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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning APR 1, 2009 and ending MAR 31, 2010

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

Please use IRS label or print or type:
C Name of organization
Methow Conservancy
 Doing Business As
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. Box 71
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Winthrop, WA 98862

D Employer identification number
91-1588861

E Telephone number
509-996-2870

G Gross receipts \$ **3,184,014.**

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

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

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

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **1997** **M State of legal domicile:** **WA**

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: **To inspire people to care for and conserve the land of the Methow Valley by working with willing**

2 Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) **3** **14**

4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) **4** **14**

5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a) **5** **13**

6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) **6** **75**

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

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

Revenue	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	3,104,758.	2,797,623.
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	27,329.	15,483.
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	68,786.	<174,479.>
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)		
12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	3,200,873.	2,638,627.

Expenses	Prior Year	Current Year
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	437,926.	466,851.
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 143,168.		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	2,627,621.	3,138,230.
18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	3,065,547.	3,605,081.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	135,326.	<966,454.>

Net Assets or Fund Balances	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	7,392,243.	6,591,712.
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	29,680.	30,517.
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	7,362,563.	6,561,195.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

Signature of officer: *Jason Paulsen*

Date: **10-13-2010**

Type or print name and title: **Jason Paulsen, Executive Director**

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature: *Monica Lough, CPA*
Date: **9-21-10**
Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: **Cordell, Neher & Company, P.L.L.C. P.O. Box 3068 Wenatchee, WA 98807-3068**

Check if self-employed
Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)
EIN ▶
Phone no. ▶ **(509) 663-1661**

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1. Briefly describe the organization's mission:

To inspire people to care for and conserve the land of the Methow Valley, ensuring it will remain a place where future generations can enjoy the rural character and natural beauty we cherish today.

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 \$ 2,948,365. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0.) Continuing conservation easement program development and land protection efforts. Approximately 5,000 people benefited and critical wildlife habitat, including endangered species habitat protected.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 62,385. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 13,044.) Continuing environmental education outreach and educational courses and programs. Approximately 1,300 people benefited.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 110,527. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 0.) Continuing development of Stewardship program. Monitoring and enforcing all easements, conservation planning for landowners, conservation mapping and restoration projects. Approximately 5,000 people benefited.

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
4e Total program service expenses \$ 3,121,277.

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)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>	X	
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	X	
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? <i>If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable</i>	X	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI.</i> • 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII.</i> • 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII.</i> • 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX.</i> • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> • 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i> 		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.</i>	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>		
		Yes	No
12A			X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part I</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>	X	
18		X	
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X
19			X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		X
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? <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, 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
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d 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
25b 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):		
28a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
28c 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?	X	

Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.

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		
1b	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
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	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:		
8a	a The governing body?	X	
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		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
10b	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?	X	
11A	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
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?		
15a	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		X
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
16b	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?		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **WA**
- 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: **▶**
Jason Paulsen - (509) 996-2870
315 Riverside Ave., Winthrop, WA 98862

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's **five current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(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			
Ollie Flor Treasurer	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Paul Butler Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Midge Cross Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Kristin Devin Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Vic & Carrie Stokes Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Jane Gilbertsen Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Gordon Reynaud Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Vicky Welch Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Beth & John Sinclair Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Kevin Van Bueren Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Mac Shelton President	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Steve Dixon Vice President	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Char Alkire Secretary	5.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Scott Jennings Director	4.00	X						0.	0.	0.
Jason Paulsen Executive Director	40.00			X				73,724.	0.	3,806.
Sarah Brooks Associate Director	32.00			X				48,997.	0.	5,227.

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	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	790,336.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	2007287.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		22,856.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		2797623.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a <u>Stewardship and Educat</u>	Business Code 611710	15,483.	15,483.		
	b					
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		15,483.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		26,355.		26,355.	
	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	(ii) Other			
		94,553.	250000.			
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		119952.	425435.			
	c Gain or (loss)	<25399.>	<175,435.>			
	d Net gain or (loss)			<200,834.>	<200,834.>	
	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	b			
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	b				
	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	b				
	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.			2638627.	<185,351.>	0.	
					26,355.	

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).

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(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	131,754.	27,135.	65,491.	39,128.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	276,495.	188,343.	71,069.	17,083.
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)	5,867.	3,997.	1,508.	362.
9 Other employee benefits	19,615.	13,361.	5,042.	1,212.
10 Payroll taxes	33,120.	17,766.	11,352.	4,002.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	1,607.	1,559.	48.	
c Accounting	11,000.	7,500.	3,500.	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion	19,123.	6,098.	1,782.	11,243.
13 Office expenses	16,467.	9,113.	5,344.	2,010.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	6,989.		6,892.	97.
17 Travel	10,587.	8,090.	1,036.	1,461.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,323.		3,243.	80.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	9,667.	669.	6,844.	2,154.
23 Insurance	7,808.		7,808.	
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 Land program	2,743,414.	2,742,664.		750.
b Capital Campaign expens	191,598.		141,115.	50,483.
c Stewardship program	64,877.	64,877.		
d Education program	13,418.	13,236.		182.
e Annual operations fundr	12,119.			12,119.
f All other expenses	26,233.	16,869.	8,562.	802.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	3,605,081.	3,121,277.	340,636.	143,168.
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	64,070.	1	158,846.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,958,793.	2	1,661,589.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	1,791,684.	3	1,490,797.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	36,841.	4	33,309.
	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	208,000.	7	200,000.
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,808.	8	3,568.
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 30,067.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 22,100.	15,076.	10c 7,967.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	365,536.	11	523,146.
	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	2,950,435.	15	2,512,490.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	7,392,243.	16	6,591,712.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	11,190.	17	4,056.
	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	18,490.	25	26,461.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	29,680.	26	30,517.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets		27	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0.	30	0.
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0.	31	0.
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	7,362,563.	32	6,561,195.
33 Total net assets or fund balances	7,362,563.	33	6,561,195.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,392,243.	34	6,591,712.	

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	

Form 990 (2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Name of the organization: **Methow Conservancy** Employer identification number: **91-1588861**

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 a Type I b Type II c Type III - Functionally integrated d Type III - Other
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?
 (i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?
 (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?
 (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

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

(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									

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,625,403.	5,443,040.	3,514,106.	2,751,995.	2,797,623.	16,132,167.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	1,625,403.	5,443,040.	3,514,106.	2,751,995.	2,797,623.	16,132,167.
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)						2,871,752.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						13,260,415.

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	1,625,403.	5,443,040.	3,514,106.	2,751,995.	2,797,623.	16,132,167.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	8,294.	13,518.	76,615.	74,258.	26,355.	199,040.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						16,331,207.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	95,526.

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	81.20 %
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	81.44 %

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

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

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

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

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

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) (Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
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, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
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 lines 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 line 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, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

Methow Conservancy

Employer identification number

91-1588861

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

- 5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No
- 6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

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

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

- Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure) Preservation of an historically important land area
- Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
- Preservation of open space

- 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.

- a Total number of conservation easements
- b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements
- c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)
- d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
2a	82
2b	6,406.00
2c	0
2d	27

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ 0
- 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ 1
- 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No
- 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ 389
- 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ 12,539.
- 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No
- 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
- b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
- (i) Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
- (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____
- 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 relating to these items:
- a Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
- b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):
- a Public exhibition
 - 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:
- | | Amount |
|--|--------|
| c Beginning balance | |
| d Additions during the year | |
| e Distributions during the year | |
| f Ending balance | |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	365,536.	518,370.			
b Contributions	37,600.	2,450.			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	150,445.	<128,353.>			
d Grants or scholarships	23,135.	19,682.			
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses	7,300.	7,249.			
g End of year balance	523,146.	365,536.			

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 100.00 %
 - b Permanent endowment _____ %
 - c Term endowment _____ %
- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|-----------------------------|-----|----|
| (i) unrelated organizations | X | |
| (ii) related organizations | | X |
- b** If "Yes" to 3a(i), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? Yes No
- 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				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		30,067.	22,100.	7,967.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				7,967.

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

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,638,627.
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,605,081.
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	<966,454.>
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	165,086.
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	165,086.
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	<801,368.>

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	2,821,713.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	165,086.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	18,000.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	183,086.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,638,627.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,638,627.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,623,081.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	18,000.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	18,000.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,605,081.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	3,605,081.

Part XIV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9; Part III, lines 1a and 4; Part IV, lines 1b and 2b; Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part II, line 9: The Organization accomplishes its land conservation

objectives by, among other means, accepting donations of interests in real property. The Organization accepts donations of "conservation easements" on qualifying properties. Conservation easements are perpetual agreements between the Organization and private landowners through which the landowners agree to abide by certain restrictions designed to preserve the open space or conservation value of their land; these agreements are binding on all future landowners. The Organization accepted eight

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

conservation easements during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, bringing the total number of easements in favor of the Organization to 82, protecting 6,406 acres of land and 23.9 riverfront miles.

Upon accepting a conservation easement, the Organization assumes a perpetual obligation to monitor, normally on an annual basis, the affected property to ensure that the landowners comply with the restrictions of the easement. Further, the Organization is perpetually obligated to enforce provisions of the easements in the event of a violation to the terms of the easement. Enforcing an easement violation could involve costly legal or other expenses.

Due to the fact that conservation purposes are achieved through the extinguishment of the development rights on a donated or purchased easement, and there is no resale market value, the value of these easements is subsequently zero. The revenue and expenses associated with purchased conservation easements are recorded on the organization's revenue and expense statements as non-operating, other income and expense. For a donated easement no revenues or expenses are reported. In addition, whether the conservation easement is purchased or donated no value is recorded on the organization's balance sheet.

Part V, line 4: The Organization maintains two quasi-endowment funds. The Stewardship Fund totalling \$507,116 at year end, is maintained to assist with annual costs of monitoring conservation easements and serves as a legal defense fund should the need to enforce a conservation easement arise. The Organizational Sustainability Fund totalling \$16,030 at year end, represents an initial seeding of an endowment fund to help sustain

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

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		Best of the West (event type)	Campaign Art Auction (event type)	1 (total number)		
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	13,650.	36,260.	12,385.	62,295.
	2	Less: Charitable contributions	375.	14,185.		14,560.
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	13,275.	22,075.	12,385.	47,735.
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs			465.	465.
	7	Food and beverages	7,597.	1,057.	6,358.	15,012.
	8	Entertainment	250.	510.	3,251.	4,011.
	9	Other direct expenses	915.	3,308.	2,355.	6,578.
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(26,066)
	11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				21,669.

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			
	3	Noncash 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 line 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:

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

b If "Yes," explain:

11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?

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?

	Yes	No
9a		
10a		
11		
12		

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

a The organization's facility

13a	%
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b An outside facility

13b	%
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14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

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

15a

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

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

17a

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

SCHEDULE L
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Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

- 2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
	Mazama Corner LLC				X	200,000.	200,000.		X	X
Total				▶ \$	200,000.					

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefiting Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of organization's revenues?	
				Yes	No

**SCHEDULE M
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Noncash Contributions

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

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Part I	Types of Property	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1	Art - Works of art	X	17	16,245.	Fair Market Value
2	Art - Historical treasures				
3	Art - Fractional interests				
4	Books and publications				
5	Clothing and household goods				
6	Cars and other vehicles				
7	Boats and planes				
8	Intellectual property				
9	Securities - Publicly traded	X	6	1,014.	Fair Market Value
10	Securities - Closely held stock				
11	Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12	Securities - Miscellaneous				
13	Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14	Qualified conservation contribution - Other	X	2		See Schedule M Line
15	Real estate - Residential				
16	Real estate - Commercial				
17	Real estate - Other				
18	Collectibles				
19	Food inventory				
20	Drugs and medical supplies				
21	Taxidermy				
22	Historical artifacts				
23	Scientific specimens				
24	Archeological artifacts				
25	Other ▶ (_____)				
26	Other ▶ (_____)				
27	Other ▶ (_____)				
28	Other ▶ (_____)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgment **29** **3**

	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1-28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?	X	
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Part II

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

Schedule M, Line 33: Due to the fact that conservation purposes are achieved through the extinguishment of the development rights on a donated easement, and there is no resale market value, the value of these easements is subsequently zero. Therefore, no value for these conservation easements is recorded as revenue or booked on the organization's balance sheet.

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Supplemental Information to Form 990

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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Form 990, Part I, Line 1, Description of Organization Mission:

private land owners to create conservation easements, sustaining a
stewardship program to care for the land we protect and by offering
information and tangible education programs about living thoughtfully
with the land in the Methow Valley.

**Form 990, Part VI, Section A, line 2: Beth and John Sinclair and Vic and
Carrie Stokes, Board Members, are husband and wife. They only have one
board vote per couple.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11: The Form 990 is reviewed in depth
by the management staff. A draft copy is then made available to all board
members and is reviewed at a board meeting prior to being signed by the
Executive Director.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c: Prior to any Board vote on an
issue, Board members are expected to comply with the provisions of our
Conflict of Interest Policy by disclosing any potential conflicts. The
Board then discusses the situation, the individual may be recused from
discussion if this is appropriate, and the actions taken are recorded in
the board meeting minutes.**

**Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15a: The Executive Director's
compensation is reviewed annually by the board, along with budget
considerations and comparability with other similar organizations in the
area.**

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Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: The organization's governing documents, conflict of interest policy and financial statements are available to the public upon request.

Schedule 990, Part XI, Line 2c

Oversight of Audit

There has been no change to the oversight process during the tax year.

Schedule 990, Part X, Line 33

Unrealized gains and losses

Part X, line 33 includes \$165,086 of unrealized gains in the current year.

Schedule 990L-2, Line A

Purpose of Loan

Money was advanced to Mazama Corner LLC in pursuit of similar objectives of the Conservancy and was done including interest at a stated market rate. A member of the Mazama Corner LLC is also a director of the Methow Conservancy. The Conservancy's conflict of interest policy was followed and the director was not involved in discussion or the decision to approve this loan.