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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.

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2009

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ See separate instructions.

Name of the organization

THE MULE DEER FOUNDATION

Employer identification number

68-0163253

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.)
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 [X] 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
a Type I b Type II c Type III-Functionally integrated d Type III-Other

e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box.

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

Table with 2 columns: Question (i), (ii), (iii) and 2 columns: Yes, No. Row 1: (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? Yes No X. Row 2: (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? Yes No X. Row 3: (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? Yes No X.

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

Table with 7 columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?, (v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?, (vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S., (vii) Amount of support. Sub-columns for Yes/No for (iv), (v), and (vi).

Total

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

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) 2005 | (b) 2006 | (c) 2007 | (d) 2008 | (e) 2009 | (f) Total |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.") | 246551 | 454410 | 652103 | 395996 | 321112 | 2070172 |
| 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. | 246551 | 454410 | 652103 | 395996 | 321112 | 2070172 |
| 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) | | | | | | |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 2070172 |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2005 | (b) 2006 | (c) 2007 | (d) 2008 | (e) 2009 | (f) Total |
|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4 | 246551 | 454410 | 652103 | 395996 | 321112 | 2070172 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 4077 | 13675 | 79038 | 52037 | 3433 | 152260 |
| 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 IV) | | | | | | |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 2222432 |
| 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

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|---|----|---------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 93.15 % |
| 15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | % |

16a **33 1/3 % support test -- 2009.** 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 -- 2008.** 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 -- 2009.** 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 -- 2008.** 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