |
| 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 and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | |
| 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge | | | | | | |
| 6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5 | | | | | | |
| 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons | | | | | | |
| b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 7a and 7b | | | | | | |
| 8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.) | | | | | | |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2011 | (b) 2012 | (c) 2013 | (d) 2014 | (e) 2015 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 9 Amounts from line 6 | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | | | | | | |
| b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 | | | | | | |
| c Add lines 10a and 10b | | | | | | |
| 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on | | | | | | |
| 12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | | | | | | |
| 13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.) | | | | | | |

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|---|
| 15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 15 | % |
| 16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 | 16 | % |

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

| | | |
|---|-----------|---|
| 17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) | 17 | % |
| 18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17 | 18 | % |

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

| | | Yes | No |
|-----|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? 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. | | |
| 2 | Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2). | | |
| 3a | Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below. | | |
| 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)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination. | | |
| c | Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use. | | |
| 4a | Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below. | | |
| b | Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? 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. | | |
| 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)? 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. | | |
| 5a | Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document). | | |
| b | Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document? | | |
| c | Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control? | | |
| 6 | Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| 7 | Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (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? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ). | | |
| 8 | Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ). | | |
| 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))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| b | Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| c | Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| 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)? If "Yes," answer 10b below. | | |
| b | Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.) | | |

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

| | | |
|---|--|--|
| 1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions): | | |
| a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below. | | |
| b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below. | | |
| c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions). | | |
| 2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below. | | |
| a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities. | | |
| b Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement. | | |
| 3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below. | | |
| a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI . | | |
| b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard. | | |

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

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

| Section A - Adjusted Net Income | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|--|--|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Net short-term capital gain | 1 | |
| 2 | Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 | |
| 3 | Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 | |
| 4 | Add lines 1 through 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | Depreciation and depletion | 5 | |
| 6 | Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 | |
| 7 | Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 | |
| 8 | Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 | |

| Section B - Minimum Asset Amount | | (A) Prior Year | (B) Current Year (optional) |
|---|---|----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 | Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | | |
| a | Average monthly value of securities | 1a | |
| b | Average monthly cash balances | 1b | |
| c | Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | |
| d | Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | |
| e | Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (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 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 | |
| 5 | Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | |
| 6 | Multiply line 5 by .035 | 6 | |
| 7 | Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | |
| 8 | Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | |

| Section C - Distributable Amount | | | Current Year |
|---|--|----------|--------------|
| 1 | Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 | |
| 2 | Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 | |
| 3 | Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 | |
| 4 | Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 | |
| 5 | Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | |
| 6 | Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |

7 Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).

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

| Section D - Distributions | Current Year |
|--|--------------|
| 1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes | |
| 2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity | |
| 3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations | |
| 4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets | |
| 5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required) | |
| 6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions. | |
| 7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6. | |
| 8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions. | |
| 9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6 | |
| 10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount | |

| Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions) | (i) Excess Distributions | (ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015 | (iii) Distributable Amount for 2015 |
|---|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6 | | | |
| 2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions) | | | |
| 3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015: | | | |
| a | | | |
| b | | | |
| c | | | |
| d From 2013 | | | |
| e From 2014 | | | |
| f Total of lines 3a through e | | | |
| g Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| h Applied to 2015 distributable amount | | | |
| i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions) | | | |
| j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f. | | | |
| 4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$ | | | |
| a Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| b Applied to 2015 distributable amount | | | |
| c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4. | | | |
| 5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions). | | | |
| 6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions). | | | |
| 7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c. | | | |
| 8 Breakdown of line 7: | | | |
| a | | | |
| b | | | |
| c Excess from 2013 | | | |
| d Excess from 2014 | | | |
| e Excess from 2015 | | | |

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.)

Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail

Gross fundraising \$ **540,820**



Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

Information about Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2015

| | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Name of the organization | Employer identification number |
| WildEarth Guardians | 85-0406306 |

Organization type (check one):

- | | | |
|--------------------|---|--|
| Filers of: | Section: | |
| Form 990 or 990-EZ | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 527 political organization | |
| Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation | |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation | |

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

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

General Rule

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

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃ % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an exclusively religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not 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 is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

Name of organization

WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number

85-0406306

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 | | \$ 85,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 2 | | \$ 452,556 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 3 | | \$ 100,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 4 | | \$ 74,750 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 5 | | \$ 140,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| 6 | | \$ 76,500 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

Name of organization

WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number

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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 | | \$ 75,000 | Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| | | \$ | Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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 **WildEarth Guardians** Employer identification number **85-0406306**

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.
- 2 Political expenditures \$
- 3 Volunteer hours

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.

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

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

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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

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

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

(a) Filing organization's totals (b) Affiliated group totals

| 1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|-------------------|--------------|
| b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) | 6,298 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) | 6,298 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Other exempt purpose expenditures | 2,947,174 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) | 2,953,472 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns. | 297,674 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <th style="width: 50%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width: 50%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> <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> </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. |
| 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. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) | 74,419 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | |

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2012 | (b) 2013 | (c) 2014 | (d) 2015 | (e) Total |
|--|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|------------------|
| 2a Lobbying nontaxable amount | 238,648 | 270,674 | 316,352 | 297,674 | 1,123,348 |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e)) | | | | | 1,685,022 |
| c Total lobbying expenditures | 0 | 5,143 | 5,961 | 6,298 | 17,402 |
| d Grassroots nontaxable amount | 59,662 | 67,669 | 79,088 | 74,419 | 280,838 |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) | | | | | 421,257 |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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.

Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2015

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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WildEarth Guardians

85-0406306

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

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

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

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year. (Sub-rows: a Total number of conservation easements, b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register), 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: Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1, Assets included in Form 990, Part X. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (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 SFAS 116 (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 SFAS 116 (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 are a 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 programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | 1,925,974 | 745,440 | 963,170 | 817,064 | 691,360 |
| b Contributions | 1,014,997 | 2,818,062 | 1,157,123 | 634,667 | 462,662 |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | -10,494 | -29,259 | 9,070 | 22,234 | -11,077 |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | -1,056,421 | -1,608,269 | -1,383,574 | -510,644 | -325,881 |
| f Administrative expenses | | | -349 | -151 | |
| g End of year balance | 1,874,056 | 1,925,974 | 745,440 | 963,170 | 817,064 |

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment **66.00 %**
 - b** Permanent endowment **24.34 %**
 - c** Temporarily restricted endowment **9.66 %**
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| (i) unrelated organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) related organizations | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
- b** If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | | | |
| b Buildings | | | | |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | 48,414 | 45,730 | 2,684 |
| e Other | | 31,496 | 31,496 | |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.) | | | | 2,684 |

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

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

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

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) Assets held by others - perm restr | 181,082 |
| (2) Assets held by others - unrestricted | 44,510 |
| (3) Assets held by others - temp restr | 10,741 |
| (4) Property held for sale | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) | 236,333 |

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) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) | |

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 FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII

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

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

| | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | 1 | 3,090,877 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 2a | -11,253 |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | 119,132 |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | 8,675 |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 116,554 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 2,974,323 |
| 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 | 719 |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 719 |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) | 5 | 2,975,042 |

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 | 3,113,149 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | 151,721 |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | 8,675 |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | 2e | 160,396 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | 3 | 2,952,753 |
| 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 | 719 |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | 4c | 719 |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) | 5 | 2,953,472 |

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 II, Line 5 - Monitoring and Enforcement Policy

The Organization has a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations and enforcing conservation easements.

Part II, Line 9 - Accounting for Conservation Easements

Conservation easements represent a perpetual restriction on the use of the land without transfer of ownership of the underlying property. The Organization acquired conservation easements through donations from property owners. The Organization does not record the conservation easements in its financial statements.

Part IV, Line 2b - Escrow Liability Arrangement Explanation

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

WildEarth Guardians and other environmental groups collectively won a case in 2005 to protect the silvery minnow habitat in the Rio Grande River. The settlement agreement required payment of \$225,000 from the Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority and \$25,000 from environmental groups, collectively, to be put into an escrow account. The funds held in escrow are to be used to purchase water rights. If the funds are not used, they may be returned to the contributing parties. The Organization is the fiscal agent of the funds. The original escrow agreement was for the period of January 18, 2007 to 2012, and during 2012, the parties negotiated an extension for an additional 5 years. As of December 31, 2015, the total amount held under this fiscal agency agreement was \$267,480.

Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses for Endowment Funds

Permanently restricted funds are held in perpetuity, and the investment income is distributed for operating purposes.

Temporarily restricted funds are held for purposes specified by the donor; once purpose restrictions are met, the funds are released.

The Organization has two types of board-designated funds: an operating reserve and an endowment fund.

Part X - FIN 48 Footnote

WildEarth Guardians has received an Internal Revenue Service exemption from federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(3). The Organization is subject to tax on unrelated business income for income from debt-financed property and has filed Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In accordance with the provisions associated with accounting for uncertainty in income taxes, management has analyzed its various federal

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

and state filing positions and believes that its income tax filing positions and deductions are well documented and supported. Additionally, management believes that no accruals for tax liabilities related to uncertain income tax positions are required. Accordingly, no provision or liability for income taxes has been provided in the accompanying financial statements. The Organization's Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990) and Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return (Form 990-T) are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for three years after filing.

Part XI, Line 2d - Revenue Amounts Included in Financials - Other

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Rental expenses netted with revenue | \$ | 8,675 |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|

Part XII, Line 2d - Expense Amounts Included in Financials - Other

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|
| Rental expenses netted with revenue | \$ | 8,675 |
|-------------------------------------|----|-------|

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

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number

85-0406306

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- a** Mail solicitations
- b** Internet and email solicitations
- c** Phone solicitations
- d** In-person solicitations
- e** Solicitation of non-government grants
- f** Solicitation of government grants
- g** Special fundraising events

2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No

b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

| | (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser) | (ii) Activity | (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? | | (iv) Gross receipts from activity | (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i) | (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization |
|--------------|---|---------------|--|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | Yes | No | | | |
| 1 | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | |

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

| | | (a) Event #1 | (b) Event #2 | (c) Other events | (d) Total events | |
|-----------------|--|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------|
| | | Annual Gala (event type) | Howling Affair (event type) | 2 (total number) | (add col. (a) through col. (c)) | |
| Revenue | 1 | Gross receipts | 102,740 | 27,379 | 23,884 | 154,003 |
| | 2 | Less: Contributions | 61,155 | 14,380 | 14,722 | 90,257 |
| | 3 | Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) | 41,585 | 12,999 | 9,162 | 63,746 |
| Direct Expenses | 4 | Cash prizes | | | | |
| | 5 | Noncash prizes | | | | |
| | 6 | Rent/facility costs | 7,306 | 12,617 | 4,098 | 24,021 |
| | 7 | Food and beverages | 23,366 | | 3,561 | 26,927 |
| | 8 | Entertainment | 14,622 | 6,586 | 2,471 | 23,679 |
| | 9 | Other direct expenses | 9,206 | 6,520 | 3,311 | 19,037 |
| | 10 | Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) | | | | |
| 11 | Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) | | | | | -29,918 |

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

| | | (a) Bingo | (b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo | (c) Other gaming | (d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c)) | |
|-----------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|--|--|
| | | 1 | Gross revenue | | | |
| Direct Expenses | 2 | Cash prizes | | | | |
| | 3 | Noncash prizes | | | | |
| | 4 | Rent/facility costs | | | | |
| | 5 | Other direct expenses | | | | |
| | 6 | Volunteer labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 7 | Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) | | | | | |
| 8 | Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) | | | | | |

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

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

Attach to Form 990.

Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number

85-0406306

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 | 11 | 260,373 | 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 IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

| | Yes | No |
|--|----------|----------|
| 30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? | | X |
| b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II. | | |
| 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions? | X | |
| 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? | X | |
| b If "Yes," describe in Part II. | | |
| 33 If the organization did not 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 an unrelated brokerage firm to sell securities.



SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

OMB No. 1545-0047

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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Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Form 990, Part I, Line 6

Volunteers assisted in Stream Team, an annual river restoration event held at different riparian locations, by helping to plant native trees and shrubs. Volunteers also assisted during fundraising events by checking attendees in, setting up and cleaning up after events, and general office help such as copying, mailing, etc. Members of the Board of Directors also serve in a volunteer capacity.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Accomplishment

hydrological function. This work is part of a larger climate change mitigation and adaptation strategy.

In 2015, we planted approximately than 100,000 native trees and native forage species including: Bebb's, strapleaf and coyote willow, aspen, cottonwood, bog birch, thinleaf alder, and chokecherry.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Accomplishment

wetland habitats are all considered endangered ecosystems. While advocating to end activities that threaten to destroy our public wildlands in the American West, we also work to ensure that they remain biologically intact and ecologically functional by actively restoring previously damaged lands, waters, and ecosystems. Our accomplishments mean not only greater protection for wild landscapes but also the wildlife, water and air that make them the treasures we cherish.

2015 specific accomplishments:

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--We secured consideration from the Environmental Protection Agency for regulating runoff from forest roads nationwide, which, if implemented, would transform the management of our wild forests and salmon streams across the West.

--We challenged national forest logging in federal court of nearly 20 square miles of lynx habitat in Colorado, including 2,300 acres of clear-cutting, to increase protection of lynx habitat that is under threat across the contiguous United States.

--We convened leading conservation groups in Arizona and New Mexico to set a vision for the Greater Gila Bioregion, North America's next great conservation landscape and ancestral home to the Mexican wolf and jaguar and source of the last undammed river in the Southwest, the Gila.

--Along with our partners, we reached a legal agreement with the Forest Service in Colorado to require consideration of wildlife and water quality impacts on 500 miles of roads, thus furthering our vision of an interconnected chain of wild lands along the spine of the continent from Mexico to Canada.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Accomplishment

Wildlife:

The American West hosts a dazzling array of native wildlife and plants, from the mighty black bear and grey wolf, to minute caddisflies, springsnails, and irises. The diversity of life in the region is a product of varied topography and a multitude of ecological niches that these native species call home. WildEarth Guardians works to protect the vast spectrum of native species because they have an inherent right to exist, and because we, like most people, value

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wildlife, wildlands, and naturally functioning systems. With ecological function and biodiversity come amenities such as clean water, clean air, and natural landscapes to watch wildlife. From common species such as the coyote to rare creatures such as the black-footed ferret and lesser prairie chicken, the fauna and flora of the West form the very threads in the vibrant tapestry of life. We work to preserve that tapestry, rather than let it unravel.

2015 specific accomplishments:

--In response to Guardians' petitions, litigation, and our groundbreaking settlement, 10 terrestrial and four marine species received much-needed Endangered Species Act protections.

--We are keeping lynx safer in Montana by reining in cruel trapping in a settlement with the state that significantly restricts the types of traps and lures that can be used in lynx habitat and requires traps be checked more frequently

--We won a decisive victory in the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals against the federal wildlife-killing program, Wildlife Services, that makes clear we and our allies can hold the program accountable for its cruel and destructive, taxpayer-funded activities.

--Wolves are much safer thanks to a big win in our challenge to Wildlife Services' wolf-killing activities in Washington state, with the court agreeing Wildlife Services failed to analyze the broad impacts of killing wolves and ordered the killing stopped.

2015 expenses = \$386,322

Climate and Energy Program:

Our vision is simple - a future 100 percent powered by renewable energy by

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2035. To get there, the goal of our Climate and Energy program is reform that prioritizes energy efficiency and conservation, phases out fossil fuels, and embraces environmentally appropriate clean power sources. The tragedy of the Gulf oil spill was a disturbing reminder of just how much we stand to lose by relying on fossil fuels. That's why WildEarth Guardians' goal has been and continues to be simple: To help clean energy take root by exposing the true cost of fossil fuels.

2015 specific accomplishments:

--We secured a historic moratorium on public lands coal leasing, keeping 1.4 billion tons of coal in the ground and preventing the equivalent of 50 percent of all U.S. carbon pollution from being released.

--We scored major victories in federal court, overturning mining approvals in Colorado and Montana, and building momentum toward bigger reforms.

--We built unprecedented momentum to keep our fossil fuels the ground, playing a pivotal role in launching a successful grassroots movement to confront the Obama administration's plans to auction public lands for fracking in the American West.

--We kept the pressure on utilities in the American West to shutter coal-fired power plants and move beyond coal.

--We protected the Greater Chaco region from fracking, thwarting plans by industry to lease 3,000 acres and launching a campaign to put the brakes on new fracking permits.

2015 expenses = \$302,363

Wild Rivers:

We envision free-flowing rivers with sufficient flows of high enough water quality to sustain native fish and wildlife. We also envision rivers with

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healthy native streamside vegetation, with healthy riverside bosques of cottonwoods and willows. We advocate for a river's endangered fish and wildlife not only because we believe each species has an intrinsic right to exist but also because endangered species can be a surrogate for the needs of the river itself. We aspire for a day in the future when all human communities embrace a stewardship ethic that ensures that we have healthy, living river ecosystems as a foundation of our communities.

We employ a diverse set of strategies to implement our vision, including federal and state litigation, lobbying, restoration, and economic incentives. Untying the Gordian knot that is western water is a complex and complicated endeavor. Sometimes collaborative solutions engaging traditional western water users are necessary, while other times a proverbial stick of dynamite, with legal strategies is the only path to reform archaic institutions unwilling to change.

2015 specific accomplishments:

--We secured new hope to protect and restore the once-dynamic flows of the Rio Grande when a federal court in September rejected the Army Corps of Engineers' attempt to skirt its duty to protect the river and gave our lawsuit the go-ahead.

--We safeguarded the right to roam of the Rio Grande—one of the last crown jewels available to the Rio Grande silvery minnow and Southwestern willow flycatcher—by challenging the Corps' plan to build 43 miles of levees near Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge.

--We worked with environmental and recreational boating communities in northern New Mexico to seek congressional funding for a study of flows in the Rio Grande—from the Colorado state line to Velarde—necessary to sustain

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the scenic, recreational, fishery, and cultural values of one of America's first wild and scenic rivers.

2015 expenses = \$100,211

Other programs:

Publications and Outreach: 2015 expenses = \$206,063

Events: 2015 expenses = \$20,512

Lobbying: 2015 expenses = \$6,298

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

Approximately a week prior to filing the Form 990, a draft in PDF format is sent to all Board members along with an email calling their attention to portions of the forms. Comments and corrections are strongly encouraged.

In addition, the Associate Director and Accountant discuss the entire draft form with the preparer in advance of filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

In addition to requiring Board members, staff and regular contractors to proactively notify the full Board of any conflicts, all Board members, staff, and regular contractors must sign a annual form which a) affirms that they have received a copy of the policy; b) read and understood it; c) agreed to comply with the policy; d) understood that WildEarth Guardians is a charitable organization and must engage in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes; and e) list all relationships with WildEarth Guardians' vendors, service recipients, funders, employees and contractors. All potential conflicts are reviewed by the Board of Directors without the presence of the interested party.

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Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The Board of Directors reviews and approves the Executive Director's annual salary, with no participation by the Executive Director or other interested persons.

The Executive Director's salary is established using comparable data for similarly qualified persons in functionally comparable positions at similar nonprofits; consideration of roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director; and cost of living data. Comparable market data is obtained from salary surveys and Form 990s filed by comparable not-for-profit organizations.

Discussions and decisions regarding the compensation are documented in Executive Committee meeting minutes.

The Executive Director also receives reimbursements for routine, reasonable, and documented expenses incurred during the year under an accountable plan. The Executive Director travels throughout our service area. The Organization has a travel policy that caps reimbursement levels and requires low-budget travel.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

A line item budget is approved by the Board of Directors annually. The Board approves the overall salaries and benefits expenses. Discussions and decisions regarding the budget are documented in Board meeting minutes.

The Executive Director reviews and approves the salaries of other officers or key employees, with no participation by the interested persons, in accordance with the annual budget approved by the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director establishes salaries using comparable data for

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similarly qualified persons in functionally comparable positions at similar nonprofits; consideration of roles and responsibilities of the officer or key employee; and cost of living data. Comparable market data is obtained from salary surveys and Form 990s filed by comparable not-for-profit organizations.

Carol Norton is listed as an officer due to Form 990 definitions as the senior financial staff person; she is not an officer under state law.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

We consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g - Other Fees for Services

Description

| | Program Service | Mgt & General | Fundraising |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| River restoration services | \$ 164,504 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Other contract services | \$ 83,485 | \$ 1,387 | \$ 10,750 |
| Mapping | \$ 19,817 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Professional services | \$ 28,137 | \$ 6,547 | \$ 32 |
| Website development services | \$ 94,087 | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |

Form 990, Part XI, Line 9 - Other Changes in Net Assets Explanation

Rental expenses netted with revenue \$ 8,675

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Rental expenses netted with revenue

\$ -8,675

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Form **990-T**

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

OMB No. 1545-0687

2015

For calendar year 2015 or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

Information about Form 990-T and its instructions is available at www.irs.gov/form990t.

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Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

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| | | |
|---|--|--|
| <p>A <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed</p> <p>B Exempt under section</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 529(a)</p> <p>C Book value of all assets at end of year 2,459,005</p> | <p>Name of organization (<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.) WildEarth Guardians</p> <p>Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 516 Alto St</p> <p>City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Santa Fe NM 87501-2627</p> <p>F Group exemption number (See instructions.)</p> <p>G Check organization type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) corporation <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) trust <input type="checkbox"/> 401(a) trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other trust</p> | <p>D Employer identification number (Employees' trust, see instructions.) 85-0406306</p> <p>E Unrelated business activity codes (See instructions.) 531110</p> |
|---|--|--|

H Describe the organization's primary unrelated business activity.
Rental real estate

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

J The books are in care of **John C. Horning, Exec Dir** Telephone number **505-988-9126**

| Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income | | (A) Income | (B) Expenses | (C) Net |
|---|--|------------|--------------|---------|
| 1a | Gross receipts or sales | | | |
| b | Less returns and allowances | | | |
| | c Balance | 1c | | |
| 2 | Cost of goods sold (Schedule A, line 7) | 2 | | |
| 3 | Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c | 3 | | |
| 4a | Capital gain net income (attach Schedule D) | 4a | | |
| b | Net gain (loss) (Form 4797, Part II, line 17) (attach Form 4797) | 4b | | |
| c | Capital loss deduction for trusts | 4c | | |
| 5 | Income (loss) from partnerships and S corporations (attach statement) | 5 | | |
| 6 | Rent income (Schedule C) | 6 | | |
| 7 | Unrelated debt-financed income (Schedule E) | 7 | 3,934 | 6,208 |
| 8 | Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from controlled organizations (Schedule F) | 8 | | -2,274 |
| 9 | Investment income of a section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organization (Schedule G) | 9 | | |
| 10 | Exploited exempt activity income (Schedule I) | 10 | | |
| 11 | Advertising income (Schedule J) | 11 | | |
| 12 | Other income (See instructions; attach schedule) | 12 | | |
| 13 | Total. Combine lines 3 through 12 | 13 | 3,934 | 6,208 |
| | | | | -2,274 |

| Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere (See instructions for limitations on deductions.) (Except for contributions, deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income.) | | | | |
|--|---|------------|-------|--------------|
| 14 | Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Schedule K) | 14 | | |
| 15 | Salaries and wages | 15 | | |
| 16 | Repairs and maintenance | 16 | | |
| 17 | Bad debts | 17 | | |
| 18 | Interest (attach schedule) | 18 | | |
| 19 | Taxes and licenses | 19 | | |
| 20 | Charitable contributions (See instructions for limitation rules) | 20 | | |
| 21 | Depreciation (attach Form 4562) | 21 | 1,450 | |
| 22 | Less depreciation claimed on Schedule A and elsewhere on return | 22a | 1,450 | 22b 0 |
| 23 | Depletion | 23 | | |
| 24 | Contributions to deferred compensation plans | 24 | | |
| 25 | Employee benefit programs | 25 | | |
| 26 | Excess exempt expenses (Schedule I) | 26 | | |
| 27 | Excess readership costs (Schedule J) | 27 | | |
| 28 | Other deductions (attach schedule) | 28 | | |
| 29 | Total deductions. Add lines 14 through 28 | 29 | | |
| 30 | Unrelated business taxable income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 29 from line 13 | 30 | | -2,274 |
| 31 | Net operating loss deduction (limited to the amount on line 30) | 31 | | |
| 32 | Unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction. Subtract line 31 from line 30 | 32 | | -2,274 |
| 33 | Specific deduction (Generally \$1,000, but see line 33 instructions for exceptions) | 33 | | 1,000 |
| 34 | Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 33 from line 32. If line 33 is greater than line 32, enter the smaller of zero or line 32 | 34 | | -2,274 |

Part III Tax Computation

35 Organizations Taxable as Corporations. See instructions for tax computation. Controlled group members (sections 1561 and 1563) check here See instructions and:

a Enter your share of the \$50,000, \$25,000, and \$9,925,000 taxable income brackets (in that order):
(1) \$ _____ **(2)** \$ _____ **(3)** \$ _____

b Enter organization's share of: **(1)** Additional 5% tax (not more than \$11,750) \$ _____
(2) Additional 3% tax (not more than \$100,000) \$ _____

c Income tax on the amount on line 34 **35c**

36 Trusts Taxable at Trust Rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on line 34 from: Tax rate schedule or Schedule D (Form 1041) **36**

37 Proxy tax. See instructions **37**

38 Alternative minimum tax **38**

39 Total. Add lines 37 and 38 to line 35c or 36, whichever applies **39**

Part IV Tax and Payments

40a Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116) **40a**

b Other credits (see instructions) **40b**

c General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions) **40c**

d Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827) **40d**

e Total credits. Add lines 40a through 40d **40e**

41 Subtract line 40e from line 39 **41**

42 Other taxes. Check if from: Form 4255 Form 8611 Form 8697 Form 8866 Other (att. sch.) **42**

43 Total tax. Add lines 41 and 42 **43** **0**

44a Payments: A 2014 overpayment credited to 2015 **44a**

b 2015 estimated tax payments **44b**

c Tax deposited with Form 8868 **44c**

d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions) **44d**

e Backup withholding (see instructions) **44e**

f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (Attach Form 8941) **44f**

g Other credits and payments: Form 2439 Form 4136 Other _____ Total **44g**

45 Total payments. Add lines 44a through 44g **45**

46 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached **46**

47 Tax due. If line 45 is less than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount owed **47**

48 Overpayment. If line 45 is larger than the total of lines 43 and 46, enter amount overpaid **48**

49 Enter the amount of line 48 you want: **Credited to 2016 estimated tax** **Refunded** **49**

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

1 At any time during the 2015 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If YES, the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If YES, enter the name of the foreign country here **Yes** **No** **X**

2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If YES, see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file. **Yes** **No** **X**

3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$ _____ **Yes** **No**

Schedule A - Cost of Goods Sold. Enter method of inventory valuation

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

Sign Here

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

Signature of officer: _____ Date: _____ Title: **Executive Director**

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

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name: **Ken Roth** Preparer's signature: _____ Date: **05/06/16** Check if self-employed PTIN: **P01389203**

Firm's name: **Taylor Roth and Company** Firm's EIN: _____
 Firm's address: **800 Grant St Ste 205 Denver, CO 80203-2944** Phone no.: **303-830-8109**

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

(see instructions)

1. Description of property

(1) **N/A**

(2)
(3)
(4)

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2. Rent received or accrued

| | | |
|--|--|--|
| <p>(a) From personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property is more than 10% but not more than 50%)</p> | <p>(b) From real and personal property (if the percentage of rent for personal property exceeds 50% or if the rent is based on profit or income)</p> | <p>3(a) Deductions directly connected with the income in columns 2(a) and 2(b) (attach schedule)</p> |
|--|--|--|

| | | |
|-----|--|--|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |

Total Total (b) Total deductions. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 6, column (B)

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

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

| 1. Description of debt-financed property | 2. Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property | 3. Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property | |
|--|---|--|--|
| | | Stmt 1 (a) Straight line depreciation (attach schedule) | Stmt 2 (b) Other deductions (attach schedule) |
| (1) Rental - Montana | 5,497 | 1,450 | 7,225 |
| (2) | | | |
| (3) | | | |
| (4) | | | |

| 4. Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule) | 5. Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property (attach schedule) | 6. Column 4 divided by column 5 | 7. Gross income reportable (column 2 x column 6) | 8. Allocable deductions (column 6 x total of columns 3(a) and 3(b)) |
|---|---|---------------------------------|--|---|
| (1) 302,758 | 423,109 | 71.56 % | 3,934 | 6,208 |
| (2) | | % | | |
| (3) | | % | | |
| (4) | | % | | |

See Statement 3 See Statement 4

Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (A). **3,934**
Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 7, column (B). **6,208**

Totals

Total dividends-received deductions included in column 8

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

| 1. Name of controlled organization | 2. Employer identification number | Exempt Controlled Organizations | | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| | | 3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions) | 4. Total of specified payments made | 5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross inc. | 6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5 |
| (1) N/A | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | |

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

| 7. Taxable Income | 8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions) | 9. Total of specified payments made | 10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income | 11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10 |
|-------------------|---|-------------------------------------|--|--|
| (1) | | | | |
| (2) | | | | |
| (3) | | | | |
| (4) | | | | |

Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (A).
Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 8, column (B).

Totals

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

| 1. Description of income | 2. Amount of income | 3. Deductions directly connected (attach schedule) | 4. Set-asides (attach schedule) | 5. Total deductions and set-asides (col. 3 plus col.4) |
|--------------------------|---------------------|---|---------------------------------|--|
| (1) N/A | | | | |
| (2) | | | | |
| (3) | | | | |
| (4) | | | | |
| Totals | | Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (A). | | Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 9, column (B). |

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

| 1. Description of exploited activity | 2. Gross unrelated business income from trade or business | 3. Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income | 4. Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business (column 2 minus column 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7. | 5. Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income | 6. Expenses attributable to column 5 | 7. Excess exempt expenses (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4). |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---|--------------------------------------|--|
| (1) N/A | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | |
| Totals | | Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col. (A). | Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 10, col. (B). | | | Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 26. |

Schedule J – Advertising Income (see instructions)

Part I Income From Periodicals Reported on a Consolidated Basis

| 1. Name of periodical | 2. Gross advertising income | 3. Direct advertising costs | 4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7. | 5. Circulation income | 6. Readership costs | 7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4). |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| (1) N/A | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | |
| Totals (carry to Part II, line (5)) . . . | | | | | | |

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

| 1. Name of periodical | 2. Gross advertising income | 3. Direct advertising costs | 4. Advertising gain or (loss) (col. 2 minus col. 3). If a gain, compute cols. 5 through 7. | 5. Circulation income | 6. Readership costs | 7. Excess readership costs (column 6 minus column 5, but not more than column 4). |
|--|-----------------------------|--|--|-----------------------|---------------------|---|
| (1) N/A | | | | | | |
| (2) | | | | | | |
| (3) | | | | | | |
| (4) | | | | | | |
| Totals from Part I | | | | | | |
| Totals, Part II (lines 1-5) | | Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (A). | Enter here and on page 1, Part I, line 11, col. (B). | | | Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 27. |

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

| 1. Name | 2. Title | 3. Percent of time devoted to business | 4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business |
|----------------|----------|--|--|
| (1) N/A | | % | |
| (2) | | % | |
| (3) | | % | |
| (4) | | % | |

Total. Enter here and on page 1, Part II, line 14

Federal Statements**Statement 1 - Form 990-T, Schedule E, Column 3a - Straight Line Depreciation**

| Description | Deduction |
|---|-----------|
| Rental - Montana Depreciation on both properties | 1,450 |
| Total | 1,450 |

Statement 2 - Form 990-T, Schedule E, Column 3b - Other Deductions

| Description | Deduction |
|------------------------------|-----------|
| Rental - Montana Interest | 5,366 |
| Insurance | 1,400 |
| Utilities | 459 |
| Total | 7,225 |

Statement 3 - Form 990-T, Schedule E, Column 4 - Average Acquisition Debt

| Description | Deduction |
|---|----------------|
| Rental - Montana Sum of Debt Outstanding at First of Each Month Divided by Total Number of Months Property Held | 1,211,033 4 |
| Average Acquisition Debt | 302,758 |

Statement 4 - Form 990-T, Schedule E, Column 5 - Average Adjusted Basis

| Description | Deduction |
|---|--------------------|
| Rental - Montana Adjusted Basis on First Day Property Was Held Adjusted Basis on Last Day Property Was Held | 423,834 422,383 |
| Divided by 2 | 846,217 2 |
| Average Adjusted Basis | 423,109 |