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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2009, and ending

Form 990 header section containing organization name (THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.), address (OVANDO, MT 59854), EIN (81-0488863), and principal officer (GARY BURNETT).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balance. Rows include mission statement, governance activities, revenue breakdown, and expense breakdown.

Part II Signature Block

Signature block section with handwritten signatures and dates for Gary Burnett (Executive Director) and the preparer (Boyle, Deveny & Meyer, P.C.).

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

COORDINATE EFFORTS THAT CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL WAY OF
LIFE IN THE BLACKFOOT RIVER VALLEY FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

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 \$ 1,754,091. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT OF PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 1,754,091.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule A	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
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		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part IV		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
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	X	
• 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 statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
12A Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statement for the tax year? If 'Yes,' completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I		X
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		X
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		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X

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>		X
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>		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and 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>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) 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>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
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>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M</i>		X
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>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
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>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
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		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

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
1 a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1 b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7 b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
8 a	a The governing body?	X	
8 b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

	Yes	No
10 a		X
10 b		
11	X	
11 A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 SEE SCHEDULE O	
12 a	X	
12 b	X	
12 c	X	
13		X
14		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?	
15 a	X	
15 b	X	
16 a		X
16 b		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► NONE
- 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
 ► TRACI BIGNELL PO BOX 103 OVANDO MT 59854 406-793-3900

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

1 a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organizations'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 employees'
- 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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
BRENT ANDERSON BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
CAROLINE BYRD BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
ANDY ERICKSON BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
RACENE FRIEDE BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
MACK LONG BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
AMBER KAMPS BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
TONY LIANE BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
PATRICK BANNISTER BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
TIM LOVE BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
BILL FRINGS BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
HARRY POETT BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
TODD JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
JEFF MCNALLY BOARD MEMBER	1	X					0.	0.	0.	
JIM STONE CHAIRMAN	10			X			0.	0.	0.	
GREG NEUDECKER VICE CHAIR	5			X			0.	0.	0.	
NANCY ANDERSON SECRETARY	1			X			0.	0.	0.	
DENNIS IVERSON TREASURER	1			X			0.	0.	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	1 a Federated campaigns	1 a				
	b Membership dues	1 b				
	c Fundraising events	1 c				
	d Related organizations	1 d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1 e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1 f 1,819,850.				
	g Noncash contribns included in lns 1a-1f:	\$				
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,819,850.				
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE	Business Code					
	2 a -----					
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d -----					
	e -----					
	f All other program service revenue					
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)		11,488.		11,488.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross Rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	102.			
		(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c Gain or (loss)	102.			
	d Net gain or (loss)		102.	102.		
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b Less direct expenses				
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
b Less direct expenses						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less cost of goods sold					
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a -----						
b -----						
c -----						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions		1,831,440.	102.	0.	11,488.	

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				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	59,129.	35,477.	15,965.	7,687.
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	171,320.	103,168.	46,000.	22,152.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	20,647.	9,581.	8,888.	2,178.
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs. See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	57.		57.	
13 Office expenses	1,073.		1,073.	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	9,245.		9,245.	
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	21,959.	17,224.	4,681.	54.
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	3,983.	2,355.	1,628.	
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 PROJECT COSTS	988,158.	981,004.	6,656.	498.
b CONTRACTORS	604,776.	589,565.	15,211.	
c PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	14,075.	1,706.	9,605.	2,764.
d MEETING EXPENSES	7,253.	4,832.	2,174.	247.
e MISCELLANEOUS	6,178.	2,001.	4,177.	
f All other expenses	19,164.	7,178.	9,866.	2,120.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,927,017.	1,754,091.	135,226.	37,700.
26 Joint costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> 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	6,303.	1	12,634.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4	Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5	Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	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		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	1,891,284.		
	10b	Less accumulated depreciation.			
	11	Investments — publicly-traded securities	756,198.	11	654,068.
	12	Investments — other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments — program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	40,859.	15	41,081.
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	2,694,644.	16	2,599,067.	
LIABILITIES	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	0.	26	0.
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29 and lines 33 and 34.				
	27	Unrestricted net assets	2,426,984.	27	2,315,166.
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets	226,801.	28	242,820.
	29	Permanently restricted net assets	40,859.	29	41,081.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
33	Total net assets or fund balances	2,694,644.	33	2,599,067.	
34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	2,694,644.	34	2,599,067.	

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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		X
2b	X	
2c		X
3a	X	
3b	X	

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Form 990 (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

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

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

Name of the organization THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.	Employer identification number 81-0488863
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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 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 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 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?

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

- (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?

h Provide the following information about the supported organizations

(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 'unusual grants'.)	1,340,507.	930,536.	896,457.	2,777,040.	1,819,850.	7,764,390.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						0.
3 The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge.						0.
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,340,507.	930,536.	896,457.	2,777,040.	1,819,850.	7,764,390.
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)						0.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						7,764,390.

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	1,340,507.	930,536.	896,457.	2,777,040.	1,819,850.	7,764,390.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	15,757.	22,063.	33,194.	23,710.	11,488.	106,212.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.) SEE PART IV			29,902.	6,785.		36,687.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						7,907,289.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	0.

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	98.2 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	95.1 %

16a 33-1/3 support test – 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and the line 14 is 33-1/3 % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33-1/3 support test – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, or 16a, and line 15 is 33-1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009 If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part IV how the organization meets the 'facts-and-circumstances' test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization.

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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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 yr 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 'unusual grants')						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in a activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
13 Total support. (add lns 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						

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

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

19a 33-1/3 support tests – 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33-1/3 support tests – 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

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

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered 'Yes,' to Form 990, Part IV, lines 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds may 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??		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 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 Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

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

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

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

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and 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
- b Scholarly research
- c Preservation for future generations
- d Loan or exchange programs
- e Other _____

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part 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 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:

- c Beginning balance
- d Additions during the year
- e Distributions during the year
- f Ending balance

	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 organization answered 'Yes' to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	40,859.	7,559.			
b Contributions		33,000.			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	485.	366.			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	263.	66.			
g End of year balance	41,081.	40,859.			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ _____ %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 100.00 %
- c Term endowment ▶ _____ %

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

- (i) unrelated organizations
- (ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

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		1,891,284.		1,891,284.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c))				1,891,284.

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)		1,831,440.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)		1,927,017.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year Subtract line 2 from line 1		-95,577.
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments		
5	Donated services and use of facilities		
6	Investment expenses		
7	Prior period adjustments		
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)		
9	Total adjustments (net) Add lines 4 through 8		
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements Combine lines 3 and 9		-95,577.

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	1,831,440.
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	1,831,440.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:			
	a Investments 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	1,831,440.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	1,927,017.
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	1,927,017.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:			
	a Investments 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	1,927,017.

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.

Supplemental Information to Form 990

2009

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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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11 - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS WERE EMAILED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO
SUBMISSION

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - EXPLANATION OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS

ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST ARE DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD AND RECORDED IN THE
MINUTES. THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR ABSTAINS FROM VOTING ON THE MATTER.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS FOR CEO, EXEC. DIR., OR TOP MGT

IN REGARDS TO COMPENSATION, THE BOARD SEEKS OUT COMPARABLE COMPENSATION INFORMATION
WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE FOR COMPARABLE JOBS AND CONTACTS NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR
POSITIONS SUCH AS PROGRAM COODINATORS.

TAX REPORT for 2009

Blackfoot Challenge, Inc.
ID# 81-0488863

Form 990-2009
Narrative 2009 Accomplishments

Description

The Blackfoot Challenge is a 'grassroots' group organized to help coordinate the conservation of the natural resources in western Montana. The mission of the Blackfoot Challenge is to coordinate efforts that will conserve and enhance the natural resources and rural way of life in the Blackfoot Watershed for present and future generations.

Coordination and Cooperation: Our story began in the early 1970s, when landowners along the Blackfoot River started gathering community support for conservation and sharing the resource through public and private partnerships. At the time, this was a far-sighted idea in a state known for its rugged individualism. But the consensus approach was so effective that in 1993, they officially formed the Blackfoot Challenge. Our mission is to coordinate efforts that conserve and enhance the natural resources and rural way of life in the Blackfoot Watershed. Our approach is to provide regular communication about natural resource stewardship. Directed by an eighteen-member volunteer board of private landowners, federal and state land managers, and local government officials, we follow a consensus-based model, including all watershed landowners and managers to coordinate partnerships and resources that benefit the Blackfoot Watershed. Through this approach we find where roughly 80 percent agree and respond to consensus through Board-led committees to implement programs and projects.

Communication and Outreach: As the Blackfoot Challenge model of local leadership has grown in reputation nationally, we respond to requests each year to visit our watershed and meet our partners. We transfer the collaborative conservation model by sharing the lessons learned about building trust between private and public landowners; providing consensus-based solutions to natural resource issues; and recommending ways to improve cooperative conservation at local, regional and national scales. We reached 2,625 people in 2009 through our annual Partners Tour, our third annual Members Meeting; and through various educational and outreach efforts including presentations, field tours, and panel presentations.

Grants and Fund Raising: Continued to administer contracts and solicit funds to support program services, general management and special projects.

Facilitation and Projects: Implemented the 2009 Annual Work Plan.

- a) Conservation Strategies Committee coordinated efforts to transfer 8,000 acres to new conservation owners; reached a cumulative total of 110,000 acres under conservation easement, leveraged one million dollars to conserve wetlands; helped secure State purchase of 26,000 acres; and partnered with the USFWS to host the second *Partners for Conservation Conference* in Colorado. The Blackfoot Community Conservation Area Council cooperatively managed 41,000 acres of public and private land; opened 5,609 acres to hunting access; put 3,000 acres into a rest rotation grazing system; treated 70 acres for weeds, 140 acres for fire management and 300 acres of forest restoration.
- b) Water Committee produced a Drought Response brochure; partnered on the Poorman Creek Bridge project; completed the Lower Blackfoot TMDL, monitored eight riparian revegetation projects; evaluated 15 percent of the watershed's irrigation systems; identified 116,711 kWh of annual energy savings and realized 49,438 kWh of more efficient energy use.
- c) Education Committee had 135 pre-schoolers attending monthly pre-K days; 100 3rd & 4th graders in the Wiley Weasel Program; 150 5th & 6th graders involved at Youth Field Days; 155 7th & 8th graders participating in the Adopt-a-Swan program, 33 high school students at the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp; and 200 adults in hands-on workshops.
- d) Weed Steering Committee hosted the Annual Blackfoot Weed Meeting with over 50 private/public partners attending; produced the Annual Weed Report; formalized the Blackfoot Watershed Cooperative Conservation Agreement; hosted 2 Blackfoot River Weed Pulls with 55 volunteers and landowners; and continued our 8th year of the 40-mile Blackfoot Leafy Spurge Project.
- e) Wildlife Committee removed 339 livestock carcasses from ranch land; maintained 50,000 feet of electric fence to protect calving areas and beehives; reduced grizzly bear conflicts by 93 percent from 2003 to 2009; supported a full-time Range Rider for the spring/summer/fall season; and coordinated 120 residents in the neighborhood network.
- f) Forestry Committee proposed 2,500 acres of forest restoration; project 22 structures through fuel mitigation; and thinned 5 miles of road for fire protection.

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME

<u>NATURE AND SOURCE</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
MISCELLANEOUS		6,785.	-114.		
TOTAL	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 6,785.</u>	<u>\$ -114.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>	<u>\$ 0.</u>

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868

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

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

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

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

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.	Employer identification number 81-0488863
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite number. If a P.O. box, see instructions. P.O. BOX 103	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. OVANDO, MT 59854	

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

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

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Telephone No. ▶ 406-793-3900 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 2009 or
- ▶ tax year beginning _____, 20____, and ending _____, 20____.

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

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

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

