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Form

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2009, and ending December 31, 2009

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization **THE MONTANA LAND RELIANCE**
 Doing Business As **Montana Land Reliance**
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. Box 355
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Helena, MT 59624-0355

D Employer identification number
81 0369262

E Telephone number
(406) 443-7027

G Gross receipts \$ **407,948**

F Name and address of principal officer: **Lois Delger-DeMars**
"same as C above"

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No
 If "No," attach a list (see instructions)
H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

J Website: ▶ **www.mtlandreliance.org**

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: **1978** **M** State of legal domicile: **MT**

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **The mission of The Montana Land Reliance is to provide permanent protection for private lands that are ecologically significant for agricultural production, fish and wildlife habitat, and open space.**

2 Check this box ☐ 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**

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4**

5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) **28**

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **0**

7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 **0**

7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 **0**

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	1,620,605	1,751,492
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	135	99
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	811,264	204,682
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-8,333	28,019
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,423,671	1,984,292
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
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)	1,001,136	1,077,444
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 106,276		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24f)	1,023,003	563,611
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2,024,139	1,641,055
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	399,532	343,237
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 13,134,300	End of Year 13,462,704
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	62,946	48,113
22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	13,071,354	13,414,591

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 **George S. Olsen** Sec-Treas **9/1/10**
 Signature of officer Date

George S. Olsen, Secretary-Treasurer
 Type or print name and title

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Preparer's signature: _____ Date: _____ Check if self-employed ☐ Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): _____

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: _____ EIN: _____ Phone no: () _____

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

- 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
The mission of The Montana Land Reliance is to provide permanent protection for private lands that are ecologically significant for agricultural production, fish and wildlife habitat, and open space.
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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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 452,452 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

New Land Projects:

MLR worked directly with over 50 landowners in 2009 to permanently protect their private lands for continued agricultural production, open space, and natural habitat. A total of 19 of these landowners donated conservation easements to MLR in 2009 that protected over 10,700 acres that included 2,880 acres of crop/hay/pasture lands; over 7,800 acres of range/timber lands; nearly 41 miles of stream/river frontage; over 6,800 acres of prime elk habitat; and over 470 acres of wetlands. Sixty-eight percent (68%) of the easements completed in 2009 were adjacent to or within five miles of other lands permanently protected by conservation easements. For a list of specific projects and expenses related to each, please see Schedule O.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 293,205 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

Stewardship & Monitoring:

MLR stewardship staff (consisting of the lands manager and 13 active land stewards) monitors each conservation easement held by MLR on an annual basis. This monitoring includes a visit to the subject property and discussions with all the landowners. The lands manager and land stewards also work with existing easement donors to supply natural resource information and contacts for the landowner to improve their land holdings in any way requested. Stewardship staff further works with legal counsel in regard to any potential issues that arise on any conservation easement held by MLR. Total expenditures for stewardship and monitoring activities include: salaries/benefits - 243,641; printing - 366; rent - 2,482; equipment - 6,426; insurance/licensing - 206; telephone - 3,025; contract - 1,853; legal - 10,271; postage/supplies - 4,927; travel/per diem - 20,008.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 398,662 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 99)

Outreach & Education:

MLR staff travel across the state of Montana conducting meetings with potential clients, county planning boards, county commissioners, various agricultural/trade groups/organizations, and other community groups to provide answers to their questions and conduct general educational activities focused on the benefits of conservation easements. For these outreach activities, MLR publishes various brochures and an annual report to provide information. Additionally, staff participates with numerous conservation groups to educate the general public about the land trust community's conservation efforts. Specific expenditures include: general outreach/education - 326,243; brochures - 1,395; annual report - 24,720; conservation organizations (local, state, national) - 25,366; newsletter - 10,346; agricultural outreach/education - 8,554; legislative education/outreach - 2,038.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)
 (Expenses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e **Total program service expenses** 1,144,319

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	☒	☐
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	☒	☐
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	☐	☒
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	☒	☐
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	☐	☐
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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	☐	☒
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	☒	☐
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	☐	☒
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, 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	☐	☒
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	☒	☐
11 Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	☒	☐
• Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.	☐	☐
• 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.	☐	☐
• 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.	☐	☐
• 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.	☐	☐
• Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	☐	☐
• 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.	☐	☐
12 Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	☐	☒
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.	☒	☐
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	☐	☒
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	☐	☒
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I	☐	☒
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II.	☐	☒
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III	☐	☒
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	☐	☒
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	☒	☐
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.	☐	☒
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	☐	☒

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>	21	✓
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III.</i>	22	✓
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J.</i>	23	✓
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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25.</i>	24a	✓
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b	✓
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?	24c	✓
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d	✓
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>	25a	✓
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>	25b	✓
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>	26	✓
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III.</i>	27	✓
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28a	✓
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28b	✓
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization (or a family member) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>	28c	✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	29	✓
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>	30	✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>	31	✓
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>	32	✓
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>	33	✓
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.</i>	34	✓
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>	35	✓
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>	36	✓
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>	37	✓
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	✓

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable	1a 5	
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b 0	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c ✓	
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	2a 28	
b	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 this return. (see instructions)	2b ✓	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
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)?	4a	✓
b	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.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
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?	6a	✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	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?	7a ✓	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b ✓	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g ✓	
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	✓
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8	
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b	

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.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	1a 8	
b Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b 8	
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?	2	✓
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?	3	✓
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	✓
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	✓
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	✓
7a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	✓
b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	✓
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a ✓	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b ✓	
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	9a	✓

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

	Yes	No
10a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	✓
b If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?	10b	
11 Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11 ✓	
11A Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a ✓	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b ✓	
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	12c ✓	
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	✓
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14 ✓	
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	15a ✓	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b ✓	
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?	16a	✓
b If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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 ► N/A

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.

20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► Lois Delger-DeMars, Montana Land Reliance, 324 Fuller Ave., Helena, MT 59601. (406) 443-7027

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

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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- 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. 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 the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

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Part VII	Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees <i>(continued)</i>
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2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in reportable compensation from the organization ► N/A

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		✓
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>		✓
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		✓

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.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
N/A		
2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization ► 0		

Part VIII Statement of Revenue				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a	0				
	b	Membership dues	1b	0				
	c	Fundraising events	1c	18,615				
	d	Related organizations	1d	0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,732,877				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		191,849				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,751,492				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Publications	Business Code	813312	99	0	0	0
	b				0	0	0	0
	c				0	0	0	0
	d				0	0	0	0
	e				0	0	0	0
	f	All other program service revenue			0	0	0	0
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f			99			
	Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		528,332	0	0	0
4		Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0	0	0	0	
5		Royalties		0	0	0	0	
6a		Gross Rents	(i) Real	0				
		b Less: rental expenses	(ii) Personal	0				
		c Rental income or (loss)		0				
d		Net rental income or (loss)		0	0	0	0	
7a		Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	2,013,259				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	(ii) Other	0				
		c Gain or (loss)		(2,336,909)	0			
		d Net gain or (loss)		(323,650)	0	0	0	
8a		Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 18,615 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	83,350				
		b Less: direct expenses	b	(55,331)				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		28,019	0	0	0	
9a		Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a	0				
		b Less: direct expenses	b	0				
		c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		0	0	0	0	
10a		Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	0				
		b Less: cost of goods sold	b	0				
		c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
11a			0	0	0	0		
b			0	0	0	0		
c			0	0	0	0		
d	All other revenue		0	0	0	0		
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0					
12	Total revenue. See instructions.		1,984,292	0	0	0		

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

<i>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</i>	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the U.S. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0	0	0	0
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	849,337	547,303	237,921	64,113
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	91,788	64,251	22,948	4,589
9 Other employee benefits	61,000	42,701	15,250	3,049
10 Payroll taxes	75,319	52,723	18,831	3,765
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	23,793	22,995	795	3
c Accounting	13,207	9,245	3,301	661
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	9,776	7,332	2,444	0
g Other	30,329	21,230	7,582	1,517
12 Advertising and promotion	35,339	24,737	8,835	1,767
13 Office expenses	73,047	51,133	18,263	3,651
14 Information technology	926	648	232	46
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	42,502	29,751	10,626	2,125
17 Travel	113,607	79,525	28,402	5,680
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	8,505	6,379	2,126	0
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	18,219	12,753	4,373	1,093
23 Insurance	14,971	10,480	3,743	748
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Equipment/Maintenance	19,179	13,433	4,788	958
b Uncollectible Accounts	41,295	28,784	0	12,511
c Conservation Acquisitions	118,100	118,100	0	0
d Conservation Projects	816	816	0	0
e	0	0	0	0
f All other expenses 0	0	0	0	0
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,641,055	1,144,319	390,460	106,276
26 Joint costs. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	226,077	1	373,581
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	308,506	2	215,809
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	129,783	4	120,339
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	260,606		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	166,639	10c	93,967
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	11,920,783	11	12,279,271
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	502,425	12	378,000
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,818	15	1,737
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	13,134,300	16	13,462,704	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	62,946	17	48,113
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	62,946	26	48,113
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	7,883,725	27	7,650,881
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	4,805,424	28	5,291,062
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	382,205	29	472,648
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	30	0
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	31	0
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	32	0
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	13,071,354	33	13,414,591
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	13,134,300	34	13,462,704	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ 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?
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
- 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.
- d** If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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?
- 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.

	Yes	No
2a	✓	
2b	✓	
2c	✓	
3a		✓
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

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Employer identification number

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Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 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 ☐ 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?

- (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? _____
- (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? _____
- (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? _____

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

h 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 or IRC section (see instructions))	(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
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
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.)

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.")						
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						
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.						

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						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, 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						
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

14 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	%
16a 33⅓% support test—2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33⅓% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐		
b 33⅓% support test—2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33⅓% 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 ► ☐		

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) 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.")	1,671,190	1,816,546	1,750,124	1,620,605	1,751,492	8,609,957
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	45,981	3,535	23,762	(8,198)	28,118	93,198
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	1,717,171	1,820,081	1,773,886	1,612,407	1,779,610	8,703,155
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						8,703,155

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	1,717,171	1,820,081	1,773,886	1,612,407	1,779,610	8,703,155
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	489,955	707,913	845,256	811,264	204,682	3,059,070
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	489,955	707,913	845,256	811,264	204,682	3,059,070
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	2,207,126	2,527,994	2,619,142	2,423,671	1,984,292	11,762,225
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 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	74 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	75 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	26 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	27 %

- 19a 33⅓ % support tests—2009.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33⅓ %, and line 17 is not more than 33⅓ %, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► ☒
- b 33⅓ % support tests—2008.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33⅓ %, and line 18 is not more than 33⅓ %, 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 **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Part III, Line 2 -- MLR produces various publications for staff's use as outreach materials for potential new land conservation projects and for educational activities. MLR also holds an art auction that helps raise funds to support the tax-exempt functions of the organization.

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.**

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

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If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, 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," to 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," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of organization

Employer identification number

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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.

2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ 0

3 Volunteer hours 0

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 . . . ▶ \$ 0

2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 . ▶ \$ 0

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 payments were made. 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-

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.**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)		0													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		0													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,641,055													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,641,055													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		232,053													
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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)		58,013													
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	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?			☐ Yes ☐ 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 instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	226,447	215,895	251,206	232,053	925,601
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					0
c Total lobbying expenditures	36,164	27,054	3,720	0	66,938
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	56,612	53,974	62,801	58,013	231,400
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					0
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

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

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:			
a Volunteers?			
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c Media advertisements?			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i Other activities? If "Yes," describe in Part IV			
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

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

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3 Did the organization agree to carryover lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

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

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

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**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

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Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990,
Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate 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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 7.

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) ☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat ☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☒ Preservation of open space

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.

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a 734
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b 820,777
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c 0
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d 0

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ 7

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ 1

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☒ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ 7,850

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ 293,205

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)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIV, 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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) Revenues included in 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 relating to these items:

a Revenues included in 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 | d ☐ Loan or exchange programs |
| b ☐ Scholarly research | e ☐ Other |
| c ☐ Preservation for future generations | |
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIV.
- 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" to 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 XIV and complete the following table:

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? ☐ Yes ☐ No
b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V	Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.
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	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance . . .	269,371	176,638			
b Contributions	99,152	90,485			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	933	5,248			
d Grants or scholarships	0	0			
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	(4,000)	(3,000)			
f Administrative expenses	0	0			
g End of year balance	365,456	269,371			

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 0 %
b Permanent endowment ▶ 100 %
c Term endowment ▶ 0 %

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

	Yes	No
3a(i)		✓
3a(ii)		✓
3b		

- (i) unrelated organizations

- (ii) related organizations

- b** If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

- 4 Describe in Part XIV the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	55,000		55,000
b Buildings	0	0	0	0
c Leasehold improvements	0	0	0	0
d Equipment	0	205,606	166,639	38,967
e Other	0	0	0	0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) ▶				93,967

Part VII Investments—Other Securities. 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
Financial derivatives		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other		
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Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation. Cost or end-of-year market value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
Federal income taxes	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. FIN 48 Footnote. In Part XIV, 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.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	

Part XII Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	

Part XIII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

PART II, Line 3:

Of the 734 conservation easements MLR held at the end of 2009, 7 documents were modified (less than 1% of the total easements held). Five easement modifications (corrections) occurred to correct inadvertent omissions and typographical errors in the original recorded easement document. Two easements were amended to eliminate ambiguities in older easement terms to enable better monitoring of easement terms in the future.

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)**Corrections:**

1) Beartooth Ranch -- This 3,351-acre ranch is located in the Stillwater Valley portion of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. This area of Montana is under ever increasing development pressure and visited regularly by the general public recreating in and around Yellowstone National Park. The original Deed of Conservation Easement was recorded on December 24, 2008. A correction to the easement was necessary to reflect the accurate legal description for the subject property - a portion of land was left out of the original deed so more land was in fact protected by the correction. The correction was recorded in the public records of Stillwater County, Montana, on March 13, 2009.

2) Micks Ranches -- This Musselshell Valley property consists of approximately 4,716 acres. The original Deed of Conservation Easement was recorded in the public records of Golden Valley County, Montana, on December 14, 2008. The easement was corrected to expressly limit the transfer of the property to not more than two parcels and clarify that the designated building envelopes must remain intact and can not be partitioned by a transfer of land. The correction was recorded in Golden Valley County, Montana, on April 23, 2009.

3) Gates of the Mountains -- This Deed of Conservation Easement, originally recorded in Lewis and Clark County, Montana, on December 4, 2008, protects 85 acres and ensures that opportunities can continue to exist for scenic boat tours and access to stretches of the Missouri River in an area first named by Meriwether Lewis on July 19, 1805. The correction to the deed was recorded on August 4, 2009, and corrected a typographical error in the labeling of the exhibit that reflected the development area (Exhibit F should have been Exhibit E).

4) Ohs Property -- This 1,466-acre property in the Tobacco Root Mountains of Montana was permanently protected on November 21, 2007, by a Deed of Conservation Easement recorded in the public records of Madison County, Montana. A correction to the easement was necessary to reflect the accurate legal description for the subject property - a portion of land was left out of the original deed so more land was in fact protected by the correction. The correction deed was recorded on October 9, 2009.

Correction/Amendment descriptions continue in Schedule O.

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 | e ☐ Solicitation of non-government grants |
| b ☐ Internet and email solicitations | f ☐ Solicitation of government grants |
| c ☐ Phone solicitations | g ☐ Special fundraising events |
| d ☐ In-person solicitations | |
- 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 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			
Total						

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

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		Art Auction (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	101,965	0	0	101,965
	2 Less: Charitable contributions	18,615	0	0	18,615
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	83,350	0	0	83,350
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0	0	0
	5 Noncash prizes	0	0	0	0
	6 Rent/facility costs	3,568	0	0	3,568
	7 Food and beverages	10,751	0	0	10,751
	8 Entertainment	2,966	0	0	2,966
	9 Other direct expenses	38,046	0	0	38,046
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶	(55,331)			
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶	28,019			

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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))
Revenue				
1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes			
	3 Noncash prizes			
	4 Rent/facility costs			
	5 Other direct expenses			
	6 Volunteer labor	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No	☐ Yes _____ % ☐ No
7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶	()			
8 Net gaming income summary. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7 ▶				

	Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____		
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b If "No," explain: _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b If "Yes," explain: _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

- | | 13a | % |
|--|------------|---|
| a The organization's facility | | |
| b An outside facility | 13b | % |

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ►

Address ►

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? **15a**

- b**
- If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ► \$ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ► \$

- c**
- If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ►

Address ►

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ►

Gaming manager compensation ► \$

Description of services provided ►

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor**17** Mandatory distributions:

- a**
- Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?
- 17a**

- b**
- Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ► \$

**SCHEDULE M
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Noncash Contributions

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

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
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	✓	2	18,425	current blue book value
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	✓	2	117,081	market quotation
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	✓	19	19	All valued at \$1
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other	✓	1	55,000	appraisal
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ► (. mileage)	✓	1	385	federal mileage rate
26 Other ► (. gift baskets, etc.)	✓	2	349	invoice from vendor
27 Other ► (. entertainment)	✓	2	590	invoice from vendor
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

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30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 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?

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?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

	Yes	No
30a		✓
31	✓	
32a		✓

Part II **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33. Also complete this part for any additional information.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990.

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PART III, line 4a (Specific expenditures related to new land projects):

General planning/preliminary discussion - 237,604; Jones (Tom) - 1,616; Uihlien - 175; Jarrett - 112,530; Shaw - 28;
Hohenlohe II - 396; Sterling Ranch - 107; Swindelhurst - 26; AA Ranch II - 485; N Bar Ranch - 2,625; Dearborn Ranch - 2,393;
Hirst - 1,339; Aspen Ridge Ranch - 803; Williams (Bill) II - 952; Pribyl Ranch - 10,479; Zoellner (Robert) II - 449; Double NN -
1,304; Oswood - 910; Cooperman (David) - 1,222; Taylor Land & Livestock - 36; Platt - 2,632; Box Elder Ranch - 575;
Lee - 904; Kauffman - 1,744; Hunt - 55; Lake (Al) - 1,138; Crumley - 1,533; Beebe - 4,960; Clow - 1,638; Knutson - 1,188;
Hicks (Robert) - 1,533; Schutz II - 2,819; Crazy Woman Bison Ranch - 244; Spanish Q Ranch - 2,851; Spear Ranch - 750;
Beck (Ray) - 538; Beattie III - 340; Bezruchka/Mercer - 1,095; Dry Creek Partners - 306; Moksnes - 1,089; Donics - 1,097;
Quinn - 685; Lazy Daisy Ranch - 311; Wilson - 1,520; Hutchins IV - 446; Nevada Spring Creek - 1,579; JO Miller - 816;
James - 1,370; Double D Ranch - 122; Uncollectible project accounts from previous year - 41,095

PART VI, Section B, line 11a:

MLR's annual Form 990 is first drafted by staff and reviewed with the independent auditors through the audit process. The
completed form may be distributed to the Financial Committee for review and comment. Or, time permitting,
the completed 990 form is sent to the full Board of Directors for review and comment prior to
submittal.

PART VI, Section B, line 12c:

MLR's conflict of interest policy covers all employees, board members, member of board committees, major donors, and
individuals such as independent contractors or former employees who might have access to inside information
(conflicted parties) and references conflicted parties' spouse, domestic partner, parents, grandparents, children,
grandchildren, siblings, or business entities (related parties). Conflicted parties must disclose the material facts of the
transaction and his/her interest to the full board/staff prior to any discussion, and shall not vote on or be present
for the discussion of an issue. Potential conflicts of interest are documented in the board minutes and discussed with
legal counsel. A board transaction with a conflicted party is authorized, approved, or ratified if it receives the
affirmative vote of a majority of the directors who have no direct or indirect interest in the transaction. Each director

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THE MONTANA LAND RELIANCE**81****0369262****PART VI, Section B, line 12c (continued):**

and employee signs a statement which affirms he/she has received, read, understands, and agrees to comply in all respects with MLR's conflict of interest policy.

PART VI, Section B, line 15b:

The salaries of all MLR employees are determined by the Board following the recommendations of the Board's Compensation and Evaluation Committee based upon their review of salary/benefit surveys conducted on other conservation organizations across the country. These surveys are conducted annually by the Land Trust Alliance and by TREC (a nationally known survey organization). MLR staff may also be given cost-of-living increases that are based on the Social Security Administration's cost-of-living calculations. The Compensation and Evaluation Committee has the authority to revise proposed salaries if they determine that is necessary. The annual salary packages (along with a recommendation from the Compensation and Evaluation Committee) are presented to the full Board for final approval each year.

PART VI, Section C, line 19:

MLR provides its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and audited financial statements to the general public upon request.

PART VII, Section A:

MLR did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee. No member of MLR's Management Team (three managing directors, the operations manager, and the lands manager) was compensated more than \$85,000 in 2009. These five individual staff members are responsible for the overall management of the organization's day-to-day activities.

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SCHEDULE D, Part II, line 3 (continued from Part XIV of Schedule D):

5) Williams (Gerald) Property -- This conservation easement protects 482 acres in the Yellowstone Valley and was recorded in the public records of Yellowstone County on December 29, 1997. The correction was necessary to correct a mutually mistaken legal description of a certain parcel of land recognized in the Final Decree, dated 10-20-09, entered in Cause No. DV-08-0647, by the Montana Thirteenth Judicial Court, Yellowstone County. The correction was in compliance with the final decree and recorded on November 12, 2009.

Amendments:

1) Smith (Jane) Property - This is a 17-acre property lying within the Flathead Valley. At the time this easement was originally donated (recorded on November 9, 1999, in the public records of Flathead County, Montana) one new residence was permitted on the property. The landowner wished to amend the easement to clearly delineate the specific location for the construction of the permitted residence via an exhibit attached to the document. The amendment (delineated the specific site for construction via an attached exhibit) was recorded in the Flathead County public records on September 8, 2009.

2) Anderson (David) Property - The easement on this 591-acre property in the Little Belt Mountains was originally recorded on August 10, 1995, in the public records of Cascade County, Montana. An amendment of the easement was necessary to acknowledge a structure referred to by the Grantor as the "granary" that was on the property at the time of the easement donation. Grantee mistakenly did not realize that the granary had (prior to the donation of the easement) been converted from its original agricultural use to a primitive bunkhouse/cabin. Grantor and Grantee desired to amend the easement to acknowledge the function and use of this structure at the time of the execution of the easement and to put limits on its future use and development. The correction was recorded on March 30, 2009.

SCHEDULE D -- Part II, Line 9

Conservation easements are recorded by MLR as in-kind donations with a value of \$1. By a resolution of the Board of Directors, MLR values all conservation easements held at a nominal amount of \$1 due to the fact that said easements cannot be sold, transferred, or borrowed against. Expenses incurred in "bargain" purchases of easements and other in-house expenses related to completion of conservation easements are expensed out in the year of the purchase and/or donation. The following is the text of the footnote used in MLR's annual audited financial statements: "MLR has acquired conservation easements from various contributors. Conservation easements represent rights to restrict use of certain properties. By accepting the easement contribution, MLR commits to protecting the easement restrictions in perpetuity. The easements have no market value in the hands of MLR. MLR can assign the easements only to another qualified conservation organization. Accordingly, they are represented in the financial statements at a nominal value of one dollar per easement. Purchased easements are expensed."

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SCHEDULE D -- Part V, Line 4

1) Conservation Fund – A permanent, irrevocable endowment fund which provides an independent base of financial stability and source of revenue for 1) outreach to landowners for land conservation work, and 2) research, public outreach, and education on private land conservation and the specific work of MLR. Corpus cannot be used, interest, dividend income, and realized capital gains may be used for direct costs of designated activities

2) Traditions Fund – A permanent, irrevocable endowment which provides a steady source of revenue for 1) bridge capital for property acquisitions, 2) option purchases for all or a portion of threatened properties to be resold to a conservation buyer, and 3) conservation easement purchases. Corpus cannot be used, interest, dividend income, and realized capital gains may be used for 1) fee purchase of property to be resold by MLR, 2) with other monies for fee purchase of property to be resold, 3) to purchase conservation easements, 4) to acquire options to purchase property, 5) as a loan to other entities exclusively for the purchase of property to be conserved (loan secured by an equity interest in the property), or 6) to insure the long-term stewardship and monitoring of easements acquired with funds from other investments

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
► Attach to Form 990. ► See separate instructions.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity
Ruby Habitat Foundation, PO Box 638, Sheridan, MT 59749 EIN # 45-0487621	support organization	Montana	509(a)(3) Type 1	N/A	N/A

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35, or 36.)**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.**1** During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity **1a** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to other organization(s) **1b** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from other organization(s) **1c** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for other organization(s) **1d** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by other organization(s) **1e** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- f** Sale of assets to other organization(s) **1f** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- g** Purchase of assets from other organization(s) **1g** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- h** Exchange of assets **1h** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- i** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to other organization(s) **1i** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from other organization(s) **1j** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- k** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for other organization(s) **1k** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by other organization(s) **1l** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- m** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets **1m** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- n** Sharing of paid employees **1n** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- o** Reimbursement paid to other organization for expenses **1o** ☐ **Yes** ☒ **No** ☐
- p** Reimbursement paid by other organization for expenses **1p** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- q** Other transfer of cash or property to other organization(s) **1q** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒
- r** Other transfer of cash or property from other organization(s) **1r** ☐ **Yes** ☐ **No** ☒

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-r)	(c) Amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Form **8868**(Rev. April 2009)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

► **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 ☒ **X**
 - 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 and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*

Type or print File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions	Name of Exempt Organization MONTANA LAND RELIANCE	Employer identification number 81-0369262
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions P.O. BOX 355	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions HELENA MT 59624	

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

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| ☒ Form 990 | ☐ Form 990-T (corporation) | ☐ Form 4720 |
| ☐ Form 990-BL | ☐ Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | ☐ Form 5227 |
| ☐ Form 990-EZ | ☐ Form 990-T (trust other than above) | ☐ Form 6069 |
| ☐ Form 990-PF | ☐ Form 1041-A | ☐ Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of ► **MONTANA LAND RELIANCE**

Telephone No. ► **(406) 443-7027**

FAX No. ►

- 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 **8/15/2010**, 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 _____, and ending _____

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

3 a 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	\$
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	\$
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.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.
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ou are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** and check this box ☒ **X**
 Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.
 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).

File by the
extended
due date for
filing the
return See
instructions

Name of Exempt Organization MONTANA LAND RELIANCE	Employer identification number 81-0369262
Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P O. box, see instructions. P O BOX 355	For IRS use only
City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code For a foreign address, see instructions HELENA, MT 59624	

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

- | | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| ☒ Form 990 | ☐ Form 990-PF | ☐ Form 1041-A | ☐ Form 6069 |
| ☐ Form 990-BL | ☐ Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | ☐ Form 4720 | ☐ Form 8870 |
| ☐ Form 990-EZ | ☐ Form 990-T (trust other than above) | ☐ 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.

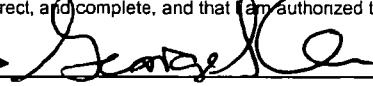
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 Telephone No. **(406) 443-7027** FAX No. _____
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- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this 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 **11/15/2010**.
- 5** For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning _____, and ending _____.
- 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 **ADDITIONAL TIME IS NEEDED TO ACCUMULATE ALL THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO PREPARE A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RETURN.**

8 a 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	\$ 0

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  Title **Sec. Treas** Date **8/12/10**
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