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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2011

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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)

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

A For the 2011 calendar year, or tax year beginning 1 January, 2011, and ending 31 December, 2011

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

C Name of organization Cloud Ridge Naturalists
 Doing Business As Cloud Ridge Naturalists
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
8297 Overland Rd.
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Ward, CO 80481-9532

D Employer identification number
84-0919233

E Telephone number
303-459-3248

G Gross receipts \$ 302,385.

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)

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

J Website: ▶ www.CloudRidge.org

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1983

M State of legal domicile CO

Part I Summary		Prior Year	Current Year
Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Supports international conservation efforts by providing field-based educational opportunities in the natural and cultural sciences to the general public (adults and children)</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> 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	<u>12</u>
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	<u>12</u>
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2011 (Part V, line 2a)	5	<u>0</u>
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	<u>20-25</u>
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	<u>0</u>
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	<u>0</u>	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	<u>\$25,925.</u>	<u>\$28,625.</u>
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>\$415,600.</u>	<u>273,760.</u>
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>\$441,525</u>	<u>\$302,385</u>
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a, 11d, 11e, 12a)	<u>\$410,524.</u>	<u>\$298,216.</u>	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>\$410,524.</u>	<u>\$298,216.</u>	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>\$35,661.</u>	<u>\$4,169.</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	<u>\$52,778.</u>	<u>\$35,791.</u>
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>27,039.</u>	<u>0</u>
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>25,739</u>	<u>\$35,791.</u>

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: Audrey D. Benedict Signature of officer Date 8/15/2012
Audrey D. Benedict Founder and Executive Director Type or print name and title

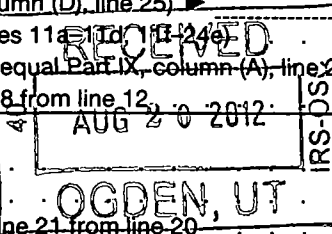
Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶		Phone no	
Firm's address ▶				

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:
Cloud Ridge supports international conservation efforts by providing the general public with field-based, multidisciplinary educational experiences in the natural and cultural sciences to the general public

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 organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured 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.

900099 = educational seminars

4a (Code: *900099*) (Expenses \$ *61,654.* including grants of \$ *NONE*) (Revenue \$ *64,935.*)

Conservation in Focus (I): Alaska's Glacier Bay National Park (May 7-19, 2011). This seminar uses 12-passenger M/V Sea Wolf as a platform for natural history and geologic exploration in Glacier Bay. Impacts of global warming on marine and terrestrial ecosystems (13 participants)

4b (Code: *900099*) (Expenses \$ *41,800.* including grants of \$ *NONE*) (Revenue \$ *42,000.*)

Weaving Andean Stories: Tracing Argentina's Cultural Heritage and Textile Traditions (November 12-28, 2011). This hands-on workshop focuses on fiber traditions and textile production among indigenous groups in Northwest Argentina and Patagonia.

4c (Code: *900099*) (Expenses \$ *146,632* including grants of \$ *NONE*) (Revenue \$ *115,200.*)

In Darwin's Footsteps (II): Chilean Patagonia, the High Andes, Chiloe Island, and Crossing the Andes to Mendoza. This seminar traces the steps of Darwin and the Voyage of the Beagle along the Pacific coast of Chile. Our leaders integrate natural history, evolutionary biology, archaeology, and geology.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ *48,070* including grants of \$ *NONE*) (Revenue \$ *55,200.*)

4e Total program service expenses *298,216*

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>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
d 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
f 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 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 a 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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14 a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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, Parts II and IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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, Parts III and IV</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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 (see instructions)</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
20 a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		✓
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		✓
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		✓
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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		✓
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		✓
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		✓
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		✓
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		✓
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		✓
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		✓
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		✓
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		✓
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		✓
c	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		✓
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		✓
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		✓
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		✓
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	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	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		✓
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		✓
b	Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		✓
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	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	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	✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		N/A
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)		N/A
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		✓
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		N/A
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		✓
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		✓
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		✓
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		N/A
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	✓	
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	✓	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		✓
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		N/A
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		✓
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		7d NONE
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		✓
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		N/A
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		N/A
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		✓
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		✓
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		✓
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	N/A
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	N/A
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	N/A
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	N/A
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	✓
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	N/A
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	✓
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	N/A
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	0
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	N/A

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. Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1a <u>12</u> If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b <u>12</u>		
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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
	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?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b	If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		<u>N/A</u>

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► NOT REQUIRED IN COLORADO
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made 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 made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. Colorado Charitable Organization Annual Report
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► Audrey D. Benedict, 8897 Overland Rd, Ward CO 80481

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VII

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.

- 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, if any. 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 neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
<i>All are volunteers</i>										
(1) <i>Andrey D. Benedict</i> <i>Founder, Executive Director</i>	<i>25+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
(2) <i>Sarah Drummond</i> <i>Director, Vice-President</i>	<i>5+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
(3) <i>Marilyn Faulbranner</i> <i>Director, Vice-President</i>	<i>5+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
(4) <i>Deb Tenell</i> <i>Director, Secretary</i>	<i>2+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
(5) <i>Fran Enright</i> <i>Director, Treasurer</i>	<i>1</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
(6) <i>Dr. Geoff Hammerson</i> <i>Director</i>	<i>10+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(7) <i>Chris Moench</i> <i>Director</i>	<i>2+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(8) <i>Yennifer Hahn</i> <i>Director</i>	<i>2+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(9) <i>Mehry Khosravi</i> <i>Director</i>	<i>5+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(10) <i>Carol Passera</i> <i>Director</i>	<i>10+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(11) <i>Dr. Alan Berger</i> <i>Director, Int. Advisor</i>	<i>1+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(12) <i>Dr. Emmett Evanoff</i> <i>Director</i>	<i>1+</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>						0	0	0
(13)								0	0	0
(14)								0	0	0

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(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			
(15)										
(16)										
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
1b Sub-total							0	0	0	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0	0	0	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							0	0	0	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **NONE**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **NONE**

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	0				
	b	Membership dues	0				
	c	Fundraising events	0				
	d	Related organizations	0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	0				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	28,625.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	28,625.				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Conservation in Focus 1 Business Code 900099	64,935.	64,935.	0	64,935.	
	b	Conservation in Focus 2 Business Code 900099	26,950.	26,950.	0	26,950.	
	c	Tampa and Green Rivers Business Code 900099	24,675.	24,675.	0	24,675.	
	d	Waddling Andean Stories Business Code 900099	42,000.	42,000.	0	42,000.	
	e	In Darwin's Footsteps Business Code 900099	115,200.	115,200.	0	115,200.	
	f	All other program service revenue	0	0	0	0	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	273,760				
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	0	0	0	0	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds	0	0	0	0	
	5	Royalties	0	0	0	0	
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
	b	Less: rental expenses	N/A	N/A			
	c	Rental income or (loss)					
	d	Net rental income or (loss)	0	0	0	0	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
			(ii) Other				
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	N/A	N/A			
	c	Gain or (loss)					
	d	Net gain or (loss)	0	0	0	0	
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 a	N/A					
b	Less: direct expenses b						
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events	0	0	0	0		
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 a	N/A					
b	Less: direct expenses b	0					
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities	0	0	0	0		
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances a	N/A					
b	Less: cost of goods sold b	0					
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory	0	0	0	0		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a	NONE		0	0	0	0	
b							
c							
d	All other revenue	0	0	0	0		
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d	0	0	0	0		
12	Total revenue. See instructions	302,385.	273,760	0	273,760.		

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).

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part IX

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 United States. See Part IV, line 21	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	0	0	0	0
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	NO	SALARIES / WAGES → HONORARIA		
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0	0	0	0
9 Other employee benefits	0	0	0	0
10 Payroll taxes	0	0	0	0
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	0	0	0	0
b Legal	0	0	0	0
c Accounting	0	0	0	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0	0	0	0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other <i>Cloud Ridge Publishing</i>	\$ 792.	\$ 792.	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	\$ 1,216.	\$ 1,216.	0	0
13 Office expenses	\$ 895.	\$ 895.	0	0
14 Information technology	\$ 980.	\$ 980.	0	0
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	0	0	0	0
17 Travel	0	0	0	0
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	0	0	0	0
20 Interest	0	0	0	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23 Insurance	\$ 4,546	\$ 4,546.	0	0
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <i>5 seminars</i>	\$ 289,787	\$ 289,787	0	0
b <i>(See included brochure)</i>				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	\$ 298,216.	\$ 298,216	0	0
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	\$42,735.	1	\$25,739.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	\$10,043.	2	10,052.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions)	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	0
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	0
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 0		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 0	10c	0
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	0	11	0
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	\$52,778.	16	\$35,791.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,039.	17	0
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	0	19	0
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	\$27,039.	26	0
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	N/A	27	N/A
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	N/A	28	N/A
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	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	0	30	0
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	31	0
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	0	32	0
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	\$52,778.	33	\$35,791.
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	\$25,739.	34	\$35,791.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	\$ 302,385.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	\$ 289,787.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	\$ 12,598
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	\$ 52,778
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	?
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	\$ 35,791

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

- 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 separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis *N/A*
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits

	Yes	No
2a		✓
2b		✓
2c		✓
3a		✓
3b		<i>N/A</i>

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2011

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 *Cloud Ridge Naturalists* Employer identification number *84-0919233*

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)(vii)**. (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?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 - (ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?

	Yes	No
11g(ii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
 - (iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?

	Yes	No
11g(iii)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A) <i>NONE</i>									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf			N/A			
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(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			N/A			
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	N/A	%
15 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	N/A	%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2011. 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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>			
b 33 1/3% support test—2010. 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"/>			
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2011. 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 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2010. 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"/>			
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 ► <input type="checkbox"/>			

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 or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	\$ 3,600.	\$ 3,075.	\$ 6,550.	\$ 25,925.	\$ 28,625.	\$ 67,775.
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	\$ 254,995.	\$ 238,550.	\$ 362,320.	\$ 420,260.	\$ 273,760.	\$ 1,549,885.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	\$ 258,595	\$ 241,625	\$ 368,870	\$ 446,185	\$ 302,385	\$ 1,617,660.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	0	0	0	0	0	0
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 7a and 7b	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						\$ 1,617,660

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) 2011	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	\$ 258,595	\$ 241,625	\$ 368,870	\$ 446,185	\$ 302,385	\$ 1,617,660.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	0	0	0	0	0	0
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975	0	0	0	0	0	0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	0	0	0	0	0	0
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	0	0	0	0	0	0
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	\$ 258,595	\$ 241,625	\$ 368,870	\$ 446,185	\$ 302,385	\$ 1,617,660.
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2011 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	/	%
16 Public support percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	/	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2011 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2010 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0	%

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests—2011.** 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—2010.** 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 *W/A*
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Statement of Activities Outside the United States

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▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990,
Part IV, line 14b, 15, or 16.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I **General Information on Activities Outside the United States.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 14b.

1 For grantmakers. Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of its grants and other assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? *NONE* Yes No

2 For grantmakers. Describe in Part V the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of its grants and other assistance outside the United States.

3 Activities per Region. (The following Part I, line 3 table can be duplicated if additional space is needed.)

(a) Region	(b) Number of offices in the region	(c) Number of employees, agents, and independent contractors in region	(d) Activities conducted in region (by type) (e.g., fundraising, program services, investments, grants to recipients located in the region)	(e) If activity listed in (d) is a program service, describe specific type of service(s) in region	(f) Total expenditures for and investments in region
(1) <i>South America Argentina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>independent contractor</i>	<i>Program Services</i>	<i>Educational seminar</i>	<i>\$41,860.</i>
(2) <i>South America Chile & Argentina</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>independent contractor</i>	<i>Program Services</i>	<i>Educational seminar</i>	<i>\$140,632.</i>
(3)					
(4)			<i>All expenditures were to travel providers (airlines, buses, hotels, food purveyors, and local guides</i>		
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					
(8)					
(9)					
(10)					
(11)					
(12)					
(13)					
(14)					
(15)					
(16)					
(17)					
3a Sub-total	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>\$188,492.</i>
b Total from continuation sheets to Part I	<i>/</i>	<i>/</i>			<i>/</i>
c Totals (add lines 3a and 3b)	<i>0</i>	<i>2</i>			<i>\$188,492</i>

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations or Entities Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 15, for any recipient who received more than \$5,000. Check this box if no one recipient received more than \$5,000.

Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Name of organization	(b) IRS code section and EIN (if applicable)	(c) Region	(d) Purpose of grant	(e) Amount of cash grant	(f) Manner of cash disbursement	(g) Amount of non-cash assistance	(h) Description of non-cash assistance	(i) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)									
(2)									
(3)					NO	GRANTS	MADE		
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									
(8)									
(9)									
(10)									
(11)									
(12)									
(13)									
(14)									
(15)									
(16)									

2 Enter total number of recipient organizations listed above that are recognized as charities by the foreign country, recognized as tax-exempt by the IRS, or for which the grantee or counsel has provided a section 501(c)(3) equivalency letter

3 Enter total number of other organizations or entities

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Individuals Outside the United States. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 16.
 Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Region	(c) Number of recipients	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Manner of cash disbursement	(f) Amount of non-cash assistance	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)
(1)							
(2)							
(3)			NONE	GIVEN			
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							
(13)							
(14)							
(15)							
(16)							
(17)							
(18)							

Part IV Foreign Forms

- 1 Was the organization a U.S. transferor of property to a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 926, Return by a U.S. Transferor of Property to a Foreign Corporation (see Instructions for Form 926)* Yes No

- 2 Did the organization have an interest in a foreign trust during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 3520, Annual Return to Report Transactions with Foreign Trusts and Receipt of Certain Foreign Gifts, and/or Form 3520-A, Annual Information Return of Foreign Trust With a U.S. Owner (see Instructions for Forms 3520 and 3520-A)* Yes No

- 3 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign corporation during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5471, Information Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Corporations. (see Instructions for Form 5471)* Yes No

- 4 Was the organization a direct or indirect shareholder of a passive foreign investment company or a qualified electing fund during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8621, Information Return by a Shareholder of a Passive Foreign Investment Company or Qualified Electing Fund. (see Instructions for Form 8621)* Yes No

- 5 Did the organization have an ownership interest in a foreign partnership during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 8865, Return of U.S. Persons With Respect To Certain Foreign Partnerships. (see Instructions for Form 8865)* Yes No

- 6 Did the organization have any operations in or related to any boycotting countries during the tax year? *If "Yes," the organization may be required to file Form 5713, International Boycott Report (see Instructions for Form 5713)* Yes No

Part V Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, line 2 (monitoring of funds); Part I, line 3, column (f) (accounting method; amounts of investments vs. expenditures per region); Part II, line 1 (accounting method); Part III (accounting method); and Part III, column (c) (estimated number of recipients), as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Foreign Seminars: A print copy of our brochure is attached and provides specific information on South American seminar offerings, instructor biographies, and most logistical details.

A Note on General Expenses: Program service expenses for any Cloud Ridge seminar include Cloud Ridge's annual liability insurance, instructor honoraria, all group travel expenses (bus, raft, boat, expedition ship, van, and plane), all meals, all lodging, all outfitting, special use fees, and operating permits. Cloud Ridge has no salaried employees and most instructors donate their teaching services. Pricing is based on spreading costs over the minimum number of participants determined for a given trip to insure that a trip operates as expected and not cancelled due to low enrollment.

Our South American travel logistics support and outfitter/provider:

Causana Viajes (Carol Mackie)
E.V.T. Legajo #9368 Disposicion #379
Mathews 1325 Puerto Madryn
Chubut PATAGONIA ARGENTINA
Tel. (54-2965) 455044 email: causana@causana.com

Code: 900099) Expenses \$43,641) (Revenue \$48,500)

Weaving Andean Stories: Tracing Argentina's Cultural Heritage and Textile Traditions (November 12-28, 2011)

Number of Participants: 13

This hands-on workshop traced fiber and textile production among indigenous groups in Northwest Argentina and Patagonia over the past 10,000 years, with special emphasis on the natural history and husbandry of the native and domesticated Camelidae—guanacos, vicunas, alpacas, and llamas—by indigenous groups such as the Quechua (Northwest Argentina) and the Mapuche (Patagonia).

(Code 900099) (Expenses \$124,800) (Revenue \$127,800)

In Darwin's Footsteps (Part II): Chilean Patagonia and the High Andes, including Torres del Paine National Park, Volcan Osorno, Chiloe Island, and Darwin's Cross-Andean Journey to Mendoza (December 2-19, 2011)

Number of Participants: 15

This seminar, the second in a two-part series, traced the 1831 voyage of the HMS Beagle and highlighted the land-based discoveries of Charles Darwin along the Pacific coast of Chile, Chiloe Island, and the Chilean Andes to Mendoza, Argentina. Our leaders included specialists in evolutionary biology, general natural history, geology and paleontology, seabird biology, and cultural historians.

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

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

2. In 2010 Cloud Ridge Naturalists added a publishing arm, Cloud Ridge Publishing, to further our educational and conservation efforts through the publication of books and other visual media that focus on areas of critical conservation concern. Initial book production expenses in 2010 were completely underwritten by a gift from the Executive Director. With the exception of a one-time royalty payment to the book's photographers, Bob Rozinski and Wendy Shattil, the author (Audrey Benedict) donates all proceeds from book sales of **Valley of the Dunes: Great Sand Dunes National Park and Preserve** to Cloud Ridge Naturalists to support future publishing and educational projects. Expenses noted on this Form 990 for Cloud Ridge Publishing are for 2011 only.

4. Cloud Ridge Naturalists offered 5 educational seminars to the general public in 2011. Seminars continued to focus on terrestrial and marine ecosystems, with special emphasis on conservation issues associated with global climate change, river system ecology, evolutionary biology and exploration, the impacts of climate change and pollution on marine systems, and the natural history of Northern and Southern Hemisphere temperate rainforests. Our seminars provide the finest natural history education experiences available and highlight leading-edge environmental issues and research. The total number of participants in 2011 was 72. Our web brochure (www.cloudridge.org) describes the seminar offerings. A print copy of the brochure is attached and provides specific information on seminar offerings, instructor biographies, and most logistical details.

A Note on Expenses: Program service expenses include Cloud Ridge's annual liability insurance, instructor honoraria, all group travel expenses (bus, raft, boat, expedition ship, van, and plane), all meals, all lodging, all outfitting, special use fees, and operating permits. Cloud Ridge has no salaried employees and most instructors donate their teaching services. The Executive Director, who accompanies all trips, pays the same tuition that participants do.

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Part III cont.

(Code 900099) (Expenses \$21,984.) (Revenue \$24,675.)

Of Tiger Walls and Canyon Wrens: A Naturalist's Journey on the Yampa and Green Rivers (May 29-June 4, 2011)

Multidisciplinary natural history 5-day raft expedition through Dinosaur National Monument emphasizing river hydrology, geologic settings, and both terrestrial and river-based ecosystems.

(Code: 900099) Expenses \$17,657.) (Revenue \$26,950)

Conservation in Focus (II): The Salish Sea and the San Juan Islands (October 2-9, 2011)

This "classroom afloat" workshop provided an in-depth study of the marine ecosystems of the Salish Sea and was based on the 12-passenger *M/V Catalyst*. The voyage began in Friday Harbor, in Washington's San Juan Islands. The primary goal was to explore the unique ecosystems of the Salish Sea

Part VI/Section C. Disclosure

19. Cloud Ridge Naturalists is registered in Colorado and is required to file a Colorado Charitable Organization Annual Report that is made available online to anyone interested.

Part X/Balance Sheet

17. (Column B) This figure corresponds to reservation deposits made during 2012 to suppliers/outfitters for seminars that will operate in 2013. Reservation deposits are normally made towards the end of the calendar year when the 2013 booking is confirmed with a given outfitter or service provider. The amount shown represents trip deposits made for 2012 trips, and includes payments made to Sea Wolf Adventures and Pacific Catalyst.

