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Form 990  Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax 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	OMB No 1545-0047 2012 Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2012 , 2012, and ending 12-31-2012

B Check if applicable ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC		D Employer identification number 81-0421425
	Doing Business As		E Telephone number (406) 523-4500
	Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) 5705 GRANT CREEK RD	Room/suite	
	City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 MISSOULA, MT 59808		G Gross receipts \$ 118,532,046
	F Name and address of principal officer M DAVID ALLEN 5705 GRANT CREEK RD MISSOULA, MT 59808		
		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		H(c) Group exemption number	
J Website: www.rmef.org			
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other		L Year of formation 1984	M State of legal domicile MT

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities THE MISSION OF THE ELK FOUNDATION IS TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF ELK, OTHER WILDLIFE, THEIR HABITAT AND OUR HUNTING HERITAGE OUR MISSION INCLUDES CONSERVING HABITAT, PROMOTING ELK MANAGEMENT, AND EDUCATING MEMBERS ON CONSERVATION & HUNTING			
	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	23
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	21
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	154
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	10,000	
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	1,096,054	
b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b		
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	38,102,697	49,400,311
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	7,214,588	5,625,820
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	384,483	12,456,681
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	10,670,872	11,768,505
			56,372,640	79,251,317
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	4,000	4,000
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	7,770,301	8,431,875
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	88,116	108,955
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	1,618,116	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	46,582,907	57,150,083
	18	Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	54,445,324	65,694,913
	19	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	1,927,316	13,556,404
	Net Assets or Fund Balances			Beginning of Current Year
20		Total assets (Part X, line 16)	54,068,544	68,605,902
21		Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	10,450,468	10,091,187
22		Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	43,618,076	58,514,715

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			2013-09-10 Date	
	LORI PARKER Treasurer Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name		Preparer's signature		Date
	Check ☐ if self-employed			PTIN	
	Firm's name			Firm's EIN	
	Firm's address			Phone no	

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

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

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1

Briefly describe the organization's mission

THE MISSION OF THE ELK FOUNDATION IS TO ENSURE THE FUTURE OF ELK, OTHER WILDLIFE,THEIR HABITAT AND OUR HUNTING HERITAGE OUR MISSION INCLUDES CONSERVING HABITAT, PROMOTING ELK MANAGEMENT, AND EDUCATING MEMBERS ON CONSERVATION & HUNTING

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 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 \$ 41,456,827 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 2,702,600)

PERMANENT LAND PROTECTION AND ACCESS REPRESENTS LAND ACQUISITIONS, CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, LAND EXCHANGES, HUNTER ACCESS RELATED PROJECTS, AND REAL ESTATE DONATIONS RMEF IDENTIFIES AND PRIORITIZES THE MOST CRUCIAL ELK RANGE AND HABITAT THROUGH GIS MAPPING, A 100 POINT RANKING SYSTEM, PARTNERSHIPS, AND FIELD BASED PROFESSIONAL KNOWLEDGE THE HIGHEST PRIORITY LANDS FOR HABITAT OR ACCESS ARE PROTECTED THROUGH ACQUISITION AND THEN USUALLY CONVEYED TO A GOVERNMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ALLOW LANDOWNERS TO PROTECT THEIR LAND IN PERPETUITY LAND AND REAL ESTATE DONATIONS ALLOW RMEF TO PROTECT HABITAT OR RAISE FUNDS FOR MISSION ACCOMPLISHMENT RMEF ALSO PARTICIPATES IN LAND EXCHANGES WITH GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND PRIVATE LANDOWNERS AT THE CLOSE OF 2012, RMEF HAD PERMANENTLY PROTECTED 1,064,307 CUMULATIVE ACRES OF ELK HABITAT

4b

(Code) (Expenses \$ 8,041,365 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 1,904,385)

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES REPRESENTS THE COSTS OF PROVIDING BENEFITS TO ALL ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION MEMBERS, INCLUDING CERTAIN COSTS RELATED TO BUGLE MAGAZINE RMEF OFFERS SEVERAL LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP, WITH DIFFERENT BENEFITS AT EACH LEVEL RMEF PROVIDES A VARIETY OF GIFTS TO SOME OF ITS MEMBERS IN APPRECIATION OF THEIR SUPPORT ITEMS VARY WITH LEVELS OF MEMBERSHIP, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION TO BUGLE- ELK COUNTRY AND THE HUNT, DECALS, LAPEL PINS, PERSONALIZED PLAQUES AND JACKETS MEMBERS ALSO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL MEMBERSHIP MATERIALS AND HABITAT PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION BROCHURES MEMBERS ARE ALSO INVITED TO ATTEND ANY NUMBER OF RMEF LOCAL OR NATIONAL EVENTS AT THE CLOSE OF 2012, RMEF HAD 196,079 MEMBERS

4c

(Code) (Expenses \$ 6,031,191 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 949,585)

CONSERVATION PROJECTS REPRESENTS PROJECTS TO IMPROVE THE ESSENTIAL FORAGE, WATER, COVER AND SPACE COMPONENTS OF WILDLIFE HABITAT TYPES OF PROJECTS INCLUDE RESTORING ASPEN COMMUNITIES, FIGHTING THE SPREAD OF NOXIOUS WEEDS, BOOSTING RANGELAND PRODUCTIVITY WITH PRESCRIBED BURNING, AND THINNING OF FORESTS RMEF FUNDS WATER DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AS WELL AS FENCING PROJECTS TO PROVIDE BETTER DISTRIBUTION OF WILDLIFE AND LIVESTOCK RMEF ALSO FUNDS A VARIETY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH STUDIES TO BETTER MANAGE ELK OR THEIR HABITAT RESEARCH TOPICS INCLUDE ELK CALF MORTALITY, NUTRITION, PREDATION, LIVESTOCK INTERACTION, DISEASE, MIGRATIONS AND GENETICS AT THE CLOSE OF 2012, RMEF HAD ENHANCED 5,202,146 CUMULATIVE ACRES OF CRITICAL ELK HABITAT

4d

Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)

(Expenses \$ 3,922,194 including grants of \$ 4,000) (Revenue \$ 69,250)

4e

Total program service expenses

59,451,577

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A 	1 Yes	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? 	2 Yes	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I 	3	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II 	4 Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III 	5	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I 	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II 	7 Yes	
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III 	8 Yes	
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X, or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV 	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V 	10 Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI 	11a Yes	
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII 	11b	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII 	11c	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX 	11d	No
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11e Yes	
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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X 	11f	No
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII 	12a Yes	
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional 	12b	No
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions) 	17 Yes	
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II 	18 Yes	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III 	19 Yes	
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	

Part IV

Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II</i>	21		No
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>	22		No
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>	23	Yes	
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>	24a	Yes	
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		No
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		No
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		No
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>	25a		No
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	25b		No
26	Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highest 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>	26		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>	27		No
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)			
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28a		No
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28b		No
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>	28c		No
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	29	Yes	
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>	30	Yes	
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	31		No
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>	32	Yes	
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>	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a		No
b	If 'Yes' to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>	35b		No
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>	36		No
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>	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	Yes	

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.	1,234	
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable.	0	
c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		1c	Yes
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.	2a	154
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions).		2b	Yes
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		3a	Yes
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		3b	
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)?		4a	Yes
b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: CA 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?		5a	No
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		5b	No
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		5c	
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 as charitable contributions?		6a	No
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		6b	
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?		7a	Yes
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		7b	Yes
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		7c	No
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		7d	0
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		7e	No
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		7f	No
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		7g	No
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		7h	No
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?		8	No
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.			
a Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		9a	No
b Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		9b	No
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		10a	
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		10b	
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
a Gross income from members or shareholders.		11a	
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them).		11b	
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		12a	No
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		12b	
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	No
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	
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand.		13c	
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		14a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O.		14b	

Part VI

Governance, Management, and Disclosure

For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 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	23	
	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	21	
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?	2	No
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?	3	No
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	No
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	No
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	No
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?	7a	No
b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	No
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following		
a	The governing body?	8a	Yes
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Yes
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	9	No

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?	10a	Yes
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?	10b	Yes
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	Yes
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	12a	Yes
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	Yes
c	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	Yes
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	Yes
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	Yes
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	15a	Yes
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	No
	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?	16a	No
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?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed	WY , WV , WI , WA , VT , VA , UT , TX , TN , SD , SC , RI , PA , OR , OK , OH , NY , NV , NM , NJ , NH , NE , ND , NC , MT , MS , MO , MN , MI , ME , MD , MA , LA , KY , KS , IN , IL , ID , IA , HI , GA , FL , DE , CT , CO , CA , AZ , AR , AL , AK
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (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 ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
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	
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization	DOUGLAS GREEN CPA 5705 GRANT CREEK ROAD MISSOULA, MT (406) 523-4500

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

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 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, or 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

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Part VII

1b	Sub-Total	▼			
c	Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	▼			
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	▼	940,911		145,959

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 ▶6

		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>	3	No
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>	4	Yes
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>	5	No

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
OUTDOOR CHANNEL PO BOX 809280 CHICAGO IL 60680	TELEVISION SHOW	189,660
HERITAGE FRAMES & FINE ART 4416 STABLE LN FORT COLLINS CO 80525	FRAMING	146,103
GES EXPOSITION SERVICES 101 PANTHER DR RENO NV 89506	CONVENTION SERVICES	124,789
FEDERAL EXPRESS PO BOX 94515 PALANTINE IL 60094	SHIPPING	610,533
BIG TIME ENTERTAINMENT 1984 NORWAY LAKE RD SW PINE RIVER MN 56474	TELEVISION PRODUCER	329,653

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 ►6

Part VIII

Statement of Revenue

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

				(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)		
				Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514		
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns . . .	1a						
	b	Membership dues	1b	7,306,761					
	c	Fundraising events	1c						
	d	Related organizations	1d						
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	14,603,087					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	27,490,463					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		21,671,296					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		49,400,311					
Program Service Revenue			Business Code						
	2a	MEMBERSHIP REVENUE	900099	1,904,385	1,904,385				
	b	LAND SALES	900099	2,702,600	2,702,600				
	c	HUNTING	900099	69,250	69,250				
	d	CONTRACT REVENUE	900099	949,585	949,585				
	e								
	f	All other program service revenue							
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		5,625,820					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		635,076			635,076		
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds . . .		0					
	5	Royalties		168,717			168,717		
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal					
	b	Less rental expenses			0				
	c	Rental income or (loss)							
	d	Net rental income or (loss)							
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other					
			9,485,567	23,421,438					
			8,360,049	12,725,351					
			1,125,518	10,696,087					
	d	Net gain or (loss)		11,821,605				11,821,605	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18		20,053,749	5,593,340			5,593,340	
	a								
	b	Less direct expenses	b						14,460,409
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . .							
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19		5,546,799	2,925,409			2,925,409	
	a								
	b	Less direct expenses	b						2,621,390
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . .							
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		2,631,608	1,518,078		4,681	1,513,397	
	a								
	b	Less cost of goods sold	b						1,113,530
	c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . .							
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code						
	11a	MISCELLANEOUS	900099		436,973			436,973	
	b	GRAZING FEE/LEASE INCOME	900099		34,615			34,615	
c	ADVERTISING / TELEVISION	541800		1,091,373		1,091,373			
d	All other revenue								
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			1,562,961					
12	Total revenue. See Instructions			79,251,317	5,625,820	1,096,054	23,129,132		

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).

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			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22.	4,000	4,000		
3	Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members.	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees.	598,661	266,089	190,191	142,381
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			
7	Other salaries and wages.	5,705,557	3,696,098	1,760,526	248,933
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions).	263,110	171,730	78,654	12,726
9	Other employee benefits.	1,309,383	637,575	611,374	60,434
10	Payroll taxes.	555,164	345,744	177,448	31,972
11	Fees for services (non-employees):				
a	Management.	0			
b	Legal.	75,219	70,782	4,220	217
c	Accounting.	47,389	34,968	11,521	900
d	Lobbying.	5,313	5,313		
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.	108,955			108,955
f	Investment management fees.	106,555	103,946	2,103	506
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O).	1,023,520	947,465	41,535	34,520
12	Advertising and promotion.	977,853	673,826	221,345	82,682
13	Office expenses.	6,235,207	4,915,600	674,421	645,186
14	Information technology.	0			
15	Royalties.	0			
16	Occupancy.	294,934	239,208	45,691	10,035
17	Travel.	1,274,629	660,712	504,201	109,716
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials.	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings.	225,678	133,433	77,965	14,280
20	Interest.	1,545	1,190	286	69
21	Payments to affiliates.	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization.	654,249	522,138	94,971	37,140
23	Insurance.	63,400	51,940	9,128	2,332
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	MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS	2,017,649	2,017,649		
b	LAND PROTECTION	3,027,912	3,027,912		
c	CONSERVATION PROJECTS	4,730,386	4,730,386		
d	CONSERVATION EASEMENTS	36,025,235	36,025,235		
e	All other expenses	363,410	168,638	119,640	75,132
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	65,694,913	59,451,577	4,625,220	1,618,116
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 ☒ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).	5,722,000	209,000	2,968,000	2,545,000

Part X

Balance Sheet

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

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				(A)		(B)
				Beginning of year		End of year
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		5,439,915	1	3,033,408
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		787,000	2	1,875,567
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net		1,807,878	3	1,925,309
	4	Accounts receivable, net		971,612	4	688,249
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L			5	0
	6	Loans and other 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) Complete Part II of Schedule L			6	0
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net			7	0
	8	Inventories for sale or use		3,804,998	8	3,452,082
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		1,053,309	9	1,128,772
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a22,235,637			
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b9,430,927	25,923,444	10c	12,804,710
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11,157,138	11	40,826,380
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11			12	0
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		2,523,225	13	2,417,225
	14	Intangible assets			14	0
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11		600,025	15	454,200
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		54,068,544	16	68,605,902
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		3,920,562	17	4,088,610
	18	Grants payable			18	
	19	Deferred revenue		1,416,757	19	1,191,449
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		3,712,167	20	3,365,613
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21	
	22	Loans and other 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 (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		1,400,982	25	1,445,515
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		10,450,468	26	10,091,187
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.					
	27	Unrestricted net assets		19,437,026	27	20,326,107
	28	Temporarily restricted net assets		17,075,507	28	7,329,259
	29	Permanently restricted net assets		7,105,543	29	30,859,349
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.					
	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds			30	
	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund			31	
	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds			32	
	33	Total net assets or fund balances		43,618,076	33	58,514,715
	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		54,068,544	34	68,605,902

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	79,251,317
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	65,694,913
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	13,556,404
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	43,618,076
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	1,470,228
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-129,993
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	58,514,715

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
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? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☒ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	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	Yes	
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?	Yes	
3b	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	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

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

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC	Employer identification number 81-0421425
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Part I

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

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

- 1

☐

A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E)
- 3

☐

A hospital or 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

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Type I

b

☐

Type II

c

☐

Type III - Functionally integrated

d

☐

Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- 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 monetary support |
|------------------------------------|----------|---|--|----|---|----|--|----|----------------------------------|
| | | | Yes | No | Yes | No | Yes | No | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | | | | |
- For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990 or 990EZ.

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2012

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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(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						
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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)						
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 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14		
15 Public support percentage for 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15		
16a 33 1/3% support test—2012. 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—2011. 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—2012. 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—2011. 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 IIISupport 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	46,440,915	19,596,877	27,238,033	38,102,697	49,400,311	180,778,833
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	5,222,610	13,295,480	5,958,872	8,986,146	8,246,913	41,710,021
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	25,487,021	22,894,060	23,047,345	23,922,838	25,600,548	120,951,812
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						0
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						0
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	77,150,546	55,786,417	56,244,250	71,011,681	83,247,772	343,440,666
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	1,158,231	1,298,797	81,573	145,339	81,789	2,765,729
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
c Add lines 7a and 7b	1,158,231	1,298,797	81,573	145,339	81,789	2,765,729
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						340,674,937

Section B. Total Support						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	77,150,546	55,786,417	56,244,250	71,011,681	83,247,772	343,440,666
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	592,871	363,366	473,802	414,957	803,793	2,648,789
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						0
c Add lines 10a and 10b	592,871	363,366	473,802	414,957	803,793	2,648,789
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						0
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV)	-488,298	134,475	157,327	266,781	471,588	541,873
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	77,255,119	56,284,258	56,875,379	71,693,419	84,523,153	346,631,328
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage			
15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.280%	
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.030%	

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage			
17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	0.760%	
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	0.980%	
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2012. 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—2011. 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 ▶			

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts And Circumstances Test

Explanation

SCHEDULE C

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ See separate instructions.

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If the organization answered “Yes” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations Complete Parts I-A and B Do not complete Part I-C
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations Complete Parts I-A and C below Do not complete Part I-B
- Section 527 organizations Complete Part I-A only

If the organization answered “Yes” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-A Do not complete Part II-B
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)) Complete Part II-B Do not complete Part II-A

If the organization answered “Yes” to Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III

Name of the organization ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC	Employer identification number 81-0421425
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

1	Provide a description of the organization’s direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV	
2	Political expenditures	▶ \$
3	Volunteer hours	

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955	▶ \$
2	Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955	▶ \$
3	If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?	☐ Yes ☒ No
4a	Was a correction made?	☐ Yes ☒ No
b	If “Yes,” describe in Part IV	

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

1	Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$
2	Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities	▶ \$
3	Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b	▶ \$
4	Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	☐ Yes ☐ No
5	Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization’s funds Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC) If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV	

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter -0-

Part II-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A
- Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)
- B
- Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	2,140													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	7,302													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	9,442													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	82,789,669													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	82,799,111													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount from the following table in both columns	1,000,000													
<table><tr><td>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</td><td>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</td></tr><tr><td>Not over \$500,000</td><td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td><td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td><td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td></tr><tr><td>Over \$17,000,000</td><td>\$1,000,000</td></tr></table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, enter -0-														
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, enter -0-														
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	☐ Yes ☒ No													

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2009	(b) 2010	(c) 2011	(d) 2012	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	42,888	161,882	150,092	9,442	364,304
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	16,941	137,320	98,580	2,140	254,981

Part II-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes" response to lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.		(a)		(b)
		Yes	No	Amount
1	During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a	Volunteers?			
b	Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?			
c	Media advertisements?			
d	Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?			
e	Publications, or published or broadcast statements?			
f	Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?			
g	Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?			
h	Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?			
i	Other activities?			
j	Total. Add lines 1c through 1i.			
2a	Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?			
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912.			
c	If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912.			
d	If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?	1	
2	Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?	2	
3	Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?	3	

Part III-B

Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV

Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, line 2, and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b**
▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

Name of the organization ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC	Employer identification number 81-0421425
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Part I

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1	Total number at end of year	
2	Aggregate contributions to (during year)	
3	Aggregate grants from (during year)	
4	Aggregate value at end of year	
5	Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? ☐ 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 education)☐ 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

	Held at the End of the Year
a	Total number of conservation easements194
b	Total acreage restricted by conservation easements36
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, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register

3

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

4

Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ 16

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 ▶ 11

7

Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ 108,862

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 XIII, 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 (ASC 958), 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 XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b

If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), 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▶ \$ 454,200

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 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a

Revenues included in Form 990, Part VIII, line 1▶ \$

b

Assets included in Form 990, Part X▶ \$

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2012

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

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

b

☐

Scholarly research

e

☒

Other CONSERVATION EDUCATION

c

☒

Preservation for future generations
- 4
- Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 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 the 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 XIII and complete the following table
- | | |
|----|--------|
| | Amount |
| 1c | |
| 1d | |
| 1e | |
| 1f | |
- 2a
- Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21?
- ☐ Yes

☐ No
- b
- If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V

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

	(a)Current year	(b)Prior year	b (c)Two years back	(d)Three years back	(e)Four years back
1a	Beginning of year balance	12,437,000	11,244,000	10,852,000	8,051,000
b	Contributions	24,175,000	1,003,000	319,000	453,000
c	Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	2,910,619	99,391	1,085,292	1,328,149
d	Grants or scholarships				-289,000
e	Other expenditures for facilities and programs	30,000	119,000	-992,000	1,038,000
f	Administrative expenses	-101,619	-28,391	-20,292	-18,149
g	End of year balance	39,451,000	12,437,000	11,244,000	10,852,000

- 2
- Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as
- a

Board designated or quasi-endowment

10 000 %

b

Permanent endowment

77 200 %

c

Temporarily restricted endowment

12 800 %
- The percentages in lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%
- 3a
- Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by
- (i) unrelated organizations

3a(i)

Yes

No

(ii) related organizations

3a(ii)

Yes

No

b

If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

3b

Yes

No

4

Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds
- Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.
- | Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b)Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a | Land | 2,380,000 | | 2,380,000 |
| b | Buildings | 12,033,759 | 2,289,069 | 9,744,690 |
| c | Leasehold improvements | | | |
| d | Equipment | 6,508,867 | 5,957,355 | 551,512 |
| e | Other | 1,313,011 | 1,184,503 | 128,508 |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) | | | | 12,804,710 |
- Schedule D (Form 990) 2012

Part XIReconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return				
1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	80,591,552
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	1,470,228	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	-129,993	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	1,340,235
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	79,251,317
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)		5	79,251,317

Part XIIReconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return				
1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	65,694,913
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	65,694,913
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 XIII)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)		5	65,694,913

Part XIIISupplemental 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, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part V, Line 4	Part V, Line 4 Intended uses of the endowment fund	THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROTECTION FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT RMEF'S CONSERVATION EASEMENT PROGRAM. WHEN RMEF ACCEPTS A CONSERVATION EASEMENT, IT TAKES ON THE OBLIGATION TO MONITOR AND DEFEND THAT EASEMENT IN PERPETUITY. DISTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FUND ARE USED TO COVER MONITORING COSTS OR TO LEGALLY DEFEND AN EASEMENT. THE STRATEGIC LAND PROTECTION FUND WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE ACTIVE CAPITAL FOR COMPLETING PERMANENT LAND PROTECTION PROJECTS. THE GENERAL ENDOWMENT WAS ESTABLISHED FOR LONG TERM STABILITY. THE EARNINGS FROM THE FUND WILL GO TO SUPPORT RMEF'S GENERAL ACTIVITIES. THE TORSTENSON WILDLIFE CENTER (TWC) ENDOWMENT WAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT ONGOING ACTIVITIES AT THE WILDLIFE CENTER. THE EARNINGS ARE USED TO SUPPORT CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES AT THE TWC. AS DISCLOSED IN SCHEDULE O, THE TWC WAS SOLD IN 2012. THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE AND THE ENDOWMENT FUNDS WERE USED TO ESTABLISH THE RMEF'S RESTRICTED TORSTENSON FAMILY ENDOWMENT (RTFE). THE RTFE FUNDS ARE USED TO SUPPORT RMEF'S CORE MISSION PROJECTS. THE MIDWAY YOUTH ENDOWMENT WAS ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT YOUTH ACTIVITIES. THE EARNINGS ARE USED TO EDUCATE YOUTH ON RMEF'S MISSION AND THE RELEVANCE OF WILDLIFE AND LAND CONSERVATION.
Part III, Line 4	Part III, Line 4 Description of organization's collections and how it furthers its purpose	THE PERMANENT COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF ARTWORK, BRONZES, MOUNTS, HISTORICAL OBJECTS, AND OTHER ITEMS OF CONTINUING VALUE AND INTEREST. THESE ITEMS FURTHER OUR EXEMPT PURPOSE BY PROVIDING EDUCATION ABOUT CONSERVATION AND ITS IMPORTANCE TO ELK HABITAT. THE ITEMS ON PUBLIC EXHIBITION HELP TO DRAW INTEREST AND ATTENTION TO OUR ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER, WHICH SHOWCASES OUR MISSION WORK, PROVIDES EDUCATION ABOUT WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITAT, AND HIGHLIGHTS THE HISTORY OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION.
Part II, Line 9	Part II, Line 9 Organization Reporting of conservation easements	RMEF'S POLICY FOR CONSERVATION EASEMENTS PRESUMES THAT THE BENEFITS OF CONSERVATION EASEMENTS FLOW THROUGH TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ARE RECORDED AS REVENUE AND PROGRAM EXPENSE IN THE YEAR THE APPRAISED VALUE IS MADE AVAILABLE. CONTRIBUTED CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ARE RECORDED AT ESTIMATED VALUE WHEN AN APPRAISAL IS NOT AVAILABLE.
Part II, Line 5	Part II, Line 5 - Summarized Policy	THE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION (RMEF) HAS ADOPTED THE LAND TRUST ALLIANCE'S STANDARDS AND PRACTICES FOR COMPLETING AND HOLDING PERMANENT LAND CONSERVATION PROJECTS. THESE GUIDELINES INDICATE HOW WE AS AN ORGANIZATION MONITOR, INSPECT, AND ENFORCE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS. IN ADDITION, RMEF HAS A NUMBER OF OUR OWN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE WHICH DICTATE HOW WE WILL MONITOR, ENFORCE, AND PROTECT CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WE HOLD. THESE PROCEDURES INCLUDE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HOW WE WILL NOTIFY LANDOWNERS OF AN UPCOMING INSPECTION, HOW WE WILL DOCUMENT AND CONDUCT THE ANNUAL MONITORING INSPECTION, AND HOW WE WILL REPORT, INVESTIGATE, AND ACT UPON THE FINDINGS AND ANY POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS. RMEF'S PROCEDURES AND OBLIGATIONS TO UPHOLD THE VALUES OF THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT ARE ALSO DESCRIBED IN THE EASEMENT DOCUMENT. RMEF ALSO HAS REGULAR COMMUNICATION WITH LANDOWNERS AS WELL AS OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON THE STATUS OF THE EASEMENTS WHICH THE ORGANIZATION HOLDS.
Part II, Line 3	Part II, Line 3 - Explanation of Each Easement Change	DURING 2012, TWO CONSERVATION EASEMENTS WERE MODIFIED. THE TWO MODIFICATIONS INVOLVED INCREASING THE NUMBER OF ACRES SUBJECT TO THE CONSERVATION EASEMENT. THE THIRD EASEMENT WAS RECEIVED AND IMMEDIATELY ASSIGNED TO ANOTHER CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION.

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Employer identification number
81-0421425

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

1

Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

a

☒

Mail solicitations

e

☒

Solicitation of non-government grants

b

☒

Internet and email solicitations

f

☒

Solicitation of government grants

c

☐

Phone solicitations

g

☒

Special fundraising events

d

☒

In-person solicitations

2a

Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services?

☒ Yes ☐ No

b

If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
JAMES C SOFT PO BOX 80114 BILLINGS, MT 59108	CONSULTING		No		8,000	
BENTZ WHALEY FL 7251 OHMS LANE MINNEAPOLI, MN 55439	CONSULTING		No		8,826	
CHARLIE DECKER 160 HAMMER CUTO LIBBY, MT 59923	CONSULTING		No		22,500	
DAVID WESLEY 2615 DEER CANYO MISSOULA, MT 59808	CONSULTING		No		24,000	
ROBERT MUNSON 913 LAWTON RD B LYNNWOOD, WA 98036	CONSULTING		No		43,500	
Total ▶					106,826	

3

List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

WY, WI, WV, WA, VA, VT, UT, TX, TN, SD, SC, RI, PA, OR, OK, OH, ND, NC, NY, NM, NJ, NH, NV, NE, MT, MO, MS, MN, MI, MA, MD, ME, LA, KY, KS, IA, IN, IL, ID, HI, GA, FL, DE, CT, CO, CA, AR, AZ, AK, AL

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>NATL CONVENTION</u> (event type)	<u>TUCSON AZ</u> (event type)	<u>53</u> (total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	1,784,966	344,651	17,924,132
	2	Less Contributions . . .			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	1,784,966	344,651	17,924,132
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes	7,500	12,542	20,042
	5	Noncash prizes . . .	11,859	79,066	5,449,746
	6	Rent/facility costs . . .	7,734	10,941	570,244
	7	Food and beverages .	376,426	42,719	2,226,440
	8	Entertainment	204,953		204,953
	9	Other direct expenses .	659,569	9,614	4,791,056
	10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶			(14,460,409)
	11	Net income summary Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10 ▶			5,593,340

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))
Revenue	1	Gross revenue		5,546,799	5,546,799
	2	Cash prizes		44,119	44,119
Direct Expenses	3	Non-cash prizes		1,955,249	1,955,249
	4	Rent/facility costs		143,564	143,564
	5	Other direct expenses . . .		478,458	478,458
	6	Volunteer labor ☐ Yes _____ ☒ No	☐ Yes _____ ☒ No	☒ Yes 96.620 % ☐ No	
	7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶			2,621,390
	8	Net gaming income summary Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d) ▶			2,925,409

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities See Additional Data Table

a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," explain _____

Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in		
a The organization's facility	13a	
b An outside facility	13b	100 000 %

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

Name  LORI PARKER

Address  5705 GRANT CREEK RD
MISSOULA, MT 59808

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year  \$ 2,925,409

Part IV Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v), and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part III, Line 17b - Distributions Required Under State Law		AK \$46966 CO \$323710 ID \$170019 IL \$66809 IA \$77028 MI \$103164 MN \$191271 ND \$121145 OR \$456878 PA \$261999 WA \$339710 WI \$316029 WY \$450681
Schedule G - Additional Information		ON SCHEDULE G PART II COLUMN C THE INCORRECT TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS IS LISTED DUE TO SOFTWARE LIMITATIONS THE CORRECT TOTAL NUMBER OF FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN COLUMN C SHOULD BE 689 FORM 990 PART V LINE 1A PRIZE WINNERS ARE REPORTED TO THE IRS ON FORM 1099, WHICH IS ISSUED BY ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION, INC UNDER ITS PRIMARY EIN RMEF INC ISSUED A TOTAL OF 1234 FORMS FOR 1099 REPORTING IN 2012

Additional Data

Software ID: 12000229
Software Version: 2012v2.0
EIN: 81-0421425
Name: ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Form 990 Schedule G Part III Line 9

Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities	WY, WI, WA, PA, OR, ND, MN, MI, IA, IL, ID, CO, AK
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, question 23.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Employer identification number
81-0421425

Part I	Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
1a	Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items			
	☐ First-class or charter travel ☐ Travel for companions ☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments ☐ Discretionary spending account ☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use ☐ Payments for business use of personal residence ☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees ☐ Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b	If any of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain	1b		
2	Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all officers, directors, trustees, and the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2		
3	Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that apply Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III			
	☐ Compensation committee ☐ Independent compensation consultant ☒ Form 990 of other organizations ☒ Written employment contract ☒ Compensation survey or study ☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4	During the year, did any person listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a with respect to the filing organization or a related organization			
a	Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?	4a		No
b	Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?	4b	Yes	
c	Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?	4c		No
	If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III			
	Only 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations only must complete lines 5-9.			
5	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of			
a	The organization?	5a		No
b	Any related organization?	5b		No
	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III			
6	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of			
a	The organization?	6a	Yes	
b	Any related organization?	6b		No
	If "Yes," to line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III			
7	For persons listed in Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III	7		No
8	Were any amounts reported in Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III	8		No
9	If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9		No

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported in Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii) Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation reported as deferred in prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
(1)RODNEY TRIEPKE Secretary	(i) (ii)	152,938	10,000		17,094	9,043	189,075	
(2)M DAVID ALLEN President & CEO	(i) (ii)	184,260	40,000		24,750	7,995	257,005	
(3)LORI PARKER Treasurer	(i) (ii)	120,854	10,000		14,409	9,139	154,402	
(4)GRANT PARKER GENERAL COUNSEL	(i) (ii)	128,348			13,281	8,803	150,432	

Part III **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule K
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information on Tax Exempt Bonds

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 24a. Provide descriptions, explanations, and any additional information in Part VI.

▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Employer identification number

81-0421425

Part I Bond Issues

(a) Issuer name	(b) Issuer EIN	(c) CUSIP #	(d) Date issued	(e) Issue price	(f) Description of purpose	(g) Defeased		(h) On behalf of issuer		(i) Pool financing	
						Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
A MISSOULA COUNTY MONTANA	81-6001397		12-23-2010	4,097,500	REFINANCE CONSTRUCTION ISSUE		X		X		X

Part II Proceeds

		A		B		C		D	
1	Amount of bonds retired								
2	Amount of bonds legally defeased								
3	Total proceeds of issue	4,097,500							
4	Gross proceeds in reserve funds								
5	Capitalized interest from proceeds								
6	Proceeds in refunding escrows								
7	Issuance costs from proceeds								
8	Credit enhancement from proceeds								
9	Working capital expenditures from proceeds								
10	Capital expenditures from proceeds								
11	Other spent proceeds								
12	Other unspent proceeds								
13	Year of substantial completion								
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
14	Were the bonds issued as part of a current refunding issue?	X							
15	Were the bonds issued as part of an advance refunding issue?		X						
16	Has the final allocation of proceeds been made?	X							
17	Does the organization maintain adequate books and records to support the final allocation of proceeds?	X							

Part III Private Business Use

					A		B		C		D	
					Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Was the organization a partner in a partnership, or a member of an LLC, which owned property financed by tax-exempt bonds?					X						
2	Are there any lease arrangements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?					X						

Part III Private Business Use (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
3a	Are there any management or service contracts that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 3a, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any management or service contracts relating to the financed property?								
c	Are there any research agreements that may result in private business use of bond-financed property?		X						
d	If "Yes" to line 3c, does the organization routinely engage bond counsel or other outside counsel to review any research agreements relating to the financed property?								
4	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use by entities other than a section 501(c)(3) organization or a state or local government	%		%		%		%	
5	Enter the percentage of financed property used in a private business use as a result of unrelated trade or business activity carried on by your organization, another section 501(c)(3) organization, or a state or local government	%		%		%		%	
6	Total of lines 4 and 5	%		%		%		%	
7	Does the bond issue meet the private security or payment test?		X						
8a	Has there been a sale or disposition of any of the bond financed property to a nongovernmental person other than a 501(c)(3) organization since the bonds were issued?		X						
b	If "Yes" to line 8a, enter the percentage of bond-financed property sold or disposed of	%		%		%		%	
c	If "Yes" to line 8a, was any remedial action taken pursuant to Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?								
9	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that all nonqualified bonds of the issue are remediated in accordance with the requirements under Regulations sections 1.141-12 and 1.145-2?		X						

Part IV Arbitrage

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the issuer filed Form 8038-T?		X						
2	If "No" to line 1, did the following apply?								
a	Rebate not due yet?		X						
b	Exception to rebate?		X						
c	No rebate due?		X						
	If you checked "No rebate due" in line 2c, provide in Part VI the date the rebate computation was performed								
3	Is the bond issue a variable rate issue?								
4a	Has the organization or the governmental issuer entered into a qualified hedge with respect to the bond issue?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of hedge								
d	Was the hedge superintegrated?								
e	Was a hedge terminated?								

Part IV

Arbitrage (Continued)

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
5a	Were gross proceeds invested in a guaranteed investment contract (GIC)?		X						
b	Name of provider								
c	Term of GIC								
d	Was the regulatory safe harbor for establishing the fair market value of the GIC satisfied?								
6	Were any gross proceeds invested beyond an available temporary period?		X						
7	Has the organization established written procedures to monitor the requirements of section 148?		X						

Part V

Procedures To Undertake Corrective Action

		A		B		C		D	
		Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
1	Has the organization established written procedures to ensure that violations of federal tax requirements are timely identified and corrected through the voluntary closing agreement program if self-remediation is not available under applicable regulations?	X							

Part VI

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule K (see instructions).

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Supplemental Information	Part VI	THE OUTSTANDING BOND ISSUE WAS NOT SUBJECT TO A REBATE PROCEEDS WERE USED IMMEDIATELY FOR DEBT SERVICE A CALCULATION WAS DONE ON 12/23/10, THE DATE OF ISSUE, TO DETERMINE THAT THE REBATE WAS NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)

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.

Name of the organization
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Employer identification number
81-0421425

Part I

Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
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	5	279,696	AVG ON RECEIPT
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	14	21,391,600	APPRAISAL
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 Acknowledgement

29

5

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?

30a

Yes

No

31 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?

31

Yes

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

32a

Yes

33 If "Yes," describe in Part II

33 If the organization did not report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II

Part II

Supplemental Information.

Complete this part to provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Part I, Line 32, Hire and Use of Third Parties		NON CASH CONTRIBUTIONS IN THE FORM OF REAL ESTATE ARE SOMETIMES SOLD BY UTILIZING THE SERVICES OF A REAL ESTATE AGENT

Part I

Liquidation, Termination, or Dissolution (continued)

Note. If the organization distributed all of its assets during the tax year, then Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 16 (Total assets), and line 26 (Total liabilities), should equal -0-

3

Did the organization distribute its assets in accordance with its governing instrument(s)? If "No," describe in Part III

4a

Is the organization required to notify the attorney general or other appropriate state official of its intent to dissolve, liquidate, or terminate?

b

If "Yes," did the organization provide such notice?

5

Did the organization discharge or pay all of its liabilities in accordance with state laws?

6a

Did the organization have any tax-exempt bonds outstanding during the year?

b

Did the organization discharge or defease all of its tax-exempt bond liabilities during the tax year in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and state laws?

c

If "Yes" to line 6b, describe in Part III how the organization defeased or otherwise settled these liabilities. If "No," explain in Part III

Yes

No

3

4a

4b

5

6a

6b

Part II

Sale, Exchange, Disposition, or Other Transfer of More Than 25% of the Organization's Assets. Complete this part if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 32, or Form 990-EZ, line 36. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1	(a) Description of asset(s) distributed or transaction expenses paid	(b) Date of distribution	(c) Fair market value of asset(s) distributed or amount of transaction expenses	(d) Method of determining FMV for asset(s) distributed or transaction expenses	(e) EIN of recipient	(f) Name and address of recipient	(g) IRC section of recipient(s) (if tax-exempt) or type of entity
	TORSTENSON WILDLIFE CENTER	06-14-2012	23,423,000	APPRAISAL	36-4726202	DOUBLE H HOLDINGS LLC 5201 CAMP BOWIE BLVD STE 200 FORT WORTH, TX 76107	LLC

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Did or will any officer, director, trustee, or key employee of the organization

a

Become a director or trustee of a successor or transferee organization?

b

Become an employee of, or independent contractor for, a successor or transferee organization?

c

Become a direct or indirect owner of a successor or transferee organization?

d

Receive, or become entitled to, compensation or other similar payments as a result of the organization's significant disposition of assets?

e

If the organization answered "Yes" to any of the questions in this line, provide the name of the person involved and explain in Part III

Yes

No

2a

2b

2c

2d

Schedule N(Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2012)

Part III **Supplemental Information.** Complete to provide the information required by Part I, lines 2e and 6c, and Part II, line 2e. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule N (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2012)

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SCHEDULE O

(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury

Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on

Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Name of the organization

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

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Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part XI, Line 9	Other Changes In Net Assets Or Fund Balances - Other Decreases	CHANGE IN VALUE GIFT ANNUITIES = -\$129993

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 19	Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Other Organization Documents Publicly Available	RMEF'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY , AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST THESE DOCUMENTS ARE ALSO ON FILE WITH MOST SECRETARY OF STATES OFFICES AS PART OF RMEF'S CHARITABLE SOLICITATION COMPLIANCE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC ON OUR WEB SITE, WWW RMEF ORG IN ADDITION, RMEF'S FINANCIAL INFORMATION IS PUBLISHED ON CHARITY NAVIGATOR AND GUIDESTAR WEB SITES

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a	Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a Compensation Review & Approval Process - CEO, Top Management	IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR THE PRESIDENT & CEO, RMEF CONDUCTED A COMPENSATION REVIEW THE REVIEW CONSISTED OF SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING FORM 990 OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS A WRITTEN EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT WAS THEN EXECUTED AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS A COMPENSATION REVIEW WAS CONDUCTED IN THE FALL OF 2012

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c	Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Explanation of Monitoring and Enforcement of Conflicts	Board Members, Business Professionals who serve on Board Committees, Officers, and Key Employees are required to disclose or update annually their interests and those of their family members that could give rise to conflicts of interest. Insiders must avoid any actual or apparent conflicts of interest, or shall appropriately manage the conflict or apparent conflict through disclosure and recusal. The conflicted party or potential conflicted party shall recuse him or herself from any discussion and voting on the matter. In addition, other techniques shall be used as necessary to ensure that the letter and spirit of this conflict of interest policy are followed. Actual or apparent conflicts of interest may occur because persons associated with the Elk Foundation may have multiple interests and affiliations, and various positions of responsibility. It is possible that an individual may owe duties of loyalty to more than one organization. Nonetheless, any conflict of interest, or situations potentially involving conflicts of interest, shall be fully disclosed, and shall be managed so that the integrity, reputation and tax exempt tax status of the Elk Foundation will be maintained, including recusal of the conflicted party from consideration of the issue. When engaging in land and easement transactions with insiders, RMEF shall follow this Conflict of Interest policy, document that the project meets the RMEF's mission, follow all transaction policies and procedures, and ensure that there is no private inurement or impermissible private benefit. For purchases from and sales of property to insiders, RMEF shall obtain a qualified independent appraisal prepared in compliance with the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice by a state-licensed or state-certified appraiser who has verifiable conservation easement or conservation real estate experience. Additionally, when selling property to insiders, the RMEF shall widely market the property in a manner sufficient to ensure that the property is sold at or above fair market value and to avoid the reality or perception that the sale inappropriately benefited an insider. Any RMEF Staff members involved in a conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or appearance of a conflict of interest, will disclose this information to his or her supervisor, as well as RMEF's Director of Human Resources and General Counsel. These individuals, or their delegates, will determine a recommended course of action consistent with this Policy and Standard Operating Procedures. If any insider is involved in a conflict of interest, potential conflict of interest, or appearance of a conflict of interest, such insider will disclose this to the Chairman of the RMEF Board of Directors and RMEF's General Counsel, who, along with appropriate Board Members and/or Staff, will determine a recommended course of action consistent with this Policy and Standard Operating Procedures. The General Counsel will report conflicts of interest and recommended courses of action to the RMEF Audit Committee.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b	Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Form 990 Review Process	MANAGEMENT PREPARES THE RETURN, WITH A PRELIMINARY REVIEW CONDUCTED BY THE TREASURER. A TECHNICAL REVIEW IS ALSO COMPLETED BY A THIRD PARTY ACCOUNTING FIRM. THE FINAL REVIEW IS CONDUCTED BY THE TREASURER, SECRETARY AND GENERAL COUNSEL. THE RETURN IS PROVIDED TO THE FULL BOARD OF DIRECTORS PRIOR TO FILING. EACH BOARD MEMBER HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE REVIEW CONDUCTED WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD. THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS AUTHORITY TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 4d	Form 990, Part III, Line 4d Other Program Services Description	OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES 4 HUNTING HERITAGE AND OUTREACH REPRESENTS PROGRAMS TO NURTURE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE ROLE HUNTERS PLAY IN CONSERVING ELK, OTHER WILDLIFE AND THEIR HABITAT THE GOAL OF OUR HUNTING HERITAGE PROGRAM IS TO CULTIVATE FUTURE GENERATIONS OF HUNTER-CONSERVATIONISTS BY PROVIDING IN-DEPTH TRAINING, OUTDOOR SKILLS ACTIVITIES, AND TOURS AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS RMEF HOPES TO ENCOURAGE MORE CONSERVATION LEADERS AMONG YOUNG AND OLD ALIKE RMEF ACHIEVES THE EDUCATION THROUGH OUR ELK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER, STATE GRANTS, MEDIA OUTREACH, WILDLIFE SCHOLARSHIPS, AND VARIOUS WORKSHOPS OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES 5 OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES REPRESENTS RESTORATION OF ELK HERDS AND RMEF'S TORSTENSON WILDLIFE CENTER (TWC) ELK RESTORATION, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STATE WILDLIFE AGENCIES, INCLUDES PROJECTS TO REINTRODUCE WILD FREE-RANGING ELK INTO HISTORIC RANGES THROUGH FEASIBILITY STUDIES, ELK RELEASES AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS RMEF'S TORSTENSON WILDLIFE CENTER, ALSO KNOWN AS THE DOUBLE H RANCH, WAS A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION IN 2002 AT APPROXIMATELY 135,000 ACRES, THE TWC PROVIDES A SIGNIFICANT CONSERVATION OPPORTUNITY YOUTH CONSERVATION PROGRAMS AND EXTENSIVE WILDLIFE AND HABITAT MANA GEMENT PROJECTS TAKE CENTER STAGE TO BENEFIT PEOPLE AS WELL AS ELK, MULE DEER, PRONGHORN, AND DOZENS OF OTHER WILDLIFE SPECIES THE TWC PROMOTES HUNTING, OUR HUNTING HERITAGE, AND HABITAT STEWARDSHIP AS DISCLOSED IN SCHEDULE O, THE TWC WAS SOLD IN 2012 PLEASE SEE SCHEDULE O FOR MORE INFORMATION

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part III, Line 3	Form 990, Part III, Line 3 Ceased Conducting or Significant Changes To Services	IN 2002, RMEF RECEIVED AN ESTATE GIFT WHICH INCLUDED REAL PROPERTY , THE DOUBLE H RANCH, AND A CASH ENDOWMENT WITH THESE GIFTS, RMEF CREATED THE TORSTENSON WILDLIFE CENTER (TWC) AND TRANSFERRED THE RANCH TO THE TWC AND USED THE ENDOWMENT FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE TWC IN 2011, RMEF DETERMINED THE CONSERVATION VALUES OF THE TWC WERE PROTECTED BY THE PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS ON THE TWC IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT THE BEST LONG TERM INTEREST OF THE TWC WOULD BE FOR A PRIVATE PARTY TO PROVIDE FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR THE DOUBLE H RANCH IN 2012, THE DOUBLE H RANCH WAS SOLD AND THE PROCEEDS, ALONG WITH THE ENDOWMENT, HAVE BEEN PLACED IN RMEF'S RESTRICTED TORSTENSON FAMILY ENDOWMENT (RTFE) AS SUCH, TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS WERE TRANSFERRED TO PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2012 THE RTFE HAD A PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSET BALANCE OF OVER \$27 MILLION AT DECEMBER 31, 2012

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Employer identification number
81-0421425

Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 33.)					
(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.)							
(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No

Part III

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Dispropportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV

Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.)

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end- of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST PO BOX 1270 CODY, WY 824141270	TRUST	WY	N/A	TRUST					No

Part V

Transactions With Related Organizations (Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.)

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of (i) interest (ii) annuities (iii) royalties or (iv) rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

1a

No

1b

No

1c

No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

1r

No

1s

No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds

(a) Name of other organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Schedule R (Form 990) 2012

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

Complete this part to provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

Identifier	Return Reference	Explanation
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Software ID: 12000229
Software Version: 2012v2.0
EIN: 81-0421425
Name: ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Additional Data

Software ID: 12000229

Software Version: 2012v2.0

EIN: 81-0421425

Name: ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION INC

Form 990, Part VII - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors										
(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(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			
GLENDA WILSON Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
KEITH WARD Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
JOE TREADWAY Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
MARK TOLAR Director	5 00 0 00	X						1,500	0	0
TERRY SWEET Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
LEE SWANSON Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
ROB SPRINGER Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
CHUCK ROADY Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
DENNIS RADOCHA Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
LOU PRUSINOVSKI Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
LINDA POWELL Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
JERRY PIONESSA Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
BILL OLSON Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
PAUL OCONNELL Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
ROBERT MUNSON Director	30 00 0 00	X						49,021	0	0
GEORGE MCCOY Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
DEBRA MCCORMICK Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
LEE GAMBLE Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
SWEDE FRENCH Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
MICHAEL FLORES Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
RODGER FLEMING Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
LARRY DEVIN Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
CHARLIE DECKER Director	15 00 0 00	X						26,403	0	0
CURTIS CHRISTIANSEN Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
DON COOK Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0

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		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
JOHN CAID Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
FRED BRYANT Director	5 00 0 00	X						0	0	0
LORI PARKER Treasurer	50 00 0 00			X				130,854	0	23,548
RODNEY TRIEPKE Secretary	50 00 0 00			X				162,938	0	26,137
M DAVID ALLEN President & CEO	50 00 0 00			X				224,260	0	32,745
GRANT PARKER GENERAL COUNSEL	50 00 0 00					X		128,348	0	22,084
BLAKE HENNING VP LANDS & CONSERV	50 00 0 00					X		110,079	0	20,319
STEVE DECKER VP MARKETING	50 00 0 00					X		107,508	0	21,126