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Form 990

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)

OMB No 1545-0047

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Department of the Treasury

▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements Internal Revenue Service 7/1/2012 For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending 6/30/2013 Employer identification number C Name of organization MONTANA RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION Check if applicable Doing Business As Address change 81-0468050 Number and street (or PO box if mail is not delivered to street address) E Telephone number Name change Initial return PO BOX 1612 (406) 443-2629 City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code Terminated MT 59624-1612 G Gross receipts \$ HELENA 186,665 Amended return F Name and address of principal officer H(a) is this a group return for affiliates? Application pending DAVE PUYEAR PO BOX 1612, HELENA, MT 59624 H(b) Are all affiliates included? If "No." attach a list (see instructions) 501(c)(3) X | 501(c)) < (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or Tax-exempt status Website: ► N/A H(c) Group exemption number ▶ X K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶ L Year of formation 2008 M State of legal domicile MT Part I Summary SUPPORT ALL ASPECTS OF K-12 EDUCATION IN 1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities RURAL SETTINGS REPRESENT AND DEFEND INTERESTS OF SCHOOLS THROUGH MONTANA PROVIDE AVENUE Activities & Governance FOR LEGAL CONSULTATIONS Check this box ▶ If the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets 2 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 4 11 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 5 5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a) 0 6 0 6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column_(C), line_12_ 7a 0 Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990¹₁T, line 3²₄ 0 Prior Year **Current Year** 8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 15,836 0 FE3 3 0 2314 9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 171,741 186,165 10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) , 0 0 11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 0 500 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 187.577 186,665 12 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3) 0 13 0 0 14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10) 0 0 15 0 0 Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 16a Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 172.319 186,855 186,855 18 Total expenses Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 172,319 19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12 15,258 -190 Beginning of Current Year **End of Year** 0 20 Total assets (Part X, line 16) 0 21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 0 22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20 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 2/12/2014 Sign Signature of officer Here DAVID PUYEAR DIRECTOR Type or print name and title Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Check Paid JASON WELNEL JASON WELNEL 2/12/2014 self-employed P00175289 **Preparer** Firm's name ► JACKSON HEWITT TAX SERVICE Firm's EIN ► 20-0291730 **Use Only** Firm's address ► 1732 NORTH MONTANA AVENUE, HELENA, MT 59601 (406) 457-1223 X Yes May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Pa	rt III	Statement of Program Service Accomplishments Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III		
1	SUPPO	escribe the organization's mission RT ALL ASPECTS OF K-12 EDUCATION IN RURAL SETTINGS REPRESENT AND DEFEND INTE	RESTS OF	
	SCHOO	LS THROUGH MONTANA PROVIDE AVENUE FOR LEGAL CONSULTATIONS		
2	the prior	organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on Form 990 or 990-EZ? describe these new services on Schedule O	Yes	X No
3	Did the services	organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program	Yes	X No
4	Describe expense	describe these changes on Schedule O the the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, see Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allow expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported		
4a) (Expenses \$ 117,075 including grants of \$) (Revenue LOCAL MEMBERS WITH K-12		
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4b	(Code PROVII) (Expenses \$ 36,010 including grants of \$) (Revenue DE LEGAL CONSULTATION		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
4c	(Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue	\$)
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4d	Other p	rogram services (Describe in Schedule O) ses \$ 0 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$	0)	

Part IV

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	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1		х
	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	- t	X
	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		
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h)			X
	election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4		
	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		×
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		х
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 1		Х
	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8		х
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		х
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		Х
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			io.
а	Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a		X
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		X
С	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		х
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		X
	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e		Х
f			1	
12a	the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete	11f	-	_X
	Schedule D, Parts XI and XII .	12a		X
D	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes,"			v
13	and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	12b		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	13 14a		X
	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking,	140		
-	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	Ì	Х
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	j	X
16	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance			
	to individuals located outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16		Х
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		X
18	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on			
	Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18		Х
19	Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a?			
20-	If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	∤	X
	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If</i> "Yes," <i>complete Schedule H</i>	20a		<u>X</u>
<u> </u>	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)

			Yes	No
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to any government or organization		103	
- '	in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21		х
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to individuals in the			<u> </u>
	United States on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	22		х
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	- 1		}
	employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J	23		х
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than			
	\$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines	- }		
	24b through 24d and complete Schedule K If "No," go to line 25	24a		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?	24b		
С	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year	İ		
	to defease any tax-exempt bonds?	24c		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	24d		<u> </u>
25a	Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction			
	with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a			
	prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or			
	990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b	ļ	X
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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	26		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee,			
	substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If</i> "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III	27		
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L,	27	-	X
20	Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)	٠		
а	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28a	}	X
b	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete</i>	200	<u> </u>	 ^-
-	Schedule L, Part IV	28b		×
С	An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof)			
	was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28c		x
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified			
	conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N,			
	Part I	31		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets?			
	If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II	32		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations			l
	sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33	<u> </u>	_X_
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II,			
25-	III, or IV, and Part V, line 1 Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	34	├-	X
	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled	35a		 ^-
b	entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	35b		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related	330	 	
	organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36		х
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization	30	 	 ^
	and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part			
	VI	37		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and		1	
. •	19? Note . All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	38	x	
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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	1a	C			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	C		2	3
С	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and	report	able			
	gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?			1c		Χ
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax			*	Š.	Ē
	Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a				أسكسه
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax re	turns?	•	2b		
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instruction	ons)				
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?			3a		X
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		•			
	over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other	financ	ıal			
	account)?			4a		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country			15 %		×2.
	See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22 1, Report of Foreign Bank and Finance		ounts		146	
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		_	5a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter trans	saction	17	5b		<u> </u>
С	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				
L	organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?	.4		6a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contribu- gifts were not tax deductible?	mons ·	OI .	6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).			19 7 16		S } > 10 }
'a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for	or ann	ds			· * 1
-	and services provided to the payor?	J. 900	.	7a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?			7b		
С	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it	was				
	required to file Form 8282?			7c		x
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d			<1	83 ;
е	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit	t contr	act?	7e		<u> </u>
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit coil			7f		Х
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 80		•	7g		X
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization		orm 1098-C?.	7h		X
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting	_		1, 50,		
	organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsori	ng		i i i i i	S	
_	organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?			8		X
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				. Olai	
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?			9a 9b		X
ь 10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			30	 	<u> </u>
а	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		1 (\$6)		Ž.i
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			1 : 3		0 · · · · ·
а	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a				l y
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources				2	
	against amounts due or received from them)	11b			10.	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Fo	rm 10	41?	12a		Х
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.				1	<u> </u>
а	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?			13a		X
_	Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O				,	, ,
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which	المحا			Ŷ.	4
	the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b		∦ ⊹ ′	* *	
C	Enter the amount of reserves on hand .	13c	L. <u>.</u>	44-	1 2 3	(\$213 ·
14a b	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Scheduler.	lula A		14a 14b	-	X
<u>n</u>	in 103, has a mice a rount 120 to report these payments in 190, provide an explanation in Sched	iuie U			990	(2012)
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Part **VI**

Governance, Management, and Disclosure For each "Yes" response to lines 2 through 7b below, and for a "No" response to line 8a, 8b, or 10b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions. Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI

	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI			
Sect	ion A. Governing Body and Management			
			Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1a 1	2	34.	1.00
	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			J
	committee, explain in Schedule O	1.75		, , ,
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 1	1	* , i.g	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with	2 2		. Ž
	any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2		Х
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	Ì	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5		Х
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6		X
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	Х	ļ
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	x	
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during	(1)*	L: .A	
	the year by the following		1	
а	The governing body?	8a	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	Х	
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		X
Sect	ion 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		X
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		
11a	Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X	
b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990	38.6	in which	*
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a		X
b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	ļ	
С	Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes,"	l		
	describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c		
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	_	X
14	• ,	14		Х
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by	ì.	1.00	
	independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?	- ne finna e	لكفت	4-5
а	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	├	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	lines :	X
40-	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)	37)		* -
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement	io in the	iki s	
L	with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	, , , ,	X
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	230		3 000
	the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b		
Sect	tion C. Disclosure	Tion	L	L
<u>3601</u> 17	List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed			
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c))	3)s on	v)	
	available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply	-,- on	<i>11</i>	
	Own website Another's website X Upon request Other (explain in Schedule C)		
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 ► DAVE PUYEAR (406) 443-	2629		
	PO BOX 161, HELENA, MT 59624			

Part VII

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

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

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

- 1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year
- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid
 - List all of the organization's current key employees, if any See instructions for definition of "key employee"
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations

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

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee) Chick more than one both an one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee Chick more than one both an one both and the compensated institutional trustee Chick more than one both and the compensated institutional trustee			an ee)	(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		
(1) DAVID PUYEAR	40 00									
DIRECTOR	0 00	Х						66,275	0	0
(2) KRIS KUEHN	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х			l			0	0	0
(3) TIM THARP	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	x						o	o	0
(4) BRIAN MILLER	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х						О (o	0
(5) BRYAN DUVALL	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х						О .	l o	0
(6) DICK CAMERON	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	X				L]		0	o	0
(7) WAYNE KOTERBA	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х						0	0	0
(8) BOB STOKES	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х						0	0	0
(9) DENNIS GERKE	0 00					1				
OFFICER	0 00	Х					į.	0	0	0
(10) DAVE SELVIG	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х	<u>L</u> _					0	0	0
(11) JOHN MCNEIL	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х						0	0	0
(12) WADE JOHNSON	0 00									
OFFICER	0 00	Х						0	0	0
(13)										
(14)										

Pa	art VII Section A. Officers, Dire	ctors, Trustee	s, Key Em	oloye	es,	ang	Hi	ghes	t Co	mpensated Em	ployees (c	ontını	ıed)		
						(C Pos	C)								
	(A)		(B)			eck	more	than		(D)	(E)			(F)	
	Name and title		Average hours per				irecto	is both or/trust	ee)	Reportable compensation	Reportabl compensat			timated rount of	
		w	eek (list any hours for	악교	Inst	Officer	ě	em Hig	Former	from the	from relate organization			other pensati	on
			related	Individual to	탒	cer	em	nest ploye	ner	organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(W-2/1099-M		fre	om the	
			ganizations elow dotted	Individual trustee or director	nalt		oloye	e com		(VV-2/1099-IVIISC)			_	anizatio I relate	
		1	line)	stee	Institutional trustee		Ď) ens				ĺ	orga	nızatıo	าร
					ő			Highest compensated employee							
(15)															
(16)													,		
(17)															
(18)															
(19)															
(20)					├-		_	_							
(20)															
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(23)															
(24)															
(25)								-	-						
(25)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			.											
1b	Sub-total	•							>	66,275		0			0
C	Total (and lines 4h and 4s)	Part VII, Section	on A						•	0 075	ļ. <u> </u>	0			0
d	Total (add lines 1b and 1c) Total number of individuals (including	but not limited	to those lis	ted a	hov	e) v	vho	rece	ıved	66,275		0			0
-	reportable compensation from the or		→	ica e	1504	0	*110	1000	IVCU	imore than \$100	7,000 01				
														Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former of					oye	e, c	or hig	hes	t compensated				2.16	
	employee on line 1a? If "Yes," compl											Į.	3	TATE	X
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the organization and related organization											ľ	, A. L.		
	individual	ations greater t	Παπ ψ 150,0	00. 77	, ,	, s,	COII	ipici	- 00	inedule 3 for suc	"	ľ	4		X
5	Did any person listed on line 1a rece	ive or accrue o	ompensatio	n froi	m aı	าง น	ınre	lated	org	anızatıon or ındı	vidual		4	1	
	for services rendered to the organiza	ition? If "Yes,"	complete S	chedu	ıle J	for	suc	ch pe	rsor	1			5		Χ
Sec 1	tion B. Independent Contractors Complete this table for your five high	est compensa	ted indepen	dent	cont	rac	tore	that	<u> </u>	awad mara than	£100 000 o	<u>. </u>			
•	compensation from the organization year												ax		
		(A) business address								(B) Description of ser	vices	С	(C)		
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															0
									-						0
		·	_						-						0
2	Total number of independent contract more than \$100,000 of compensation			ted to	tho	se l	ıste	d abo		who received		1			

Part VIII Statement of Revenue MONTANA RURAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

		Check if Schedule O contains	a response to	any question in	thi	s Part VIII			
	·	£ 8 * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	\$\psi\$ \$			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514
_	1a	Federated campaigns	1:	a	ol	··			/ :
ints	b	Membership dues	11		히				<u>.</u>
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	C	Fundraising events	10		尚				
		=	10		-				
	d	Related organizations			의				,
Sin	e	Government grants (contributions	·	<u> </u>	의			Þ	
ž ž	T	All other contributions, gifts, gran							
혈		similar amounts not included abo	L		의				
Co	g	Noncash contributions included in li	nes 1a-1f \$		0		,		- ***.
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f				0			
e e				Business Code	<u>긔</u> .				
ver	2a	LEGAL OPTION		541100	1	10,436			
8	b	DUES		561499	_	79,601			
Şi	С	ENDORSEMENTS		561439	\perp	96,128			
Ser	d					0			
톭	е					0			
Program Service Revenue	f	All other program service revenue	е		Т	0			
٦	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f		•	•	186,165			**
	3	Investment income (including div	idends, interes	t, and	T				
		other similar amounts)		•	▶ [0			
	4	Income from investment of tax-ex	empt bond pro	oceeds •	▶ [0	!		
	5	Royalties			▶ [0		-	
			(ı) Real	(ii) Personal	^`	,			
	6a	Gross rents						٠	,
	b	Less rental expenses				·*	· @		(s) & \$
	С	Rental income or (loss)		0	0	¥		`.*	
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		•	-	Ō			- No
	7a	Gross amount from sales of	(ı) Securities	(II) Other	Т	**		iá	in die
		assets other than inventory		0	이	* * * * *	`**	*	
	b	Less cost or other basis			\neg	, and the second	*	3	
		and sales expenses		<u>ol</u>	0		·		'
	С	Gain or (loss)		0	0		. Kir		
	d	Net gain or (loss)				0			
Other Revenue	8a	Gross income from fundraising			1	4.	&		,
Je		events (not including \$	0	1			·*	ŕ	ľ
Re		of contributions reported on line	lc)		- {				
erl		See Part IV, line 18	a	l	0			*	
Ě	b	Less direct expenses	t) [0	,			
0	С	Net income or (loss) from fundrai	sing events		>	0			
	9a	Gross income from gaming activi	ties						
		See Part IV, line 19	a	1	0		i		3
	b	Less direct expenses	t		0				
	С	Net income or (loss) from gaming	activities	•	>	0			
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less				٠,			3. .
		returns and allowances .	a	١	0				
	b	Less cost of goods sold	t		0				<u> </u>
	С	Net income or (loss) from sales of	f inventory		<u> </u>	0			
		Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code	<u>.</u>				
	11a				\perp				
	b	CONFERENCE		900099	_	500		·	
	C				4	0			
	d	All other revenue			4	0			
	е	Total. Add lines 11a–11d		•	▶	500			
	12	Total revenue. See instructions		•	▶	186,665	0	ł o	0

following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Par	IX Statement of Functional Expenses				
Section	on 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all	columns All other or	rganizations must c	omplete column (A)	
	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any				
		. 		(C)	<u></u>
	not include amounts reported on lines 6b,	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service	(C) Management and	(D) Fundraising
7b, 8	8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	,	expenses	general expenses	expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to governments and			* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	· / · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	organizations in the United States See Part IV, line 21	o			
2	Grants and other assistance to individuals in the			X X 3. (44)	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	United States See Part IV, line 22	o			wai i ki
3	Grants and other assistance to governments,				
	organizations, and individuals outside the				
	United States See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	o			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0		119.01.01	F 455
5	Compensation of current officers, directors,	1		* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	
Ū	trustees, and key employees	l ol		•	
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified	0			
J	persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and			•	
	persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	ا			
7	, , , , , ,	0		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
7	Other salaries and wages	<u> </u>			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include				
_	section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9	Other employee benefits	0			
10	Payroll taxes	0			
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
а	Management	71,461	71,461		
b	Legal	16,909	16,909		
C	Accounting	500	500		
d	Lobbying .	19,101	19,101		
е	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17	0		/ · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
f	Investment management fees	0			
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column				
	(A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	0		<u> </u>	
12	Advertising and promotion	1,027	1,027		
13	Office expenses	5,204		5,204	
14	Information technology	4,211		4,211	
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	626		626	
17	Travel	21,700	21,700		
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses				
	for any federal, state, or local public officials	o			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	16,870	16,870		
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	(
23	Insurance	5,618	-	5,618	
24	Other expenses Itemize expenses not covered	881 881 801 N		3 - 5 - 5	
	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)				
а	DUES	5,086	5,086		17. A. S.
b	GIFTS AND AWARDS	431	431	<u>-</u>	
C	BANK SERVICE CHARGES	340	431	340	
d	UTILITIES	6,360		6,360	
		11,411	-		
e 25			452.005	11,411	
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	186,855	153,085	33,770	
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				
	TUROTAISING SOUCHARION CINECK DEFE	Ī	ī	1	I .

Pa	irt X	Balance Sheet						
		Check if Schedule O contains a response to	any qu	uestion in this Part X				
		· · ·			(A) Beginning of year			(B) End of year
	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing.					1	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments					2	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net				0	3	0
	4	Accounts receivable, net				0	4	0
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and for	ormer o	officers, directors,	4	,		,
		trustees, key employees, and highest compension. Complete Part II of Schedule L	ated er	mployees	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	*	5	wan da
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified person	ons (as	defined under section			vs.,	. ^ ^*
		4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), a	ind cont	ributing employers and		. 35.	**************************************	The second of th
		sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary e	mploye	es' beneficiary		`		
Assets		organizations (see instructions) Complete Part II of Sche	dule L				6	
SS	7	Notes and loans receivable, net				0	7	0
⋖	8	Inventories for sale or use					8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	ā				9	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or				, v		
		other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		<u> </u>	، ،	18.3	No. of the Control of
	b	Less accumulated depreciation	10b		0	0	10c	0
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities				0	11	0
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line				0	12	0
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line	11			0	_	0
	14	Intangible assets				0		0
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11				0		0
	16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equ	al line	34)		0	-	0
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses					17	
	18	Grants payable					18	
	19	Deferred revenue					19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities	D = =4 D 4				20	
10	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete				••	21	
Liabilities	22	Loans and other payables to current and forme				\$ -:		
ij		trustees, key employees, highest compensated disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Sched		yees, and	<u> </u>	باند مند عا	in marchine and a	
Lia	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrel		ard parties		0	22	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelate		•		0	 	0
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, pa						<u> </u>
		parties, and other liabilities not included on lines	•					
		Part X of Schedule D		.,		0	25	0
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25				0	 	0
		Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 95)	R) che	ck here and		ر ، <u>،</u>	.314	
es		complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 at				پتي - را		12.50 22.50 27.00
anc	27	Unrestricted net assets				~ <u> </u>	27	
3al	28	Temporarily restricted net assets					28	
Ď	29	Permanently restricted net assets					29	
or Fund Balances		•	-11-				A. V.	May the second
F		Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC958),	спеск	here ightharpoonup in the property in the pr	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1		i i i	
ts c	200	complete lines 30 through 34.			<u> </u>		<i>مُحَ</i> يِّنِيا .	
Assets	30	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds					30	
As	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or e					31	
Net	32 33	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated in Total net assets or fund balances	icome,	or other funds			32	
_	34	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances				<u>0</u> 0	+	0
	_ 	Total habilities and not assets/fully balances			1	U	1 34	<u> </u>

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Part	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		186	,665
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2		186	,855
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3			-190
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4			0
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5			0
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6			0
7	Investment expenses	7			0
8	Prior period adjustments	8			0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9			0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33,				
	column (B))	10			<u>-190</u>
Part					_
	Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII	•			<u></u> _
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990 Cash X Accrual Other		_ [Yes	No
	If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O			*	
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a	X	<u> </u>
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or		úin i a	25.5	-
	reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both		1.00 mg	المتحدثة في الرائد والحد الإنسان	
	Separate basis X Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis			Ŷ	
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		2b		Х
	If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a		.,		8
	separate basis, consolidated basis, or both			20.00	\$
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis		1 7 7 1 3 4	er in de la company de la comp	, ,
С	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of	of			,
	the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		2c		X
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in		- 800 -		* 1
	Schedule O		\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\		
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in				
	the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?		3a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the				
	required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		3b		
			Form	990	(2012)

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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