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Form **990-EZ**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Short Form**
Return of Organization Exempt From Income TaxUnder section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.

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

OMB No 1545-1150

2009**Open to Public Inspection****A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning**, 2009, and ending

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Termination ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions. Montana Conservation Voters Inc. PO Box 63 Billings, MT 59103	D Employer identification number 81-0521030 E Telephone number (406) 254-1593 F Group Exemption Number ▶ 8290
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• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶ www.mt voters.org**J Tax-exempt status** (check only one) — ☒ 501(c) (4) (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

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

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A Form 990-EZ or Form 990 return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts, if \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 217,459.

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

REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received 2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts 3 Membership dues and assessments 4 Investment income 5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory 5b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses 5c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) 6 Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here ☐ 6a Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1) 6b Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses 6c Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a) 7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances 7b Less: cost of goods sold 7c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) 8 Other revenue (describe ▶ See Statement 1) 9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	1 208,800. 2 3 4 1,078. 5c 6c 7c 8 7,581. 9 217,459.
EXPENSES	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule) 11 Benefits paid to or for members 12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits 13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors 14 Other professional fees, utilities, and maintenance 15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping 16 Other expenses (describe ▶ See Statement 2) 17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16 18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) 19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) 20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) ▶ See Statement 3. 21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	10 11 12 151,473. 13 24,124. 14 9,121. 15 11,751. 16 32,119. 17 228,588. 18 -11,129. 19 151,668. 20 35. 21 140,574.

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments		145,622.	22 137,240.
23 Land and buildings			23
24 Other assets (describe ▶ See Statement 4)		8,629.	24 4,712.
25 Total assets		154,251.	25 141,952.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶ See Statement 5)		2,583.	26 1,378.
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21).		151,668.	27 140,574.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instrs for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of each activity		X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If 'Yes,' complete applicable parts of Schedule N		X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions 37a 0.		
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?		X
b If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved 38b N/A		
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a N/A		
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b N/A		
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 N/A ; section 4912 N/A ; section 4955 N/A		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I 40b X		
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 0.		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization 0.		
e All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If 'Yes,' complete Form 8886-T 40e X		
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed N/A		

42a The organization's books are in care of Theresa Keaveny Telephone no. (406) 254-1593
 Located at PO Box 63 Billings MT ZIP + 4 59103

b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? **42b** X
 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 a Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.? **42c** X
 If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: _____

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of **Form 1041** — Check here. ☐ **N/A**
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year **43** **N/A**

44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. **44** X

45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ. **45** X

Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only. All section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46-49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

	Yes	No
46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part I	46	
47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	47	
48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E	48	
49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	
b If 'Yes,' was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

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

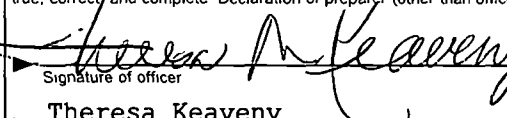
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances

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

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

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

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

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer		Date <u>May 15, 2010</u>	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature <u>Self-Prepared</u>		Date	
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		Check if self-employed ☐	
	Preparer's Identifying Number (See instructions)		EIN	
	Phone no		Yes ☐ No ☒	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions

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Statement 1
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 8
Other Revenue

Office Equipment Rental...	\$	7,000.
Merchandise Income		297.
Database Rental		284.
Total	\$	7,581.

Statement 2
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 16
Other Expenses

Advertising and Promotion	\$	178.
Bank Charges		1,318.
Conferences, Conventions, and Meetings		5,429.
Depreciation		1,507.
Insurance		991.
Merchandise...		265.
Office Expenses		3,358.
Small Equipment		2,288.
Telephone/Fax		6,207.
Travel		10,578.
Total	\$	32,119.

Statement 3
Form 990-EZ, Part I, Line 20
Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances

previous year income unrealized	\$	35.
Total	\$	35.

Statement 4
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 24
Other Assets

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Equipment/Acc Depreciation	\$ 3,642.	\$ 2,135.
Facility Deposits/Undeposited Funds	4,987.	2,577.
Total	\$ 8,629.	\$ 4,712.

Statement 5
Form 990-EZ, Part II, Line 26
Total Liabilities

	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 2,583.	\$ 1,378.
Total	\$ 2,583.	\$ 1,378.

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Statement 6
Form 990-EZ, Part III, Line 31
Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Description	Grants	Program Service Expenses
Outreach		28,554.
Includes Foreign Grants: No		
Total	\$ 0.	\$ 28,554.

Statement 7
Form 990-EZ, Part IV
List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

Name and Address	Title and Average Hours Per Week Devoted	Compensation	Contribution to EBP & DC	Expense Account/Other
Theresa Keaveny 2005 Clark Ave Billings, MT 59102	Executive Direc 18.00	\$ 25,770.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
Jason Kiely 1280 S 2nd St Missoula, MT 59801	Chairman 0	0.	0.	0.
David Tyler 13000 Springhill Rd Belgrade, MT 59714	Treasurer 0	0.	0.	0.
Ben Graybill 609 3rd Ave N Great Falls, MT 59401	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Holly Hill 723 N Henry Butte, MT 59701	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Rich Day 2615 Yale Butte, MT 59701	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Kelly Flaherty Settle PO Box 546 Canyon Creek, MT 59633	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Rachel Carroll 921 10th Ave Helena, MT 59601	Secretary 0	0.	0.	0.
Ryan Busse 197 Riverview Dr Kalispell, MT 59901	Vice Chair 0	0.	0.	0.

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Statement 7 (continued)
Form 990-EZ, Part IV
List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

Name and Address	Title and Average Hours Per Week Devoted	Compensation	Contribution to EBP & DC	Expense Account/ Other
Michelle Stearns 1733 McClure Rd Arlee, MT 59821	Director 0	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.
Dan Short 164 Juniper Bend Dr Kalispell, MT 59901	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Brad Webb 8373 Goldenstein Ln Bozeman, MT 59715	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Bill Walker 3332 Aqui Esta Drive Billings, MT 59101	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
Robin Saha 1641 W Kent Ave Missoula, MT 59801	Director 0	0.	0.	0.
	Total	\$ 25,770.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.

Statement 8
Form 990-EZ, Part VI
Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? No

MONTANA CONSERVATION VOTERS, INC. IRS FORM 990 2009
EIN # 81-0525336

Statement 1

Part III Primary Exempt Purpose

Montana Conservation Voters, Inc.'s primary exempt purpose is to educate and activate voters to be vital and effective participants in Montana's democratic process, to protect air and water quality, public health, fish and wildlife and open space. MCV informs the public about the votes and actions of local, state and federal elected officials pertaining to conservation and environmental issues, and encourages their involvement in government.

Statement 6

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

28a. Voter Education and Legislative Program: Montana Conservation Voters conducted public policy advocacy and public education work before, during and after the 2009 state legislature by educating voters on the bills that came before the legislature, providing information to legislators and voters, and advocating the passage of measures affecting renewable energy, clean air and water, access to public lands and water, planning and zoning and energy development. MCV also provided information about Montana voting patterns to legislators, and advocated laws pertaining to voter rights. The group convened a series of 8 meetings in May and June, 2009 to inform legislators and members of the legislature's actions affecting the environment. MCV also conducted an earned media campaign on the state legislative policy work in the first four months of 2009 resulting in 11 radio news stories and 7 guest commentaries in Montana daily newspapers. MCV prepared information on federal policy related to clean energy and global warming, and distributed it throughout the year, holding 5 public meetings attended by an average of 62 people. MCV also tabled on Earth Day, 2009, describing statewide legislative issues affecting the environment. MCV leaders and staff lobbied members of Congress, organized meetings with Congressional delegation members and conservationists in Montana, and sent out informational mailings to its members and allies. MCV also informed its members of the city council candidates that it endorsed, and issued a voter guide in the September, 2009 primary and the November, 2009 election for its members. This information was also placed on its web site. E-mail alerts were sent out throughout the year on state and federal policy, and MCV also maintained a full service web site. MCV also dedicated resources to evaluating a proposed ballot measure on "takings" in late 2009. Total expense: \$62,084

29a. Leadership and Staff Development: In 2009, MCV held four leadership sessions involving its board and chapters – a fundraising workshop in February, a media training session with staff and board in June, a civic engagement training session in July, and

chapter and board orientation sessions in March. MCV convened follow up meetings with leaders to develop personal fundraising plans. Staff development included trainings as part of staff meetings, and participation by staff in trainings offered by the League of Conservation Voters, Montana Non-Profit Association, and Western Organization of Resource Councils. MCV coordinated periodic meetings of Board, chapter leaders and staff regarding how to participate in government, and, as in past years, prepared and carried out staff development plans for its staff members to be trained on civic engagement, environmental policy and fundraising skills.

Total expense: \$38,136

30a. Community Organizing: MCV maintained and expanded its local chapters in Flathead, Yellowstone, Gallatin and Park counties, and Chapter activities included public education on openings to local boards and commissions dealing with the environment, identification of city and county-based issues affecting land use planning, transportation and protection of open space and water quality, and training on civic engagement in government. MCV also monitored how election laws were implemented during the November, 2009 city races throughout the state, and provided recommendations to the county election offices and Montana Secretary of State on how to make voter registration and absentee ballot information more accurate.

Total expense: \$34,380

31a. Outreach: MCV leaders and staff met with city, county and legislative officials in six Montana counties and eight cities to discuss policies on clean air and water and planning and growth. In spring, summer and fall, 2009, MCV tabled at organizations' meetings and at various Montana colleges and universities, using voter registration and vote by mail materials, as well as its global warming and clean energy materials mentioned above. MCV continued to improve its web site, and improved informational materials featuring its mission and logo. MCV's outreach continued to include monthly e-newsletters and periodic updates to its members. Outreach activities also included staff attendance at the Yellowstone Conservation Roundtable, the Missoula Conservation Roundtable, and participation in the Flathead Conservation Roundtable and the Great Falls Conservation Council. MCV's 2009 Statewide Annual Meeting in March observed the group's 10th anniversary and brought together over 250 members and conservationists to celebrate the environment. MCV's outreach also included door to door canvassing in Missoula to discuss proposed federal climate change legislation; a pilot project being replicated in 2010. Total expense: \$28,554

Grand Total \$163,154