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Return of Private Foundation
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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2015

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For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning , 2015, and ending

Name of foundation The Ruth and Vernon Taylor Foundation, Montana		A Employer identification number 20-1746884
Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1045 Reeves Road East	Room/suite E	B Telephone number (see instructions) (406) 587-5594
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Bozeman MT 59718-7701		C If exemption application is pending, check here. <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply		D 1 Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return	<input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity	2 Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Final return	<input type="checkbox"/> Amended return	E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Address change	<input type="checkbox"/> Name change	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, column (c), line 16) \$ 4,835,206.	J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____ (Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)	

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
REVENUE	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule) . . .				
	2 Ck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If the foundation is not required to attach Sch B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	22.	22.		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	224,085.	224,085.		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	28,907.	L-6a Stmt		
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a	2,029,694.			
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		28,907.		
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
Royalties - Finley Oil and Gas	1,506.	1,506.			
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11.	254,520.	254,520.			
ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXPENSES	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc.				
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits.				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach sch.)	1,692.	1,523.		169.
	c Other prof fees (attach sch.)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule)(see instrs) See Line 18 Stmt	22,626.	2,867.		1.
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)				
	See Line 23 Stmt	2,157.	2,151.		6.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	26,475.	6,541.		176.	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	337,500.			337,500.	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	363,975.	6,541.		337,676.	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	-109,455.				
b Net Investment Income (if negative, enter -0-).		247,979.			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-).					

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
ASSETS	1	Cash — non-interest-bearing	13,149.	16,516.	16,516.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	454,145.	158,149.	158,149.
	3	Accounts receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach sch) . ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10 a	Investments — U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments — corporate stock (attach schedule) . Schedule "A".	6,873,553.	7,069,913.	4,130,840.
	c	Investments — corporate bonds (attach schedule) . Schedule "A".	602,676.	589,490.	528,500.
	11	Investments — land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
LIABILITIES		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12	Investments — mortgage loans			
	13	Investments — other (attach schedule) . . Schedule "A".	0.	0.	1,201.
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	15	Other assets (describe ▶))	0.		
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers — see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I).	7,943,523.	7,834,068.	4,835,206.
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, & other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶))			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)			
FUNDS		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31. ▶			
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31. ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	7,943,523.	7,834,068.	
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds			
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	7,943,523.	7,834,068.	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	7,943,523.	7,834,068.	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year — Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	7,943,523.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-109,455.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	7,834,068.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) — Part II, column (b), line 30	6	7,834,068.

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shares MLC Company)		(b) How acquired P — Purchase D — Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1 a See Schedule "B"		P	Various	Various
b				
c				
d				
e				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 2,029,694.		2,000,787.	28,907.
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(i) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
(i) F.M.V. as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	
a 0.	0.	0.	28,907.
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss).	[If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7]	2	28,907.
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6)			
If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	[]	3	

Part V Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If 'Yes,' the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014	350,169.	7,034,203.	0.049781
2013	398,273.	7,128,083.	0.055874
2012	412,024.	8,134,370.	0.050652
2011	404,414.	8,458,756.	0.047810
2010	354,777.	8,169,931.	0.043425

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	0.247542
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period — divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	0.049508
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5	4	5,870,809.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	290,652.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	2,480.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	293,132.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	337,676.

If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.

Part VI Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 — see instructions)

1 a Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter 'N/A' on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter. _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary — see instrs)			
b Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		1	2,480.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	2,480.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	2,480.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2015 estimated tax pmts and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6 a	6,000.	
b Exempt foreign organizations — tax withheld at source	6 b		
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6 c		
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6 d		
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	6,000.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8		
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9		
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	3,520.	
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax 3,520. Refunded	11		

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1 a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)?		X
If the answer is 'Yes' to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities		
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation \$ (2) On foundation managers \$		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers \$		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If 'Yes,' attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If 'Yes,' attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4 a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	X	
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV	X	
8 a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) MT — Montana		
b If the answer is 'Yes' to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If 'No,' attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2015 or the taxable year beginning in 2015 (see instructions for Part XIV)? If 'Yes,' complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If 'Yes,' attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If 'Yes', attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If 'Yes,' attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address N/A				
14	The books are in care of James C. Taylor Telephone no. (406) 587-5594			
Located at 1045 Reeves Road East, Suite E Bozeman, MT ZIP + 4 59718-7701				
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here			
and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15				
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16		X
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country				

Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required

File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the 'Yes' column, unless an exception applies.

	Yes	No
1 a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check 'No' if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If any answer is 'Yes' to 1a(1)-(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?	1 b	X
Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here		
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	1 c	X
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)):		
a At the end of tax year 2015, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2015?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If 'Yes,' list the years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __, 20 __		
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer 'No' and attach statement - see instructions)	2 b	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here		
3 a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
b If 'Yes,' did it have excess business holdings in 2015 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969; (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest; or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2015)	3 b	
4 a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4 a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2015?	4 b	X

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Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**5 a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:

- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If any answer is 'Yes' to 5a(1)-(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)?

5 b

Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐**c** If the answer is 'Yes' to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant?☐ Yes ☐ No

If 'Yes,' attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d)

6 a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

6 b

If 'Yes' to 6b, file Form 8870.

7 a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?☐ Yes ☒ No**b** If 'Yes,' did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

7 b

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**1** List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
James C. Taylor 1045 Reeves Rd. E., Suite E Bozeman MT 59718	Director & Pres. 10.00	0.	0.	0.
Beatrice R. Taylor 1045 Reeves Rd. E., Suite E Bozeman MT 59718	Director & V.P. 0.00	0.	0.	0.
Peggy L. Olson 1045 Reeves Rd. E., Suite E Bozeman MT 59718	Sec/Treas. 10.00	0.	0.	0.
Susan R. Taylor 1045 Reeves Rd. E., Suite E Bozeman MT 59718	Director 0.00	0.	0.	0.

2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 — see instructions). If none, enter 'NONE.'

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 ☐ None

Part X **Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1 a 5,619,885.
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1 b 339,126.
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1 c 1,201.
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1 d 5,960,212.
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation) 1 e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3 5,960,212.
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4 89,403.
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5 5,870,809.
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6 293,540.

Part XI **Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1 293,540.
2 a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2 a 2,480.
2 b	Income tax for 2015. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2 b
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2 c 2,480.
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3 291,060.
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5 291,060.
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7 291,060.

Part XII **Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes	
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1 a 337,676.
b	Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B.	1 b 0.
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the	
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3 a
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3 b
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4 337,676.
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5 2,480.
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6 335,196.

Note. The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				291,060.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			335,824.	
b Total for prior years 20 __, 20 __, 20 __				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010	0.			
b From 2011	0.			
c From 2012	0.			
d From 2013	0.			
e From 2014	0.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	0.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4: \$ 337,676.				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a			335,824.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required — see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required — see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				1,852.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	0.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	0.			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount — see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount — see instructions			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2016				289,208.
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required — see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	0.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	0.			
10 Analysis of line 9:				
a Excess from 2011	0.			
b Excess from 2012	0.			
c Excess from 2013	0.			
d Excess from 2014	0.			
e Excess from 2015	0.			

Part XIV Private Operating Foundations (see instructions and Part VII-A, question 9)

N/A

1 a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2015, enter the date of the ruling.					N/A
b Check box to indicate whether the foundation is a private operating foundation described in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5)					
2 a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2015	(b) 2014	(c) 2013	(d) 2012	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon:					
a 'Assets' alternative test — enter:					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b 'Endowment' alternative test — enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed					
c 'Support' alternative test — enter:					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii)					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the foundation had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year — see instructions.)**1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:**

- a List any managers of the foundation who have contributed more than 2% of the total contributions received by the foundation before the close of any tax year (but only if they have contributed more than \$5,000). (See section 507(d)(2).)

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- b List any managers of the foundation who own 10% or more of the stock of a corporation (or an equally large portion of the ownership of a partnership or other entity) of which the foundation has a 10% or greater interest

None

2 Information Regarding Contribution, Grant, Gift, Loan, Scholarship, etc, Programs:

Check here ☐ if the foundation only makes contributions to preselected charitable organizations and does not accept unsolicited requests for funds. If the foundation makes gifts, grants, etc (see instructions) to individuals or organizations under other conditions, complete items 2a, b, c, and d.

- a The name, address, and telephone number or e-mail address of the person to whom applications should be addressed:

The Ruth and Vernon Taylor Foundation, Montana
1045 Reeves Road East, Suite E
Bozeman MT 59718-7701 (406) 587-5594

- b The form in which applications should be submitted and information and materials they should include:

No specific form required.

- c Any submission deadlines:

No submission deadlines.

- d Any restrictions or limitations on awards, such as by geographical areas, charitable fields, kinds of institutions, or other factors:

No restrictions or limitations.

3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment

Part XVI-A Analysis of Income-Producing Activities

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(e) Related or exempt function income (See instructions.)
	(a) Business code	(b) Amount	(c) Exclu- sion code	(d) Amount	
1 Program service revenue:					
a <u>Not Applicable</u>					
b					
c					
d					
e					
f					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies . .					
2 Membership dues and assessments					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	22.	
4 Dividends and interest from securities			14	224,085.	
5 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a Debt-financed property					
b Not debt-financed property					
6 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
7 Other investment income			14	0.	
8 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory . .			18	28,907.	0.
9 Net income or (loss) from special events					
10 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
11 Other revenue:					
a <u>Royalties</u>			15	1,506.	
b					
c					
d					
e					
12 Subtotal. Add columns (b), (d), and (e)				254,520.	0.
13 Total. Add line 12, columns (b), (d), and (e)				13 254,520.	254,520.

(See worksheet in line 13 instructions to verify calculations.)

Part XVI-B Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

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Part I, Line 6a

Net Gain or Loss From Sale of Assets

2015

Name The Ruth and Vernon Taylor Foundation, Montana	Employer Identification Number 20-1746884
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Asset Information:

Description of Property: See Schedule "B"

Date Acquired: Various	How Acquired: Purchased
Date Sold: Various	Name of Buyer:
Sales Price: 2,029,694.	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation) 2,000,787.
Sales Expense:	Valuation Method:
Total Gain (Loss): 28,907.	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

Description of Property:	How Acquired:
Date Acquired:	Name of Buyer:
Date Sold:	Cost or other basis (do not reduce by depreciation)
Sales Price:	Valuation Method:
Sales Expense:	Accumulation Depreciation:

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Line 18 Stmt

Taxes	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
Taxes	68.	68.		1.
Taxes - Foreign	2,730.	2,730.		0.
Taxes - Severance	69.	69.		0.
Taxes - IRS	19,759.	0.		0.
Total	22,626.	2,867.		1.

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Line 23 Stmt

Other expenses:	Rev/Exp Book	Net Inv Inc	Adj Net Inc	Charity Disb
Bank Charges	7.	6.		1.
Commissions & Brokerage Fees	2,100.	2,100.		0.
Licenses	15.	14.		1.
Postage	35.	31.		4.
Total	2,157.	2,151.		6.

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Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Name of Provider	Type of Service Provided	Amount Paid Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Peggy L. Olson	Tax Processing	117.	105.		12.
EideBailly, LLP	Review T/R, F/S	1,575.	1,418.		157.
Total		1,692.	1,523.		169.

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----- RVTF -----				
End Of Year Quantity	Investment	Begin. Book Value	End Of Year Book Value	End Of Year Fair Market Value
Line 1 - Cash - Non-Interest Bearing				
N/A	Petty Cash	50 00	50 00	50 00
N/A	Checking - US Bank	13,098 93	16,466 11	16,466 11
TOTAL - Line 1 - Non-Interest Bearing		13,148.93	16,516.11	16,516.11
 Line 2 - Savings and Temporary Cash Investments				
N/A	Savings - US Bank	370 58	7,373 18	7,373 18
N/A	Cash - JP Morgan	181,047 84	133,341 34	133,341 34
N/A	Money Market - JP Morgan	446,242 64	17,434 37	17,434 37
N/A	Proceeds from Pending Sales - JP Morgan	0 00	0 00	0 00
N/A	Cost of Pending Purchases - JP Morgan	-173,516 00	0 00	0 00
TOTAL Line 2 - Savings and Temp. Cash Investments		454,145.06	158,148.89	158,148.89

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----- RVTF -----				
End Of Year Quantity	Investment	Begin. Book Value	End Of Year Book Value	End Of Year Fair Market Value
Line 10b - Investments - Corporate Stock				
3,500	Apple Inc	235,309 00	235,309 00	368,410 00
32,000	AT&T Inc	1,209,994 00	1,135,930 60	1,101,120 00
35,000	Barrick Gold Corp	1,486,168 90	1,486,168 90	258,300 00
45,000	Colony Capital Inc	0 00	1,121,525 50	985,950 00
38,000	Encana Corp	742,556 95	742,556 95	193,420 00
10,000	Energy XXI Bermuda Limited	198,139 50	198,139 50	10,100 00
2,661	JPMorgan International Opportunities Fund	42,623 66	42,623 66	38,049 54
40,000	Kinder Morgan Inc	1,038,998 50	1,217,907 50	596,800 00
10,000	New Senior Investment Group	0 00	93,595 00	98,600 00
500	Pioneer Natural Resources Co	95,154 50	95,154 50	62,690 00
20,000	Proshares Short S&P 500	701,002 00	701,002 00	417,400 00
-	U S Cellular Corp 7 25%	1,123,606 00	0 00	0 00
TOTAL Line 10b - Investments - Corporate Stock		6,873,553.01	7,069,913.11	4,130,839.54
Line 10c - Investments - Corporate Bonds				
100,000	MOA Hospitality Inc Notes 8% 1/15/05	0 00	0 00	0 00
50,000	Western Asset/Claymore Infl Linked Sec	602,676 00	589,489 60	528,500 00
TOTAL Line 10c - Investments - Corporate Bonds		602,676.00	589,489.60	528,500.00
Line 15 - Other Assets				
N/A	Finley Resources, Inc	0 00	0 00	1,201 25
TOTAL Line 15 - Other Assets		0.00	0.00	1,201.25
TOTAL Line 16 - Total Assets		7,943,523.00	7,834,067.71	4,835,205.79

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Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

Quantity	Security	Sales Price	Cost	Gain or (Loss)
1,000	AT&T Inc	\$ 339,048.73	\$ 325,305.00	\$ 13,743.73
15,000	Blackrock Taxable Municple Bond Trust	306,847.33	\$301,418.25	5,429.08
2,500	Texas Cap Bancshares Inc. 6.5% Pfd	61,600.10	62,634.00	(1,033.90)
2,000	Texas Cap Bancshares Inc. 6.5% Pfd	49,292.88	50,107.20	(814.32)
500	Texas Cap Bancshares Inc. 6.5% Pfd	12,401.94	12,526.80	(124.86)
5,000	Texas Cap Bancshares Inc. 6.5% Pfd	124,019.38	125,189.50	(1,170.12)
21,100	U.S. Cellular Corp 7.25% Pfd	532,843.33	527,500.00	5,343.33
18,900	U S. Cellular Corp 7.25% Pfd	477,355.76	472,500.00	4,855.76
5,000	U.S. Cellular Corp 7.25% Pfd	126,284.59	123,606.00	2,678.59
TOTALS		\$ 2,029,694.04	\$ 2,000,786.75	\$ 28,907.29

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Name and Address	Relation.	Status	Purpose	Paid Amount
Arcadia Charter School 1719 Cannon Road Northfield, MN 55057	N/A	PC	Equip. & Curriculum	4,500.00
Big Brothers Big Sisters 15 South 8th Ave. Bozeman, MT 59715	N/A	PC	Computers and Phone Equipment	10,000.00
Bozeman Symphony Society 1001 West Oak Street, Suite 201 Bozeman, MT 59715	N/A	PC	Computer Hardware, Phone & Donor Tracking Systems	21,000.00
Eagle Mount Bozeman 6901 Goldenstein Lane Bozeman, MT 59715	N/A	PC	Big Sky Kids Grove Healing Garden	12,500.00
Gall. Cnty. Public Safety Fndn. 280 W. Kagy, Suite D Bozeman, MT 59715	N/A	GOV	Public Safety and Fresh Start Program	3,500.00
Hopa Mountain, Inc. P.O. Box 10892 Bozeman, MT 59719	N/A	PC	College Prep Program	5,000.00
Montana Chamber Music Society P.O. Box 1506 Bozeman, MT 59771-1506	N/A	PC	MT Arts Gen'l Support	3,500.00
Museum of the Rockies Montana State University Bozeman, MT 59717-2730	N/A	PC	Artifact Sponsorship	17,500.00
Prop. & Environ. Research Center 2048 Analysis Drive, Suite A Bozeman, MT 59718-6829	N/A	PC	General Support	5,000.00

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<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Relation.</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Paid Amount</u>
The Literacy Center 801 Hamilton St., Suite 201 Allentown, PA 18101-2420	N/A	PC	Videos & Training	5,000.00
The Living Desert 47900 Portola Avenue Palm Desert, CA 92260	N/A	PC	Endowment Fund	20,000.00
Thrive P.O. Box 6637 Bozeman, MT 59771-6637	N/A	PC	Sr. Team Training	5,000.00
Tsering's Fund, Inc. 47520 Gallatin Road #1B Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730	N/A	PC	School Rebuilding & Education	25,000.00
Warriors and Quiet Waters Fndn. 1087 Stoneridge Drive, Suite #1 Bozeman, MT 59718	N/A	PC	New Home Capital Campaign	200,000.00
TOTAL				<u>337,500.00</u>