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Form **990**

Department of the Treasury

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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				ning body (Part VI, line 1a)			3	5
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Activities &				calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)			5	18
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	12	12)	revenue—aud inies o tinough 1	T (must equal 1 art viii, column (A), i		8,175,	481	10,445,18
	13	Grants	s and sımılar amounts paıd (Par	t IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		2,764,	142	3,950,98
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	17			, lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)		3,504,		3,503,94
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-	19	Keven	nue iess expenses. Subtract line	e 18 from line 12	-	409,	830	750,250
Net Assets or Fund Balances					Begin	ning of Current	Year	End of Year
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4 를	21	Total	liabilities (Part X, line 26) .			723,	047	508,90
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Denver, CO 80203

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

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Par	t IV Checklist of Required Schedules		Vac	Ne
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	No
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (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		Νo
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	
	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		No
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8		No
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		Νo
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			
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	Yes	
	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
	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 2	11c		No
	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
е	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e		Νo
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		No
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	Yes	
	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13		Νo
	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a		Νo
b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV </i>	14b		No
15	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15		No
	Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If</i> "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16		Νo
	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 $11e^{\gamma}$ If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17		No
	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		No
	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		No
		20a		Νo
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b		

Par	t IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)			
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	Yes	
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III	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? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a	24a		No
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 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		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) 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		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25b		No
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II	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)			
а	A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV			
		28a		No
	A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29		Νo
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		No
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I .	31		No
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		No
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301 7701-2 and 301 7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I	33		No
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	34	Yes	
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	35a	Yes	
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 $512(b)(13)$? 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 organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI	37		No
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?	38	Yes	

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Par	Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V			_
	Check if Schedule O contains a response of note to any line in this part V	· ·	Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096 Enter -0 - if not applicable 1a 125			
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a Enter -0 - if not applicable 1b 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			
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	Yes	
	Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a		No
	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, 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		Νo
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country 🕨			
	See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)			
5-2	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No
	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?			No
		5b		
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	6a		No
	organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?			
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).			
	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and	7a		Νo
	services provided to the payor?			
	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b		
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	, ,		113
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
	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as			
9	required?	7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a	7h		
8	Form 1098-C?	/n		
•	Did a donor advised fund maintaining donor advised runds.			
	during the year?	8		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter			
	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			
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter			
	Gross income from members or shareholders			
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources			
	against amounts due or received from them)			
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a		
	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.			
а	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for			
٠	additional information the organization must report on Schedule O	13a		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states			
_	m which the organization is incensed to issue qualified fleatin plans			
	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	1.4=		NI -
	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a 14b		No
ט	11 165, has it lied a Form 720 to report these payments 11 No, provide an explanation in Schedule U.		rm 99 ((2015)

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 or note to any line in this Part VI

Se	ection A. Governing Body and Management			, .
30	ction A. Governing body and rianagement		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 5			
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O			
b	Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 5			
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		N o
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
	Did the organization have members of stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or	\vdash		110
	more members of the governing body?	7a		No
	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			
а	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
Se	ection B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal R	evenu	ıe Cod	e.)
			Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a		Νo
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	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	
	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?			
а	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	Yes	
	Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	Yes	
	If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)	100	1 65	
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		NO
Se	ection C. Disclosure	00		
17	List the States with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed			
18 19	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). 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

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 $State\ the\ name,\ address,\ and\ telephone\ number\ of\ the\ person\ who\ possesses\ the\ organization's\ books\ and\ records$

Part VII

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year

- ◆ 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, 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

(A) Name and Title	(B) A verage hours per week (list any hours for related	more pers and	than on is	one bot	not box h ar	checl c, unle n office rustee	ess er :)	(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W- 2/1099-	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W- 2/1099-	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the
	organizations below dotted line)	Individual trustae or director	Institutional Trustee	Officei	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	MISC)	MISC)	organization and related organizations
(1) Chris Killingsworth President	1 00	x		x				0	0	C
(2) Lisa Jaguzny Treasurer	1 00	х		х				0	0	(
(3) David Donnelly Board Member	1 00	х						0	0	(
(4) William Roberts Board Member	1 00	х						0	0	(
(5) Tom Steinbach Board Member	1 00	х						0	0	(
(6) Brendon Cechovic	39 00			х				158,938	8,278	31,601
(7) Leah Wieneke	39 00			х				127,553	2,760	20,217
(8) Shara Kaplın Chief of Staff	39 00					х		134,429	1,196	20,394
(9) Andrea Keller Helsel Director of Strategy	40 00					х		140,376	579	20,419
(10) Dede de Percin Colorado River Campaign Director	40 00					х		104,592	0	17,772
(11) Howard Gross Senior Program Manager	40 00					х		103,403	0	25,757
(12) Sarah Cobler State Program Direcor	39 00 1 00					х		113,850	1,150	16,73:

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

	(A) Name and Title	(B) A verage hours per week (list any hours	more f	than o	one I both	box, an	heck unless officer stee)	5	(D Report compen from organizat	table sation the tion (W-	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-	Estin amount compei from	nated of other nsation the
		for related organizations below dotted line)	Individual trustae or director	Institutional Trustee	Officei	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former	2/1099-	MISC)	2/1099-MISC)	organiza rela organiz	ted
1b c d	Sub-Total Total from continuation shee			A .			* * *		883	,141	13,963		152,891
2	Total number of individuals (ii \$100,000 of reportable comp	•					d abov	e) w	ho received	d more t	han		
												Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any f on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete</i> :					key •	emplo	yee, •	, or highest	compe		3	No
4	For any individual listed on lin organization and related organ												
5	Individual Did any person listed on line 1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · ·	 mpen	• satı	• on fr	om an	v unr	· · ·	• • anizatioi	or individual for	4 Yes	
	services rendered to the orga			-					_			5	No
Se	ection B. Independent Co	ontractors											
1	Complete this table for your fi compensation from the organi												r
		(A) Name and business	address								(B) scription of services		C) ensation
3000	p Public Solutions LLC K Street NW Suite 320									Consulting]		259,588
	ourt Press Communications								(Consulting]		113,803
	13th Street 13th Floor and, CA 94612												
_													
	Total number of independent co	ontractors (inclu	dına bu	t not	lımıt	ed t	o thos	a list	ted above)	who rec	eived more than		

\$100,000 of compensation from the organization > 2

Part V		Statement of Revenue						_
		Check if Schedule O contains a	respon:	se or note to any lir			(C)	
					(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or	Unrelated	(D) Revenue
						exempt	business	excluded from
						function revenue	revenue	tax under sections
								512-514
u B	1a	Federated campaigns	1a					
Contributions, Giffs, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	ь	Membership dues	1b					
952 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 1	c	Fundraising events	. 1c					
S, A	_							
Siff Iar	d	Related organizations	. 1d					
s, (imi	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e	-				
o S	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, a	nd 1f	10,431,852	·			
be!		similar amounts not included above						
ijάl	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$	5					
no	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f .			10,431,852			
a a				•	·			
e e			-	Business Code				
ren	2a							
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erv	d							
<u>ئ</u>	e							
Program Serwice Revenue	f	All other program service reve	nue					1
ا پر			L					
4	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
	3	Investment income (including and other similar amounts).			7,237			7,23
	4	Income from investment of tax-exem						
	5	Royalties						
		(i) Real		(II) Personal				
	6a		,094	(,				
	Ь	Less rental expenses	0					
	c		,094					
	d	or (loss) Let rental income or (loss).			6,094			6,094
		(ı) Securities		(II) Other				
	7a	Gross amount		(11) 5 61151				
		from sales of assets other						
		than inventory						
	ь	Less cost or	+					
	-	other basis and sales expenses						
	С	Gain or (loss)						
	d	Net gain or (loss)						
ψ.	8a	Gross income from fundraising	Γ					
T.		events (not including						
≻e		\$ of contributions reported on lin	0.16)					
ž		See Part IV, line 18						
Other Kevenue			a					
5	ь	Less direct expenses	. ь[
	С	Net income or (loss) from fundi	aising e	vents 🛌				
	9a	Gross income from gaming acti	ıvıtıes [
		See Part IV, line 19	a					
	ь	Lace direct expenses	-					
		Less direct expenses Net income or (loss) from gami	_	ities - 🛌				
		Gross sales of inventory, less	T					
		returns and allowances .						
			a					
		Less cost of goods sold						
	С	Net income or (loss) from sales	s of inve	ntory 🛌				
		Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
	11a							
	ь		_					
	c		一					
	d	All other revenue	_					1
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d .		🕨				
	12	Total revenue. See Instruction		<u>.</u>				
		a. revenue See Instruction		· · · 🛌	10,445,183			13,331

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Sectio	on $501(c)(3)$ and $501(c)(4)$ organizations must complete all columns. A	All other organiza	ations must com	plete column (A)	
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in th	ıs Part IX		<u> </u>	
	t include amounts reported on lines 6b, , 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 domestic organizations and domestic governments See Part IV, line 21	3,950,987	3,950,987		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals See Part IV, line 22				
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4	Benefits paid to or for members				
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	336,316	119,304	123,148	93,864
6	Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section $4958(f)(1)$) and persons described in section $4958(c)(3)(B)$				
7	Other salaries and wages	1,376,065	1,172,449	205,110	-1,494
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	123,545	106,086	18,003	-544
9	Other employee benefits	277,336	231,956	39,194	6,186
10	Payroll taxes	126,736	96,700	23,782	6,254
11	Fees for services (non-employees)				
а	Management				_
b	Legal	15,898	13,868	1,724	306
c	Accounting				_
d	Lobbying	426,448	426,448		
e	Professional fundraising services See Part IV, line 17				
f	Investment management fees				
g	Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	2,497,478	2,475,208	21,674	596
12	Advertising and promotion				
13	Office expenses	57,482	44,603	11,266	1,613
14	Information technology				
15	Royalties				
16	Occupancy	142,493	100,070	36,025	6,398
17	Travel	133,850	123,099	4,295	6,456
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	7,258	6,485	656	117
20	Interest				
21	Payments to affiliates				
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	17,223	12,096	4,354	773
23	Insurance				
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)				
а	O ther program expenses	205,818	205,818		
b					
c					_
d					
e	All other expenses				_
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	9,694,933	9,085,177	489,231	120,525
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)	-	-	-	<u>.</u>

		Balance Sheet			_
		Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X .		• •	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
			(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
	1	Cash-non-interest-bearing		1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	3,597,275	2	4,674,019
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	565,000	3	20,500
	4	Accounts receivable, net	7,424	4	29,594
	5	Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trusted key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	ees,	5	
Assets	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 FII of Schedule L			
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ď	7	Notes and loans receivable, net	·	7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	11,352	9	6,066
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D 10a 62	,747		
	b	Less accumulated depreciation 10b 42	,092 37,878	10 c	20,655
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets		14	
	15	Other assets See Part IV, line 11	6,599	15	10,803
	16	Total assets.Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	4,225,528	16	4,761,637
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	445,622	17	315,406
	18	Grants payable	277,425	18	193,500
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
Liabilities	22	Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified			
Ī		persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
Ē	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 partie and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D	s,		
				25	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	723,047	26	508,906
رم do		Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ► 🔽 and complet	e		
Ĕ	27	lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34. Unrestricted net assets	2,016,398	27	2,106,041
<u>ප</u>		Temporarily restricted net assets	1,486,083	28	2,106,041
<u> </u>	28	Permanently restricted net assets	1,400,003		2, 140,090
ĭ	29	·		29	
or Fund Balance		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	
ಕ	31	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		31	
SSe	I				
Ass	32	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
Net Assets	32 33	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds Total net assets or fund balances	3,502,481	32	4,252,731

Par	t XI Reconcilliation of Net Assets				
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI		•		
1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1		10,4	145,183
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2		9.6	594,933
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3			, ,250,250
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4			502,481
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5			702,401
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			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		4,2	252,731
Par	t XII Financial Statements and Reporting				
	Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII				. 🔽
				Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990				
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?		2a		Νo
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or review a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both	wed on			
	Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis				
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?		2b	Yes	
	If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a sepa basis, consolidated basis, or both	rate			
	☐ Separate basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis				
C	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversigh of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?		2c	Yes	
	If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	n			
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?	e	3a		No
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		

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SCHEDULE A

(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Total

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.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Open to Public Inspection

	Name of the organization Western Conservation Foundation							ation number	
							33-1107506		
Pa	rt I	Reason for Publi	c Charity S	Status (All organiza	itions must co	mplete this p	part.) See instruction	ns.	
The	organı	zation is not a private fo	te foundation because it is (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box)						
1	Γ	A church, convention	on of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).						
2	Г	A school described in	section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).(Attach So	chedule E (Form	n 990 or 990-E	Z))		
3	Ē	A hospital or a cooper							
4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction wi). Enter the	
•	'	hospital's name, city,	-	oracea iii conjunecion i	vicir a mospicar a	iesensea in se	ocion 27 o(5)(2)(11)(, Linear ene	
5	Γ		ited for the be	nefit of a college or un I)	iversity owned	or operated by	a governmental unit o	lescribed in section	
6	Г	A federal, state, or loc	al governmen	t or governmental unit	described in s e	ection 170(b)(:	1)(A)(v).		
7	굣	An organization that n described in section 1				om a governme	ental unit or from the g	jeneral public	
8	Γ	A community trust de	scribed in sect	tion 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)	(Complete Par	tII)			
9	Г Г	receipts from activitie from gross investmen	es related to it it income and e 30, 1975 S	ves (1) more than 33 ts exempt functions—s unrelated business table tesection 509(a)(2).	subject to certa xable income (l (Complete Part	in exceptions, ess section 51 III)	and (2) no more than 1 tax) from businesse	331/3% of its suppor	
11	<u>'</u>							ut the nurnesses of	
11	'	An organization organ one or more publicly s							
		the box in lines 11a th				, , ,	· / · /	` ,` ,	
а	Γ	Type I. A supporting o	rganization op	perated, supervised, oi	r controlled by 1	ts supported o	rganization(s), typical	ly by giving the	
Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the suporganization. You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.					supporting				
h	\vdash	Type II. A supporting	-	-		with its suppo	rtod organization(s) l	w having control or	
b	1	management of the su	pporting organ	nization vested in the s					
_	\vdash	must complete Part IV Type III functionally			n operated in c	onnection with	and functionally inte	arated with its	
	'	supported organization						graced with, its	
d	Γ	Type III non-function						anızatıon(s) that ıs	
					illy must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement				
	_	(see instructions) Yo							
е	ı	Check this box if the contegrated, or Type III					s a Type I, Type II, T	ype III functionally	
f	Ente	r the number of support				/II			
g		Provide the following i	-						
9					24 (10)(0)				
		(i)	(ii)EIN	(iii)	(iv)		(v)	(vi)	
Nar	ne of s	supported organization		Type of	Is the organ		A mount of	A mount of other	
			organization (described on lines 1-9 above (see instructions))	listed in your docume		monetary support (see instructions)	support (see instructions)		
					Yes	No			
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instructions

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) Part II (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 (a)2011 **(b)**2012 **(c)**2013 (d)2014 **(e)**2015 (f)Total (or fiscal year beginning in) 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and 6,590,800 7,890,568 5,869,990 8,169,957 10,431,852 38,953,167 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 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge 6,590,800 7,890,568 5,869,990 8,169,957 10,431,852 38,953,167 **Total.** Add lines 1 through 3 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly 23,442,590 supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column Public support. Subtract line 5 15,510,577 from line 4 Section B. Total Support Calendar year (a)2011 **(b)**2012 (c)2013 (d)2014 (e)2015 (f)Total (or fiscal year beginning in) 🟲 Amounts from line 4 6.590,800 7,890,568 5,869,990 8,169,957 10,431,852 38,953,167 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received 27,973 10,276 6,973 32,024 13,331 90,577 on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from sımılar sources 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 VI) 11 Total support. Add lines 7 39,043,744 through 10 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions) 12 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 14 39 730 % Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 15 36 770 % 16a 33 1/3% support test - 2015. 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 **▶**▽ 33 1/3% support test -2014. 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 - 2015. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported **▶**□ organization b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2014. 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 VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015 Page 3 Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2) Part III (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 vear (a)2011 (d)2014 **(b)**2012 (c)2013 (e)2015 (f)Total (or fiscal year beginning in) 🕨 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants") Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt nurnose Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge Total. Add lines 1 through 5 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year c Add lines 7a and 7b Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6) Section B. Total Support Calendar year (a)2011 **(b)**2012 (c)2013 (d)2014 (e)2015 (f)Total (or fiscal year beginning in) Amounts from line 6 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975 Add lines 10a and 10b C Net income from unrelated 11 business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI) Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12) First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f)) 15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15 16 Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. 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 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. 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

Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))

Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17

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Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B If you checked

Section A. All Supporting Organizations			
I, complete Sections A and D, and complete	te Part V)		
11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C	If you checked 11c of Part I, com	iplete Sections A , D , and E If y	ou checked 11d of Par

			Yes	No
1	Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.	1		
2	Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).	2		
За	Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.	За		ı
b	Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section $501(c)(4)$, (5) , or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section $509(a)(2)$? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.	3b		
c	Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.	3с		
4 a	Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.	4a		ı
b	Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised	4b		
c	by or in connection with its supported organizations. Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections $501(c)(3)$ and $509(a)(1)$ or (2) ? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section $170(c)(2)(B)$ purposes.	4c		
5a	Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).	5a		
b	Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?	5b		
C	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?	5c		ı
6	Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations, (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).	7		
8	Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).	8		
9a	Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509 (a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9a		
b	Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9b		
C	Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .	9c		
0a	Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer b below.	10a		
b	Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).	10b		l
	Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?			
а	A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?	11a		<u> </u>
b	A family member of a person described in (a) above?	11b		
c	A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.	11c		_

Pai	Supporting Organizations (continued)			
Se	ection B. Type I Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.	1		
2	Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.	2		
Se	ection C. Type II Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).	1		
Se	ection D. All Type III Supporting Organizations			
			Yes	No
1	Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (1) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (2) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (3) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?	1		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).	2		
3	By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.	3		
Se	ection E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations			
1 a b	The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations Complete line 3 below			
2	Activities Test Answer (a) and (b) below.		Yes	No
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	2a		
Ŀ	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.	2b		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.			
	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>Provide details in Part VI</i> .	3a		
Ŀ	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each			

of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.

3b

	Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying tr Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete S			uct ions. All other
	Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1		
!	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
	Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
	Add lines 1 through 3	4		
	Depreciation and depletion	5		
ı	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
,	Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
1	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		
	Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Yea (optional)
	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1		
а	Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)			
	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2		
	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4		
	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
	Multiply line 5 by 035	6		
	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
	Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
	Enter 85% of line 1	2		
	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
	Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
i	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		
	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-instructions)	ntegrate	d Type III supporting o	rganızatıon (see

Type III Non-Functionally Integr	ated 509(a)(3) Suppo	rting Organizations (c	
Section D - Distributions			Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accom	plish exempt purposes		
2 A mounts paid to perform activity that directly furth excess of income from activity	ers exempt purposes of supp	oorted organizations, in	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exemp	pt purposes of supported org	anızatıons	
4 A mounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets			
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval re	quired)		
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instru	uctions		
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6			
Distributions to attentive supported organizations to details in Part VI) See instructions	to which the organization is r	esponsive (provide	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line	6		
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount			
Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause requiredsee instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
 Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions) 			
j Remainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7			
\$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 31 and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
c Excess from 2013			
d From 2014			
e From 2015			

Part VI Supplemental Information.

Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Facts	And	Circum	stances	Test
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Return Reference	Explanation

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No 1545-0047

Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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. ▶Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

If the organization answered "Yes" on 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" on 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" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then ◆ Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations Complete Part III Name of the organization **Employer identification number** Western Conservation Foundation 33-1107506 Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization. Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV 2 Political expenditures Volunteer hours Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3). Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 2 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? 3 ☐ Yes Was a correction made? If "Yes." describe in Part IV Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3). Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities 1 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities Total exempt function expenditures Add lines 1 and 2 Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? 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 (e) A mount of political (a) Name (b) Address (c) EIN (d) A mount paid from filing organization's contributions received funds If none, enter -0and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization If none, enter-0-

reporting section 4911 tax for this year?

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Part II-A	Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form	1 5768 (election
	under section 501(h)).	

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

		ying Expenditures means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public lobbying)	opinion (grass roots		93,851	
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legis	lative body (direct lobbying)		332,597	
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1	b)		426,448	
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures			9,268,485	
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1	Lc and 1d)		9,694,933	
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount Enter the amount			634,747	
	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 li	ne 1f)		158,687	
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a If zero or less, en	ter - 0 -		0	
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c If zero or less, ent	er -0-		0	
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either I	720	•		

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 separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

┌ Yes ┌No

	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period										
	Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total					
2a	Lobbying nontaxable amount	493,384	501,476	538,283	634,747	2,167,890					
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					3,251,835					
_c	Total lobbying expenditures	144,208	131,282	149,333	426,448	851,271					
d	Grassroots nontaxable amount	123,346	125,369	134,571	158,687	541,973					
e 	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					812,960					
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures	104,940	13,574	11,644	93,851	224,009					

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Pa	rt II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has N filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).	ОТ				ige S
<i></i>	1	(a)		(b)	
ror e activ	ach "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying ity.	Yes	No	A	moun	t
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	Tes				
а	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	O ther 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?					
Par	t III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section $501(c)(4)$, section $501(c)(6)$.	01(c)(5), o	r se	ctio	n
			_		Yes	No
1	Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		L	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		
Par	t III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 5 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "I 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).					
а	Current year	2a				
b	Carryover from last year	2b				
С	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				
Pa	art IV Supplemental Information					

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, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1 Also, complete this part for any additional information

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SCHEDULE D

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Attach to Form 990.

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terna	Revenue Service	Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990 . Inspection									
	me of the organi		Employ	yer identif	ication number						
we	stern Conservation F	Ounidation		33-11	07506						
Pa			Advised Funds or Other Similar F			its.					
	Comple	ete if the organization answere	ed "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.								
1	Total numbo	rat end of year	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Fu	unds and o	ther accounts					
2	year)	alue of contributions to (during									
3	Aggregate v	alue of grants from (during year)									
	Aggregate v	alue at end of year									
;			advisors in writing that the assets held in do the organization's exclusive legal control?	nor advise	ed .	┌ Yes ┌ No					
	used only for cl		and donor advisors in writing that grant fund benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for a		ourpose	□Yes □No					
e l		-	ete if the organization answered "Yes"	on Form	990 Par						
ŒI.		•	ne organization (check all that apply)	OII I OI III	JJU, Fal	C 1 V , IIII C / .					
		on of land for public use (e g , recre		n historica	ally import	ant land area					
		of natural habitat	Preservation of a								
	☐ Preservatio	on of open space									
		2a through 2d if the organization ne last day of the tax year	held a qualified conservation contribution in	the form o	of a conser	vation					
		,			Held at	the End of the Year					
ı	Total number o	f conservation easements		2a							
)	Total acreage r	restricted by conservation easeme	ents	2b							
	Number of cons	servation easements on a certified	historic structure included in (a)	2c							
l		Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after $8/17/06$, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register									
	Number of constax year ►	servation easements modified, tra	nsferred, released, extinguished, or terminat	ed by the	organızatı	on during the					
	,	es where property subject to cons	ervation easement is located be								
	Does the organ		ding the periodic monitoring, inspection, har	ndling of	Г	Yes No					
			inspecting, handling of violations, and enforc	cing conse	•	ř					
	>										
	A mount of expe	—— enses incurred in monitoring, inspe	ecting, handling of violations, and enforcing (conservatı	on easem	ents during the vear					
	► \$		5, 5								
	Does each con		ne 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of se	ection 170	(h)(4)	Yes					
	balance sheet,	and include, if applicable, the text	ts conservation easements in its revenue ar of the footnote to the organization's financia								
ลเ		n's accounting for conservation ea izations Maintaining Collec	ctions of Art, Historical Treasures,	or Othe	r Simila	r Assets.					
_			ed "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.		Jiiiiid						
3	If the organizat works of art, his	tion elected, as permitted under Sl storical treasures, or other similar	FAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its reversesses held for public exhibition, education note to its financial statements that describe	, or resear	ch in furth						
b	If the organizat works of art, his	tion elected, as permitted under SI	FAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue assets held for public exhibition, education	statemen	nt and bala						
(ided on Form 990, Part VIII, line		b - ¢							
		•	•	F							
'		ed in Form 990, Part X	nictorical troacures, or other circular accept	► \$	al data a	avuda tha					
	following amoui	nts required to be reported under S	nistorical treasures, or other similar assets in SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items		ar yanı, pro	, vide tile					
a	Revenue includ	led on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1			► \$						

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X

Part	100	Organizations Maintaining (continued)	Collections of A	Art, F	listori	cal	Treas	ures, o	r O	ther Si	milar A	ssets	
3		the organization's acquisition, accetion items (check all that apply)	ession, and other re	cords,	check a						ıfıcant us	e of its	
а	┌ P	ublic exhibition		C	1	Loa	an or ex	change p	rogra	ams			
b	┌ s	cholarly research		€	• 「	O th	ner						
c	ГР	reservation for future generations											
4	Provid Part X	de a description of the organization?	s collections and ex	plain h	now they	furt	ther the	organıza	tıon'	s exemp	t purpose	e in	
5	Durin	g the year, did the organization solic	it or receive donati	ons of	art, hist	toric	al treas	sures or o	ther	sımılar			
		s to be sold to raise funds rather th		as pai	rt of the	orga	anızatıo	n's collec	tion	?	☐ Yes	F No	
Par	t IV	Escrow and Custodial Arra Complete if the organization a Part X, line 21.		n Forr	n 990,	Par	t IV, lı	ne 9, or	rep	orted aı	n amour	nt on For	m 990,
1a		e organization an agent, trustee, cus led on Form 990, Part X?	todian or other inte	rmedia	ary for co	ontri	ıbutıons	orother	asse	ets not	┌ Yes	s ┌ No	
b	If"	Yes," explain the arrangement in Pa	art XIII and comple	te the	following	g tab	ole				Am	ount	
c	Beg	ginning balance							1c				
d	A do	ditions during the year							1d				
e	Dıs	tributions during the year							1e				
f	End	ding balance							1f				
2a	Did th	ne organization include an amount o	n Form 990, Part X,	line 2	1, for es	crov	worcus	todial ac	coun	t liability	/っ		
ь	If"Ye	s," explain the arrangement in Part	XIII Check here ıf	the ex	planatio	n ha	as been	provided	ın P	art XIII			Г
Pai	t V	Endowment Funds. Comple	te if the organiza	tion a	nswere	ed "`	Yes" to	Form 9	90,	Part IV,	, line 10		
			(a)Current year	(b) Prior yea	r	b (c) T\	wo years ba	ack	(d) Three y	ears back	(e)Four y	ears back
1a	Begir	nning of year balance							\perp				
b	Conti	ributions											
c	Net II losse	nvestment earnings, gains, and											
d	Grant	ts or scholarships											
e		r expenditures for facilities rograms											
f	• A dmi	nistrative expenses							+				
g		of year balance							+				
2		de the estimated percentage of the	Lurrent vear end hal	l lance ('lıne 1 a	coli	ımn (a)) held as				l	
a		designated or quasi-endowment			57			,					
b		anent endowment -											
С	The p	orarily restricted endowment Fercentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c	·										
3a	organ	nere endowment funds not in the postization by related organizations	_		on that a	re h	eld and	admınıst	ered	for the	3,	Yes a(i)	No
		lated organizations				٠.	٠	•				(ii)	
b		s" on 3a(II), are the related organiz										3b	i i
4	Desci	ribe in Part XIII the intended uses o	f the organization's	endov	vment fu	nds						•	
Par	t VI	Land, Buildings, and Equip		F	000 5		TV lue	- 11- C			0 Dawk \	/ lima 1/	`
		Complete if the organization a Description of property	inswered yes to		Cost	or oth	ner basıs	e 11a.56 (b) Cost or othe (othe	er bas	A	ccumulated epreciation	(d) B	ook value
1 a	and							•	-				
Ь	Buildin	gs											
c l	easeh	old improvements		.					27,56	5	11,4	106	16,159
d i	quipm	nent		. [35,18	2	30,6	586	4,496
	Other												
Total	. A dd I	ines 1a through 1e <i>(Column (d) mus</i>	t equal Form 990, Pa	rt X, cc	olumn (B), lın	ie 10(c).)		<u> </u>	. ►		20,655

Part VII	Investments—Other Securities. Co See Form 990, Part X, line 12.	omplete if the or	ganization answered	d 'Yes' on Form	990, Part IV, line 11b.
	(a) Description of security or categor (including name of security)	у	(b)Book value)Method of valuation rend-of-year market value
(1)Financia	al derivatives			3323	end of year market value
	-held equity interests				
(3)0 ther					
Total (Colum	nn (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 12)		•		
	Investments—Program Related				
	Complete if the organization answere	d 'Yes' on Form '	990, Part IV, line 11	^{.C.} See Form 99	0, Part X, line 13.
	(a) Description of investment		(b) Book value		Method of valuation end-of-year market value
					,
Total (Colum	nn (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 13)		<u> </u>		
	Other Assets. Complete if the organization			line 11d See For	m 990, Part X, line 15
	(a) Desc	cription			(b) Book value
	mn (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line				
Part X	Other Liabilities. Complete if the org See Form 990, Part X, line 25.	ganization answe	red 'Yes' on Form 9	90, Part IV, lın	e 11e or 11f.
1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Book va	lue		
Federal inc	ome taxes				
Total. (Colum	nn (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col (B) line 25)	<u>* </u>			

Par		evenue per Audited Financial Sta Ization answered 'Yes' on Form 990,			per R	eturn
1		r support per audited financial statements		•	1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 bu	t not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12				
а	Net unrealized gains (losses) o	on investments	2a			
b	Donated services and use of fa	icilities	2b			
c	Recoveries of prior year grants		2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)		2d			
e	Add lines $2a$ through $2d$				2e	
3	Subtract line ${f 2e}$ from line ${f 1}$.				3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990	O, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1				
а	Investment expenses not inclu	uded on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b .	4a			
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)		4b			
c	Add lines 4a and 4b				4 c	
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and	4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line	12)		5	
Part		rpenses per Audited Financial Starzation answered 'Yes' on Form 990,			es per	Return.
1		audited financial statements			1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but	t not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25				
а	Donated services and use of fa	icilities	2a			
b	Prior year adjustments		2b			
c	Otherlosses		2c			
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)		2d			
e	Add lines 2a through 2d				2e	
3	Subtract line ${f 2e}$ from line ${f 1}$.				3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990	O, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:				
а	Investment expenses not inclu	uded 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 ar	nd 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, li	ne 18)	5	
Pari	XIII Supplemental Info	ormation			·	
		Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a	and 4	Part IV Junes 1 h and	2 h	
Part	V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI,	lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and				de any addıtıonal
Intor	mation	T				
	Return Reference	Explanation				

Part XIII Supplemental Info	ormation (continued)
Return Reference	Explanation

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Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations, Governments and Individuals in the United States

Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22. Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule I (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization

(Form 990)

Vestern Conservation Foundation	tern Conservation Foundation								
Part I General Information	on Grants and	l Assistance				•			
 Does the organization maintain rethe selection criteria used to awa Describe in Part IV the organizat 	ard the grants or as	sıstance?				tance, and	√Yes		
Part II Grants and Other Assistanthat received more than \$				plete if the organization	answered "Yes" on Fo	orm 990, Part IV, line 21	l, for any recipient		
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) A mount of cash grant	(e) A mount of non- cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of gran or assistance		
See Addıtıonal Data Table									
2 Enter total number of section 50:	1 (c)(3) and govern	ment organizations lis	ted in the line 1 table				9.5		

Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table.

Part I, Line 2

Gr	rants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22
Ρa	art III can be duplicated if additional space is needed

(a)Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c)A mount of cash grant	(d)A mount of non-cash assistance	(e)Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f)Description of non-cash assistance		
Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information.							
Return Reference Explanation							

Grantees are required to submit written narratives and financial reports to describe how funds were used

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Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 33-1107506

Name: Western Conservation Foundation

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Amargosa Conservancy PO Box 63 Shoshone,CA 92384	87-0748171	501(c)(3)	15,000				Conservation Outreach
American Fly Fishing Trade Association 321 East Main St Suite 300 Bozeman, MT 59715	82-0499014	501(c)(6)	27,500				Sportsmen Outreach
American Lung Association 5600 Greenwood Plaza Blvd 100 Greenwood Village, CO 80111	86-0111676	501(c)(3)	77,000				Clean Air Education

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American Sustainable Business Institute 1401 New York Ave NW Suite 1225 Washington, DC 20005	45-2384297	501(c)(3)	5,000				Business Outreach			
Association of Northwest Steelheaders 6641 SE Lake Rd Milwaulie, OR 97222	91-1031100	501(c)(3)	12,000				Sportsmen Outreach			
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers PO BOX 9257 Missoula, MT 59807	20-1037177	501(c)(3)	188,600				Sportsmen Outreach			

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California Association for Micro Enterprise Opportunity 1 Hallidie Plaza Suite 715 San Francisco, CA 94102	94-3246306	501(c)(3)	21,400				Business Outreach	
California Wilderness Coalition PO Box 11094 Oakland,CA 94611	51-0183228	501(c)(3)	7,000				General Support	
Citizens for a Healthy Community PO Box 291 Hotchkiss,CO 81419	27-2139467	501(c)(3)	11,606				Public Lands Defense	

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Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington (CREW) 1400 Eye Street NW Suite 450 Washington, DC 20005	03-0445391	501(c)(3)	5,000				Public Lands Education	
City Parks Alliance The Duke Ellington Building 2121 Ward Court NW 5th Floor Washington, DC 20037	80-0015566	501(c)(3)	30,000				Conservation Education	
Clean Boating Foundation 1900 N Northlake Way Suite 233 Seattle, WA 98103	27-3038403	501(c)(3)	13,979				Public Lands Education	

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Coalition of National Park Service Retirees 5625 North Wilmot Road Tucson, AZ 85750	20-2002652	501(c)(3)	6,000				Public Lands Defense	
Coalition of Oregon Land Trusts 511 SE Morrison Portland,OR 97209	45-1510255	501(c)(3)	22,500				Public Lands Education	
Colorado College 14 E Cache La Poudre Street Colorado Springs, CO 80903	84-0402510	501(c)(3)	15,000				Conservation Research	

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Colorado Canyons Association 543 Main Street 4 Gramd Junction, CO 81501	20-2409837	501(c)(3)	16,200				Public Lands Education					
Colorado Fiscal Institute 1905 Sherman Street Suite 225 Denver,CO 80203	46-1281109	501(c)(3)	5,000				Public Lands Education					
Colorado Latino Leadership Advocacy & Research Organization 309 W 1st Ave Denver, CO 80223	84-0562952	501(c)(3)	47,000				Climate Education					

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Colorado Trout Unlimited 1536 Wynkoop St Ste 100 Denver, CO 80202	36-1612715	501(c)(3)	30,000				Sportsmen Outreach				
Colorado Wildlife Federation 1410 Grant Street Suite c- 313 Denver, CO 80203	84-0576376	501(c)(3)	18,100				Sportsmen Education				
Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street NW 9th Floor Washington, DC 20036	31-1705370	501(c)(3)	5,000				River Education				

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Conservation Colorado 1536 Wynkoop St Ste 510 Denver,CO 80202	84-0614285	501(c)(3)	204,181				Conservation Education				
Conservation Voters for Idaho Education Fund PO Box 2802 Boise Boise,ID 83701	13-4361041	501(c)(3)	66,000				Public Lands Outreach				
Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship 11705 Sumacs Street Oakton, VA 22124	31-1683604	501(c)(3)	30,000				Conservation Education				

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Continental Divide Trail Coalition 710 10th Street Suite 200 Golden, CO 80401	45-5051775	501(c)(3)	10,000				Public Lands Education				
Crow Canyon Archaeological Center 23390 Road K Cortez, CO 81321	84-0631786	501(c)(3)	12,000				Public Lands Education				
Environment America 218 D Street SE 2nd Floor Washington, DC 20003	20-5355252	501(c)(4)	31,000				Public Lands Education				

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Environment America Research and Policy Center 44 Winter Street 4th Floor Boston, MA 02108	13-4339865	501(c)(3)	33,000				Public Lands Education				
Escuela Tlatelolco Centro de Estudios 2949 N Federal Blvd Denver,CO 80211	84-0746649	501(c)(3)	40,000				River Education				
First Nations Development Institute 2432 Main Street 2nd Floor Longmont, CO 80501	54-1254491	501(c)(3)	10,000				Conservation Outreach				

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Forest Stewards Guild 2019 Galisteo Street Suite N7 Santa Fe,NM 87505	85-0446866	501(c)(3)	5,000				Conservation Outreach			
Forward Montana Foundation 136 E Broadway Ste 1 Missoula, MT 59802	26-2075145	501(c)(3)	10,000				Public Lands Outreach			
Friends of Browns Canyon PO Box 1329 Salida, CO 81201	26-0068761	501(c)(3)	10,050				Public Lands Education			

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Friends of Gold Butte 817 S Main Street Las Vegas, NV 89101	26-1818526	501(c)(3)	7,500				Public Lands Education					
Golden Gate Audubon Society Inc 2530 San Pablo Avenue Suite G Berkley,CA 94702	94-6086896	501(c)(3)	10,000				Public Lands Outreach					
GreenLatinos 801 Pennsylvania Ave NW 1010 Washington, DC 20004	26-3386082	501(c)(3)	5,000				Conservation Education					

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Headwaters Economics PO Box 7059 Bozeman, MT 59771	74-3171967	501(c)(3)	55,000				Conservation Research					
Hellgate Hunters and Anglers PO Box 7792 Missoula,MT 59807	51-0575028	501(c)(3)	8,000				Conservation Education					
Hispanic Federation 55 Exchange Place 5th Floor New York, NY 10005	13-3573852	501(c)(3)	10,000				Conservation Education					

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Hispanic Access Foundation 1718 M Street NW Suite 150 Washington, DC 20036	27-2589206	501(c)(3)	238,164				Conservation Education				
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metro Denver 924 WColfax Ave Suite 201 Denver, CO 80204	84-0845219	501(c)(6)	13,000				Climate Education				
Hispano Round Table de Nuevo Mexico PO Box 13418 Albuquerque, NM 87192	47-1583307	501(c)(3)	5,000				Event Sponsorship				

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Idaho Wildlife Federation PO Box 6426 Boise,ID 83707	23-7039340	501(c)(3)	62,875				Sportsmen Education				
Institute for a Progressive Nevada 2657 Windmill Parkway 619 Henderson, NV 89074	27-0854756	501(c)(3)	94,000				Public Lands Education				
Izaak Walton League of America Inc 707 Conservation Lane Gaithersburg, MD 20878	36-1930035	501(c)(3)	15,000				Conservation Education				

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Japanese Cultural Center of Hawaii 2454 South Beretania Street 101 Honolulu, HI 96826	99-0256147	501(c)(3)	17,110				Public Lands Outreach				
Klamath Siskiyou Wildlands Center PO Box 102 Ashland, OR 97520	93-1246139	501(c)(3)	15,000				Public Lands Outreach				
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund 1920 L Street NW Suite 800 Washington, DC 20036	52-1379661	501(c)(3)	50,000				Conservation Outreach				

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Mojave Desert Land Trust 61732 29 Palms Highway Joshua Tree, CA 92252	72-1603033	501(c)(3)	27,304				Public Lands Outreach				
Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund Box 853 Billings, MT 59103	51-0525336	501(c)(3)	90,000				Public Lands Outreach				
Montana Renewable Energy Association PO Box 673 Missoula, MT 59806	81-0537306	501(c)(3)	69,928				Clean Energy Education				

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Montana Trout Unlimited PO Box 7186 Missoula, MT 59801	23-7355289	501(c)(3)	43,500				Clean Water Advocacy			
Montana Wilderness Association 80 South Warren Helena, MT 59601	51-0198932	501(c)(3)	144,400				Public Lands Outreach			
Montana Wildlife Federation PO Box 1175 5530 N Montana Ave Helena, MT 59624	81-0303948	501(c)(3)	45,820				Public Lands Education			

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Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust 911 Western Ave Suite 203 Seattle, WA 98104	91-1531234	501(c)(3)	6,000				Conservation Outreach			
National Parks Conservation Association 1300 19th Street NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20036	53-0225165	501(c)(3)	10,000				General Support			
National Religious Partnership for the Environment 110 Maryland Avenue NE Suite 203 Washington, DC 20002	13-6996770	501(c)(3)	82,500				Public Lands Education			

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National Trust for Historic Preservation 1785 Massachusetts Avenue NW Washington, DC 20036	53-0210807	501(c)(3)	13,000				Event Sponsorship		
National Wildlife Federation 1990 K Street NW Washington, DC 20006	53-0204616	501(c)(3)	239,950				Public Lands Outreach		
Native American Land Conservancy PO Box 3074 Indio,CA 92202	33-0832220	501(c)(3)	6,573				Public Lands Outreach		

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New Energy Economy 343 E Alameda Santa Fe,NM 87501	20-2845513	501(c)(3)	12,115				Conservation Outreach			
New Mexico Voices for Children 625 Silver SW 195 Albuquerque, NM 87102	85-0348301	501(c)(3)	9,000				Public Lands Outreach			
New Mexico Wildlife Federation 121 Cardenas NE Albuquerque, NM 87108	85-0160947	501(c)(3)	157,913				Public Lands Outreach			

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New Venture Fund 1201 Connecticut Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20036	20-5806345	501(c)(3)	102,500				Public Lands Defense			
New York University School of Law 22 Washington Square North 4th Fl New York, NY 100119108	13-5562308	501(c)(3)	15,000				Conservation Research			
Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association PO Box 4 Oregon City, OR 97045	93-1107831	501(c)(6)	57,655				Public Lands Education			

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NWCCOG Foundation Inc PO Box 2308 Silverthorne Silverthorne, CO 80498	84-1347451	501(c)(3)	50,575				River Education		
Outdoor Foundation 4909 Pearl East Circle Suite 200 Boulder, CO 80301	84-1549065	501(c)(3)	17,000				Public Lands Education		
Outside Las Vegas Foundation 919 E Bonneville Ave Suite 200 LasVegas,NV 89101	26-2537847	501(c)(3)	7,500				Public Lands Outreach		

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Park County Environmental Council 215 E Lewis St 303 Livingston, MT 59047	36-3699660	501(c)(3)	16,500				Public Lands Education			
Partners for Conservation PO Box 1876 Blanco,TX 78606	27-3577543	501(c)(3)	26,525				Conservation Education			
Partnership for Responsible Business PO Box 1821 Santa Fe,NM 875041821	27-3975486	501(c)(3)	69,500				Business Outreach			

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Plains Justice PO Box 1398 Billings,MT 59103	38-3748744	501(c)(3)	8,000				Conservation Education			
Prickly Pear Land Trust PO Box 892 Helena, MT 59624	81-0506868	501(c)(3)	30,000				Conservation Education			
Project on Government O versight 1100 G Street NW Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005	52-1739443	501(c)(3)	61,575				Conservation Education			

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Public Citizen Foundation 1600 20th St NW Washington, DC 20009	52-1263996	501(c)(3)	5,000				Conservation Outreach			
Public Land Solutions 478 Mill Creek Drive Moab, UT 84532	45-4818675	501(c)(3)	28,000				Business Outreach			
Renewable Northwest Project 421 SW 6th Ave Suite 1125 Portland, OR 97204	91-1815618	501(c)(3)	6,000			1	Renewable Energy Study			

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Resource Media 600 Stewart Street Ste 1201 Seattle, WA 98101	82-0564961	501(c)(3)	65,000				Public Lands Education			
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union Foundation 7900 E Union Ave Suite 200 Denver, CO 80237	74-2636848	501(c)(3)	5,100				Public Lands Education			
Save the Colorado PO Box 1066 Fort Collins, CO 80522	47-1936330	501(c)(3)	42,810				River Outreach			

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Sierra Business Council PO Box 2428 Truckee,CA 96160	68-0397204	501(c)(3)	41,640				Conservation Outreach			
Small Business Majority 4000 Bridgeway Suite 101 Sausalito, CA 94965	03-0576666	501(c)(3)	19,000				Business Education			
The Corps Network 1275 K Street NW 1050 Washington, DC 20005	52-1480202	501(c)(3)	17,500				Conservation Outreach			

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(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) A mount of cash grant	(e) A mount of non- cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance			
The Evangelical Environmental Network 24 East Franklin Street New Freedom, PA 17349	23-2827214	501(c)(3)	60,000				Conservation Outreach			
The Greater Las Vegas After- School All-Stars 3720 Howard Hughes Pkwy Suite 240 Las Vegas, NV 89169	88-0348811	501(c)(3)	12,000				Public Lands Education			
The Nature Conservancy of Montana 32 S Ewing Helena, MT 59601	53-0242652	501(c)(3)	7,000				Public Lands Outreach			

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The Partnership Project 1501 M Street NW Suite 1000 Washington, DC 20005	52-2192070	501(c)(3)	15,000				Clean Energy Outreach					
The Wilderness Society 1615 M St NW 2 Washington, DC 20036	53-0167933	501(c)(3)	6,100				General Support					
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership 1660 L Street NW Suite 208 Washington, DC 20036	04-3706385	501(c)(3)	173,508				Sportsmen Education					

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Trout Unlimited National Office 1777 N Kent Street Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22209	38-1612715	501(c)(3)	55,679				Sportsmen Education					
Vet Voice Foundation PO Box 10031 Portland,OR 97296	26-4627222	501(c)(3)	139,000				Conservation Outreach					
Washington Association of Land Trusts PO Box 2001 Washington, WA 98111	26-3186170	501(c)(3)	12,000				Public Lands Education					

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Washington Wildlife and Recreation Coalition 1402 Third Avenue Suite 507 Seattle, WA 98101	91-1190821	501(c)(3)	19,850				Conservation Education					
Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project 220 S 27th Street Suite B Billings, MT 59101	84-1123481	501(c)(3)	7,100				River Outreach					
Western Resource Advocates 2260 Baseline Road Suite 200 Boulder, CO 80302	84-1113831	501(c)(3)	60,240				Conservation Outreach					

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Winter Wildlands Alliance 910 Main St Ste 235 Boise,ID 83702	82-0523471	501(c)(3)	15,453				Business Outreach					
Working Films 624 1/2 S 7th Street Wilmington, NC 28401	56-2168107	501(c)(3)	25,500				Conservation Education					
Wyoming Wildlife Federation PO Box 1312 Lander, WY 82520	23-7002578	501(c)(3)	9,350				Public Lands Outreach					

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Schedule J (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury

Compensation Information

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

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. ► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization Western Conservation Foundation

Employer identification number

33-1107506

Pa	rt I	Questions Regarding Compensation					
						Yes	No
1a				ny of the following to or for a person listed on Form ride any relevant information regarding these items			
	┌ F	First-class or charter travel		Housing allowance or residence for personal use			
	_ T	Travel for companions		Payments for business use of personal residence			
	Г	Γax idemnification and gross-up payments		Health or social club dues or initiation fees			
		Discretionary spending account	Γ	Personal services (e g , maid, chauffeur, chef)			
b		y of the boxes in line 1a are checked, did the org oursement or provision of all of the expenses des			1b		
2		he organization require substantiation prior to re tors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Exec		- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2		
3	orgar	ate which, if any, of the following the filing organ nization's CEO/Executive Director Check all that by a related organization to establish compensa	at appl				
	Γ	Compensation committee	Г	Written employment contract			
	Г	Independent compensation consultant	굣	Compensation survey or study			
	F	Form 990 of other organizations	굣	Approval by the board or compensation committee			
4		ng the year, did any person listed on Form 990, F related organization	art V I	I, Section A, line $1a$ with respect to the filing organization			
а	Rece	ive a severance payment or change-of-control p	aymen	nt?	4a		No
b	Parti	cipate in, or receive payment from, a supplemen	tal non	qualified retirement plan?	4b		No
		cipate in, or receive payment from, an equity-ba			4c		No
		es" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and pro					
	Only	501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizati	ions m	ust complete lines 5-9.			
5		ersons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, pensation contingent on the revenues of	line 1a	a, did the organization pay or accrue any			
а	The	organization?			5a		No
ь	Anyı	related organization?			5b		No
	If"Y	es," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III					
6		ersons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, pensation contingent on the net earnings of	line 1a	a, did the organization pay or accrue any			
а	The c	organization?			6a		No
b	Anyı	related organization?			6b		Νo
	If "Y	es," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III					
7	Forp	ersons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, nents not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," de			7		No
8		any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, p					
		ect to the initial contract exception described in		itions section 53 4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe	8		No
9		es" on line 8, did the organization also follow the	rebutt	able presumption procedure described in Regulations	9		

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 on 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 o	f W-2 and/or 1099-MIS	SC compensation	(C) Retirement and	1 , ,	(E) Total of columns	
		Base (i) compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation	other deferred compensation	benefits	(B)(ı)-(D)	column(B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
1 Brendon CechovicCEO	(i)	158,938	0	0	15,893	14,143	188,974	0
	(ii)	8,278	0	0	828	737	9,843	0
2 Leah WienekeCOO	(i)	127,553	0	0	12,755	7,034	147,342	0
	(ii)	2,760	0	0	276	152	3,188	0
3 Shara KaplınChief of Staff	(i)	134,429	0	0	13,443	6,771	154,643	0
	(ii)	1,196	0	0	120	60	1,376	0
4 Andrea Keller Helsel Director of Strategy	(i)	140,376	0	0	14,038	6,297	160,711	0
	(ii)	579	0	0	58	26	663	0

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Part III Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization	Employer identification number
 Western Conservation Foundation	33-1107506

Explanation

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11	The Form 990 is reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and then made available to the Board of Directors prior to submission to the Internal Revenue Service
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 12c	The organization requires the officers, directors and trustees to disclose any conflicts of interest on an annual basis. Potential conflicts, whether initially disclosed or subsequently discovered, are reviewed by the Board of Directors to determine if the conflict actually exists. Officers, directors and trustees recuse themselves from voting on matters for which there may be a potential conflict of interest.
Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 15	The CEO, top management and staff complete an annual review process. Documentation from the is review is used by the CEO and the Board of Directors, in the case of the CEO, to determ ine salary amounts or salary increases. Salary for the CEO is set based on the Board's knowledge of salary levels in comparable organizations/positions and executive salaries paid by their peers in the Colorado non-profit community, courtesy of Charity Navigator.
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 18	No documents are available to the public
Form 990, Part VI, Section C, line 19	The organization makes a copy of its Forms 1023 and 990 available to the public upon request
Form 990, Part IX, line 11g	Research and polling Program service expenses 167,613 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 167,613 Program consultants Program service expenses 2,297,896 Management and general expenses 0 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 2,297,896 Other consulting Program service expenses 9,699 Management and general expenses 3,174 Fundraising expenses 596 Total expenses 13,469 Audit & tax preparation Program service expenses 0 Management and general expenses 18,500 Fundraising expenses 0 Total expenses 18,500
Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c	The Foundation's Board of Directors assumes the responsibility for oversight of the audit of its financial statements and the selection of an independent accountant. This process has not changed from the prior years

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990.

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Schedule R (Form 990) 2015

SCHEDULE R (Form 990)

► Attach to Form 990.

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

Western Conservation Foundation 33-1107506 Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33. Part I (b) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity Primary activity Legal domicile (state Total income End-of-year assets Direct controlling or foreign country) entity Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year. (d) (a) (c) (e) (g) (b) Name, address, and EIN of related organization Legal domicile (state Section 512(b) Primary activity Exempt Code section Public charity status Direct controlling or foreign country) (if section 501(c)(3)) (13) controlled entity? Yes No СО (1)Western Conservation Action Increase political power of 501(c)(4) N/A Western Conservation 1536 Wynkoop Street Suite 410 the western conservation Foundation movement Denver, CO 80202 20-8091495

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	III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete If the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.										
	(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)	(i)	(j)	(F
	Name, address, and EIN of	Primary activity	Legal	Direct	Predominant	Share of	Share of	Disproprtionate	Code V-UBI	General or	Percei
	related organization		domicile	controlling	ıncome(related,	total income	end-of-year	allocations?	amount in box	managing	owne
			(state or	entity	unrelated,		assets		20 of	partner?	

Name, add related	lrèss, and EIN of organization		Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	entity	Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	Share of total income	Share of end-of-year assets	Disprop alloca	ortionate ations?	e Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	General or managing partner?		or Percentag g ownership	
					311,			Yes	No		Yes	No		
		_	_						·				_	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on 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	_

Part \	Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answer	ered "Yes" on Form	990, Part IV, line	34, 35b, or 36.			
No	e. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule					Yes	No
1 Durin	g the tax year, did the orgranization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more re	elated organizations li	sted in Parts II-IV?				
a Re	ceipt of (i) interest, (ii)annuities, (iii)royalties, or(iv)rent from a controlled entity				1a		No
b Gif	t, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)				1b		No
c Gıf	t, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)				1c		No
d Lo	ans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)				1d		No
e Lo	ans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)				1e		No
f Div	idends from related organization(s)				1f		No
g Sa	e of assets to related organization(s)				1g		No
h Pu	rchase of assets from related organization(s)				1h		No
i Exc	hange of assets with related organization(s)				1i		No
j Lea	se of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)				1j		No
k Le	ase of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)				1k		No
l Per	formance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)				11		No
	formance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)				1m		No
n Sha	ring of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)				1n	Yes	
o Sh	arıng of paıd employees with related organization(s)				10	Yes	
	mbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses				1p		No
q Re	mbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses				1q	Yes	
- O+	ver transfer of each or property to related organization(c)				1r		No
	ner transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)				1s		No
S O	ner transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)				13		
2 If t	he answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete	this line, including co	overed relationships	and transaction thresholds			
	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amo	ount in	volved	

Part VI Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

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

evenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships													
(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproprtionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
			314)	Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
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Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions)

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