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Form **990-EZ**

**Short Form  
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

**2008**

**Open to Public  
Inspection**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$1,000,000 and total assets less than \$2,500,000 at the end of the year may use this form.  
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements

**A For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning** 7/01/08, **and ending** 6/30/09

<b>B</b> Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	<b>C Name of organization</b> SONORAN DESERT FOUNDATION		<b>D Employer identification number</b> 20-2766744
		Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 400 E. VAN BUREN ST.	<b>E Telephone number</b> 602-382-6538	
		City or town state or country and ZIP + 4 PHOENIX AZ 85353	<b>F Group Exemption Number</b> ▶	

• **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**

**G Accounting method**  Cash  Accrual  
Other (specify) ▶

**I Website:** ▶ N/A

**H Check**  if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

**J Organization type** (check only one) —  501(c) ( 3 ) ◀ (insert no )  4947(a)(1) or  527

**K Check**  if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

**L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$1,000,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ** ▶ \$ 1,125

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions for Part I)**

Revenue JUL 08 2010 SCANNED Expenses	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	<b>1</b>	1,125
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Investment income	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) (attach sch )	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G) If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	<b>a</b> Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	<b>6b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	<b>6c</b>	
	<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>7a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less cost of goods sold	<b>7b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	<b>7c</b>	
	<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe ▶ _____ )	<b>8</b>	
	<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	<b>9</b>	1,125
	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	<b>10</b>	
<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members	<b>11</b>		
<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	<b>12</b>		
<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	<b>13</b>	1,105	
<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	<b>14</b>	504	
<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	<b>15</b>		
<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe ▶ <u>SEE STATEMENT 1</u> )	<b>16</b>	10	
<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16	<b>17</b>	1,619	
<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	<b>18</b>	-494	
<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	<b>19</b>	1,197	
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	<b>20</b>		
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	<b>21</b>	703	

**Part II Balance Sheets.** If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$2,500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ

(See the instructions for Part II)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
<b>22</b> Cash, savings, and investments		43	53
<b>23</b> Land and buildings		1,154	650
<b>24</b> Other assets (describe ▶ _____ )			
<b>25 Total assets</b>		1,197	703
<b>26 Total liabilities</b> (describe ▶ _____ )		0	0
<b>27 Net assets or fund balances</b> (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)		1,197	703

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part VI)

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34	Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35	If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T		
a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instr		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return?		X
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911, section 4912, section 4955		
b	Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
c	Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d	Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		X
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed AZ		
42a	The books are in care of THE ORGANIZATION Telephone no 400 E. VAN BUREN ST Located at PHOENIX, AZ ZIP + 4 85353		
b	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		X
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		X
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year		<input type="checkbox"/>
44	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X
45	Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		X

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 46-49 and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 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
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II		X
48 Is the organization operating a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?		X
49b If "Yes," was the related organization(s) a section 527 organization?		

50 Complete this table for the five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

51 Complete this table for the five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

**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 officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

X *Ronald Matheny* Signature of officer X 5/13/10 Date

X *Chairman* Type or print name and title

**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: *Howard M. Zipser* Date: *5/13/10* Check if self-employed:  Preparer's Identifying Number (See instr.): P00280583

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: HOWARD M. ZIPSER, P.C. 10920 N. TATUM BLVD. #100 PHOENIX, AZ 85028

EIN: 86-0637775 Phone no: 602-263-5524

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



**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)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants")		78,619	90,000	36,500	1,125	206,244
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1-3		78,619	90,000	36,500	1,125	206,244
<b>5</b> The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4						206,244

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4		78,619	90,000	36,500	1,125	206,244
<b>8</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources		4	17	30		51
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>10</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						206,295

**12** Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) 12

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

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	99.9753 %
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	<b>15</b>	99.9875 %

- 16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008.** 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—2007.** 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—2008.** 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ▶
- b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2007.** 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 IV 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)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1-5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</b> Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
<b>13 Total support.</b> (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**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	<b>18</b>	%

**19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008.** 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—2007.** 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

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**Part IV** . **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information (see instructions)

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

▶ See separate instructions ▶ Attach to your tax return.

Name(s) shown on return **SONORAN DESERT FOUNDATION** Identifying number **20-2766744**

Business or activity to which this form relates  
**INDIRECT DEPRECIATION**

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

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

1	Maximum amount See the instructions for a higher limit for certain businesses	1	250,000
2	Total cost of section 179 property placed in service (see instructions)	2	
3	Threshold cost of section 179 property before reduction in limitation (see instructions)	3	800,000
4	Reduction in limitation Subtract line 3 from line 2 If zero or less, enter -0-	4	
5	Dollar limitation for tax year Subtract line 4 from line 1 If zero or less, enter -0- If married filing separately, see instructions	5	

(a) Description of property		(b) Cost (business use only)	(c) Elected cost
6			
7	Listed property Enter the amount from line 29	7	
8	Total elected cost of section 179 property Add amounts in column (c), lines 6 and 7	8	
9	Tentative deduction Enter the smaller of line 5 or line 8	9	
10	Carryover of disallowed deduction from line 13 of your 2007 Form 4562	10	
11	Business income limitation Enter the smaller of business income (not less than zero) or line 5 (see instructions)	11	
12	Section 179 expense deduction Add lines 9 and 10, but do not enter more than line 11	12	
13	Carryover of disallowed deduction to 2009 Add lines 9 and 10, less line 12	▶ 13	

**Note:** Do not use Part II or Part III below for listed property Instead, use Part V

**Part II Special Depreciation Allowance and Other Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions)**

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

**Part III MACRS Depreciation (Do not include listed property) (See instructions.)**

**Section A**

17	MACRS deductions for assets placed in service in tax years beginning before 2008	17	0
18	If you are electing to group any assets placed in service during the tax year into one or more general asset accounts, check here	▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	

**Section B—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the General Depreciation System**

(a) Classification of property	(b) Month and year placed in service	(c) Basis for depreciation (business/investment use only—see instructions)	(d) Recovery period	(e) Convention	(f) Method	(g) Depreciation deduction
19a 3-year property						
b 5-year property						
c 7-year property						
d 10-year property						
e 15-year property						
f 20-year property						
g 25-year property			25 yrs		S/L	
h Residential rental property			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
			27 5 yrs	MM	S/L	
i Nonresidential real property			39 yrs	MM	S/L	
				MM	S/L	

**Section C—Assets Placed in Service During 2008 Tax Year Using the Alternative Depreciation System**

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

**Part IV Summary (See instructions)**

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see separate instructions.

Part V Listed Property (Include automobiles, certain other vehicles, cellular telephones, certain computers, and property used for entertainment, recreation, or amusement)

Note: For any vehicle for which you are using the standard mileage rate or deducting lease expense, complete only 24a, 24b, columns (a) through (c) of Section A, all of Section B, and Section C if applicable

Section A—Depreciation and Other Information (Caution: See the instructions for limits for passenger automobiles)

24a Do you have evidence to support the business/investment use claimed? 24b If "Yes," is the evidence written? 25 Special depreciation allowance for qualified listed property placed in service during the tax year and used more than 50% in a qualified business use (see instructions) 26 Property used more than 50% in a qualified business use 27 Property used 50% or less in a qualified business use 28 Add amounts in column (h), lines 25 through 27 Enter here and on line 21, page 1 29 Add amounts in column (i), line 26 Enter here and on line 7, page 1

Section B—Information on Use of Vehicles

Complete this section for vehicles used by a sole proprietor, partner, or other "more than 5% owner," or related person If you provided vehicles to your employees, first answer the questions in Section C to see if you meet an exception to completing this section for those vehicles

30 Total business/investment miles driven during the year (do not include commuting miles) 31 Total commuting miles driven during the year 32 Total other personal (noncommuting) miles driven 33 Total miles driven during the year Add lines 30 through 32 34 Was the vehicle available for personal use during off-duty hours? 35 Was the vehicle used primarily by a more than 5% owner or related person? 36 Is another vehicle available for personal use?

Section C—Questions for Employers Who Provide Vehicles for Use by Their Employees

Answer these questions to determine if you meet an exception to completing Section B for vehicles used by employees who are not more than 5% owners or related persons (see instructions)

37 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits all personal use of vehicles, including commuting, by your employees? 38 Do you maintain a written policy statement that prohibits personal use of vehicles, except commuting, by your employees? See the instructions for vehicles used by corporate officers, directors, or 1% or more owners 39 Do you treat all use of vehicles by employees as personal use? 40 Do you provide more than five vehicles to your employees, obtain information from your employees about the use of the vehicles, and retain the information received? 41 Do you meet the requirements concerning qualified automobile demonstration use? (See instructions) Note: If your answer to 37, 38, 39, 40, or 41 is "Yes," do not complete Section B for the covered vehicles

Part VI Amortization

(a) Description of costs (b) Date amortization begins (c) Amortizable amount (d) Code section (e) Amortization period or percentage (f) Amortization for this year 42 Amortization of costs that begins during your 2008 tax year (see instructions) 43 Amortization of costs that began before your 2008 tax year 44 Total. Add amounts in column (f) See the instructions for where to report

**Statement 1 - Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16 - Other Expenses**

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
EXPENSES	\$
LICENSES & FEES	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 10</u>

**Statement 2 - Form 990-EZ, Part III - Organization's Primary Exempt Purpose**

Description

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TO PLAN, FUND, AND OPERATE THE SONORAN DESERT CENTER  
SERVING TO EDUCATE VISITORS ABOUT LIFE IN THE DESERT AND  
CONSERVATION OF PRECIOUS DESERT RESOURCES.

**Federal Asset Report**

**Form 990, Page 1**

Asset	Description	Date In Service	Cost	Bus %	Sec 179 Bonus	Basis for Depr	PerConv Meth	Prior	Current
<b>Amortization:</b>									
	1 ORGANIZATION COSTS	7/01/05	2,524			2,524	5 MOAmort	1,371	504
			<u>2,524</u>			<u>2,524</u>		<u>1,371</u>	<u>504</u>
	<b>Grand Totals</b>		2,524			2,524		1,371	504
	<b>Less: Dispositions</b>		0			0		0	0
	<b>Less: Start-up/Org Expense</b>		0			0		0	0
	<b>Net Grand Totals</b>		<u>2,524</u>			<u>2,524</u>		<u>1,371</u>	<u>504</u>

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20-2766744

FYE: 6/30/2009

## Federal Statements

### Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 23 - Land and Buildings

Description	Beginning of Year	Accumulated Depreciation	End of Year	Accumulated Depreciation
ORGANIZATION COSTS	\$ 2,524	\$ 1,370	\$ 2,524	\$ 1,874
TOTAL	\$ 2,524	\$ 1,370	\$ 2,524	\$ 1,874

# Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

► File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an Automatic 3-Month Extension, complete only Part I and check this box
  - If you are filing for an Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868**

### Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns

**Electronic Filing (e-file).** Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868 For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit [www.irs.gov/efile](http://www.irs.gov/efile) and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization	Employer identification number
	SONORAN DESERT FOUNDATION	20-2766744
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions	
	400 E. VAN BUREN ST.	
File by the due date for filing your return See instructions	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions	
	PHOENIX, AZ 85353	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870

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Telephone No. ► 602-263-5524 FAX No. ► 602-277-6178

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until 02/15, 2010 to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:

- calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or
- tax year beginning 07/01, 2008, and ending 06/30, 2009

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason:  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

3a	If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	0
b	If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit	3b	\$	0
c	Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System) See instructions.	3c	\$	0

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box 
  - Note Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868
- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1)

**Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. Only file the original (no copies needed)**

Type or print  File by the extension due date to filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization SONOPAN DESERT FOUNDATION	Employer identification number 20-276616
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions 400 W. ANNEBURN ST.	For IRS use only
	City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions PHOENIX, AZ 85003	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870
<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227	

**STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

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 Telephone No  602-377-5632 FAX No  602-277-6177

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) \_\_\_\_\_ If this is for the whole group, check this box  If it is for part of the group, check this box  and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for

4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until 12/31/2010

5 For calendar year \_\_\_\_\_ or other tax year beginning 1/1/08 and ending 12/31/08

6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason  Initial return  Final return  Change in accounting period

7 State in detail why you need the extension: SONOPAN DESERT FOUNDATION IS A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION AND WE ARE CURRENTLY UNDERGOING A REORGANIZATION OF OUR FINANCIAL RECORDS. WE ARE CURRENTLY IN NEGOTIATIONS TO FILE A VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY REORGANIZATION.

8a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a \$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b \$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c \$

**Signature and Verification**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this form, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete, and that I am authorized to prepare this form.

Signature  [Handwritten Signature] Title  \_\_\_\_\_ Date  2/1/10