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## Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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

► 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

B Check if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C <b>FRIENDS OF THE NORTHWEST WEATHER AND AVALANCHE CENTER</b> PMB 711, 15600 NE 8TH ST B1 BELLEVUE, WA 98008	D Employer Identification Number 91-1971688	
		E Telephone number 206-684-8006	
		G Gross receipts \$ 126,732.	
		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list (see instructions)	
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	J Website: ► N/A	H(c) Group exemption number ►	
K Form of organization <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ►	L Year of Formation	M State of legal domicile	

## Part I Summary

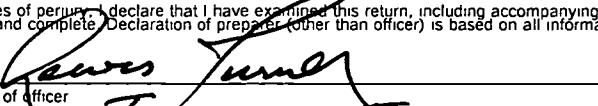
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities <u>The primary purpose of the Friends of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center (FOAC) is to save lives through public avalanche safety education, and through direct financial support and fund-raising to ensure the financial viability of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center</u>	
	2 Check this box ► <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its 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) 14	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) 4	
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 14	
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 5	
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 0	
	7b	0.

Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 54,551.	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 3,178.		55,900.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 18,023.		2,190.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 75,752.		50,777.
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 108,867.		

Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3) 7,770.	Prior Year	Current Year
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 26,011.		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 33,477.		
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 41,247.		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ► 1,816. 34,505.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f) 32,375.		
	18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 34,505.		
	19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 32,375.		

Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 146,364.	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 0.		
	22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 146,364.		

## Part II Signature Block

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		
	► 	Date	13 May 2010
	► Lewis Turner, Treasurer		
	Type or print name and title		

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ► 	Date 5/7/10	Check if self-employed ► <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) P00172042
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ► Luby & Thomson, PLLC 419 Occidental Avenue South, Suite 600 Seattle, WA 98104-2886	EIN ► 91-1705418		
		Phone no ► (206) 628-4991		

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

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 Yes  No

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**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments**

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

See Schedule O

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

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?

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 \$ 28,687. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Support of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center (NWAC). Developed a combined NWAC and FOAC website with improved user-access to avalanche hazard forecasts, weather station data, education resources, and user provided information on snowpack, accidents, and photos. Had approximately 90,000 webpage "sessions" or public visits, and approximately 10 million web pages viewed by the public on the FOAC/NWAC website in 2009.

4b (Code [ ] ) (Expenses \$ 27,693. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Conducted two major fundraising events in support of NWAC with 355 participants that raised revenue and awareness of the programs offered.

4c (Code [ ] ) (Expenses \$ 10,900. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

Public education. Conducted 30 avalanche safety awareness educational presentations and training for the public with 1,447 participants in the states of Oregon and Washington. Funded an educational project through Alpine Safety Awareness Program (ASAP) to train 21 safety instructors, including 12 who taught 47 classes in the public schools.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

See Schedule O

(Expenses \$ 5,318. including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ )

4e Total program service expenses ►

72,598.

## 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	1 X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	2 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	3 X	
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II	4 X	
5 <b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III	5	
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	6 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	7 X	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part III	8 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	9 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	10 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	11 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	12 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	12 A X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule E	13 X	
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a 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	14b 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	15 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	16 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	17 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	18 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	19 X	
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H	20 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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J	23	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? If 'Yes,' answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to line 25	24a	X
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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II	26	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III	27	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)	28a	X
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV	29	X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M	30	X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M	31	X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I	32	X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II	33	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I	34	X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1	35	X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	37	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI	38	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		

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**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b> 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	0	
<b>b</b> Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	0	
<b>c</b> Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c		
<b>2a</b> 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	0	
<b>2b</b> If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return (see instructions)</i>	2b		
<b>3a</b> Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	X	
<b>b</b> If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b		
<b>4a</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)?	4a	X	
<b>b</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			
<b>5a</b> Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a	X	
<b>b</b> Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X	
<b>c</b> 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		
<b>6a</b> 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	X	
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible?	6b		
<b>7</b> <b>Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).</b>	7a	X	
<b>a</b> 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?	7b		
<b>b</b> If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c	X	
<b>c</b> Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d		
<b>d</b> If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7e	X	
<b>e</b> Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X	
<b>f</b> Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7g		
<b>g</b> For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7h		
<b>h</b> For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	8		
<b>8</b> <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations.</b> Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	9a		
<b>9</b> <b>Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.</b>	9b		
<b>a</b> Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?			
<b>b</b> Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			
<b>10</b> <b>Section 501(c)(7) organizations.</b> Enter	10a		
<b>a</b> Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10b		
<b>b</b> Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities			
<b>11</b> <b>Section 501(c)(12) organizations.</b> Enter	11a		
<b>a</b> Gross income from other members or shareholders	11b		
<b>b</b> Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them )	12a		
<b>12a</b> <b>Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts.</b> Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12b		
<b>b</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
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body	14	
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	14	
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? See Schedule O	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? See Sch O	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	
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	X	
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		
a	The governing body?	X	
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
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	X	
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?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990 See Schedule O		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13	X	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done See Schedule O		
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	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?		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
b	Other officers of key employees of the organization See Schedule O	X	
	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?	X	
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. Disclosures

17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► <u>None</u>
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
	<input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 See Schedule O
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization ► <u>LEWIS TURNER SAME</u>

**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 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			
Will Amery									
President	1	X		X			0.	0.	0.
Benj Wadsworth									
Director	17	X					26,011.	0.	0.
Jorie Wackerman									
Vice-President	1	X		X			0.	0.	0.
Aaron Ostrovsky									
Secretary	1	X		X			0.	0.	0.
Lewis Turner									
Treasurer	2	X		X			0.	0.	0.
Kenneth White									
Director	0	X					1.	0.	0.
Alex Morgan									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
Matt Schonwald									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
Roland Emetaz									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
John Commiskey									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
Michael Faoro									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
Rich Marriott									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
Justin Davis									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
Mick Steinman									
Director	1	X					0.	0.	0.
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**Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (cont.)**

**1 b Total**

26,012.

0

0.

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 ► 0

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

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**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

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				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	55,900.			
	g Noncash contribs included in lns 1a-1f		\$			
	<b>h Total. Add lines 1a-1f</b>			55,900.		
PROGRAM SERVICE REVENUE		Business Code				
	2a					
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	<b>g Total. Add lines 2a-2f</b>					
OTHER REVENUE	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest and other similar amounts)				2,190.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a	51,075.			
b Less direct expenses	b	17,865.				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			33,210.		33,210.	
9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a					
b Less direct expenses	b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
b Less cost of goods sold	b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code					
11a Web advertising			17,567.		17,567.	
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			17,567.			
<b>12 Total revenue. See instructions</b>			108,867.	0.	52,967.	

**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 US See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the US See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the US See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	26,011.	24,195.	0.	1,816.
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				
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	640.		640.	
d Lobbying				
e Prof fundraising svcs See Part IV, ln 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	342.	342.		
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	502.	502.		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	678.	678.		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	2,942.	2,942.		
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 Website design	27,973.	27,973.		
b ASAP support	5,707.	5,707.		
c Printing and Publications	3,662.	3,662.		
d Contract work	3,413.	3,413.		
e BOARD MEETINGS	1,284.		1,284.	
f All other expenses	3,338.	3,184.	154.	
25 Total functional expenses Add lines 1 through 24f	76,492.	72,598.	2,078.	1,816.
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				

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## Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
A S S E T S	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing	146,364.	1	178,739.
	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	10a		
	b Less accumulated depreciation.	10b		10c
	11 Investments – publicly-traded securities		11	
	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		15	
	16 Total assets Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	146,364.	16	178,739.
L I A B I L T I E S	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.
	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	146,364.	27	178,739.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES	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	146,364.	33	178,739.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	146,364.	34	178,739.

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**Part XI | Financial Statements and Reporting**

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	2a	X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	2b	X
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?	2c	
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		
<input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> 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?	3a	X
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	3b	

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**SCHEDULE A**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

## Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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Internal Revenue Service

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

Name of the organization FRIENDS OF THE NORTHWEST WEATHER AND AVALANCHE CENTER Employer identification number 911971688

**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

- (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

Total

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

**Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I)

**Section A. Public Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions and membership fees received (Do not include 'unusual grants')						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf						
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						
<b>4 Total.</b> 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)						
<b>6 Public support.</b> 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)						
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)						12
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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						<input type="checkbox"/>

**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	%
<b>16a 33-1/3 support test – 2009.</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 33-1/3 support test – 2008.</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2009</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test – 2008.</b> 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	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>18 Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

**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")	13,272.	56,720.	39,008.	54,551.	55,900.	219,451.
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						0.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						0.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0.
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0.
<b>6 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5	<b>13,272.</b>	<b>56,720.</b>	<b>39,008.</b>	<b>54,551.</b>	<b>55,900.</b>	<b>219,451.</b>
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, 3 received from disqualified persons	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
<b>b</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	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
<b>8 Public support</b> (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						<b>219,451.</b>

**Section B. Total Support**

Calendar year (or fiscal yr beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6	<b>13,272.</b>	<b>56,720.</b>	<b>39,008.</b>	<b>54,551.</b>	<b>55,900.</b>	<b>219,451.</b>
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	137.	222.	493.	3,178.	2,190.	6,220.
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0.
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b	137.	222.	493.	3,178.	2,190.	6,220.
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0.
<b>12</b> Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						0.
<b>13 Total support.</b> (add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)						<b>225,671.</b>

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	97.2 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	97.9 %

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

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.8 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	2.1 %
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		▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		▶ <input type="checkbox"/>
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions		▶ <input type="checkbox"/>

**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 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

REVENUE		(a) Event #1 Snowball (event type)	(b) Event #2 Snowbash (event type)	(c) Other Events (total number)	(d) Total Events (Add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross receipts	43,415.	7,660.		51,075.
	2 Less Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	43,415.	7,660.		51,075.
DIRECT EXPENSES	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs	2,650.	4,443.		7,093.
	7 Food and beverages	5,317.	86.		5,403.
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	4,188.	1,181.		5,369.
	10 Direct expense summary Add lines 4- through 9 in column (d)				17,865.
	11 Net income summary Combine lines 3, column (d) and line 10				33,210.

**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

REVENUE		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col (a) through col (c))
	1 Gross revenue				
DIRECT EXPENSES	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1, column (d) and line 7				

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?

b If 'No,' explain \_\_\_\_\_

YES	NO
9a	

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?

b If 'Yes,' explain \_\_\_\_\_

10a
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11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

11
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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
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13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in  
 a The organization's facility  
 b An outside facility

13a	%
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 contact with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?

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?  
 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 O**  
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990**

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Name of the organization **FRIENDS OF THE NORTHWEST WEATHER AND AVALANCHE CENTER** Employer identification number **911971688**

**Form 990, Part III, Line 1 - Organization Mission**

The primary purpose of the Friends of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center (FOAC) is to save lives through public avalanche safety education, and through direct financial support and fund-raising to ensure the financial viability of the Northwest Weather and Avalanche Center (NWAC). The educational, environmental, and scientific activities of NWAC include avalanche safety education and protection of public lives and property through dissemination of avalanche advisories and mountain weather forecasts. The NWAC is administered by the USDA and the US Forest Service with funding from a variety of federal, state and local organizations, including FOAC.

**Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - Other Program Services Description**

Other miscellaneous activities

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 2 - Business or Family Relationship of Officers, Directors, Etc.**

Former Board Member of FOAC was the Executive Director of Alpine Safety Awareness Program when donations were made to ASAP.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 4 - Significant Changes to Organizational Documents**

Notification to IRS in January 2010 of the following changes to the organization's Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.

Changed articles to:

eliminate maximum number of directors

limit the personal liability of directors for monetary damages

added provision mandating distribution of organization's assets upon dissolution

to an organization exempt under Sec 501(c) (3) of the IRS code

Changed bylaws to:

set the number of directors at not less than three or more than nineteen

Name of the organization	FRIENDS OF THE NORTHWEST WEATHER AND AVALANCHE CENTER	Employer identification number	911971688
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**Form 990, Part VI, Line 4 - Significant Changes to Organizational Documents (continued)**

eliminated the term members in the by-laws

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 11 - Form 990 Review Process**

Tax return will be reviewed by Board of Directors at their monthly meeting prior to filing return

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts**

Directors/officers annually fill out a conflict of interest form containing disclosures regarding potential conflicts of interest. Each person signs a statement that affirms they have received the conflict of interest policy, have read and understand it, and have agreed to the policy. The Board reviews any possible conflict of interest situation on a case-by-case basis at regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Review & Approval Process for Officers & Key Employees**

One director is compensated at a minimum hourly rate for managing special events, writing grants, tracking donors, and business and governmental outreach. He is contracted to do so and the Board evaluates his performance annually. He is not allowed to vote on his own performance evaluation. He works part-time, on an as needed basis, as an independent contractor. In 2009 he worked less than 800 hours and was compensated \$26,011.

**Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Other Organization Documents Publicly Available**

Information available to public as indicated on website.

Name of the organization **FRIENDS OF THE NORTHWEST WEATHER AND AVALANCHE CENTER**

Employer identification number  
**911971688**