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Form **990-PF**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Return of Private Foundation**
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

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Open to Public Inspection

For calendar year 2015 or tax year beginning 7/1/2015, and ending 6/30/2016

Name of foundation

Hawthorn Foundation

Number and street (or P O box number if mail is not delivered to street address)

Room/suite

PO Box 2693

City or town

State

ZIP code

Casper

WY

82602-2693

Foreign country name

Foreign province/state/county

Foreign postal code

A Employer identification number

46-0903481

B Telephone number (see instructions)

(307) 333-2377

C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐

G Check all that apply

- ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity
☐ Final return ☐ Amended return
☐ Address change ☐ Name change

D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐H Check type of organization ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation

I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ▶ \$ 534,814

J Accounting method ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
☐ Other (specify) _____
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)

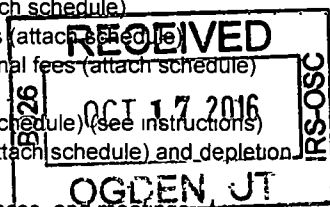
Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	249,942			
	2 Check <input type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	269	269		
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	8,568	8,568		
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10	-846			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 249,096		151,385		
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)				
	8 Net short-term capital gain				
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
Operating and Administrative Expenses	b Less Cost of goods sold				
	c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)				
	11 Other income (attach schedule)				
	12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	257,933	160,222	0	
	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	75,000			75,000
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits	18,435			18,435
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule)				
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule)				
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)	256			256
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions)	1,339			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion	99			
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings				
	22 Printing and publications				
	23 Other expenses (attach schedule)	1,054			1,054
	24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	96,183	0	0	94,745
	25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	82,818			82,818
	26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	179,001	0	0	177,563
	27 Subtract line 26 from line 12				
	a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	78,932			
	b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		160,222		
	c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			0	

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Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	22,338	18,436	18,436
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	29,382	112,316	112,316
	3	Accounts receivable ▶			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶			
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)	372,934	372,934	403,723
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
Liabilities	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶			
	12	Investments—mortgage loans			
	13	Investments—other (attach schedule)			
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶	850		
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶	438	339	339
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16	Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	425,092	504,025	534,814
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
Net Assets or Fund Balances		Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds	425,092		
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds		504,025	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	425,092	504,025	
	31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions)	425,092	504,025	

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	425,092
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	78,932
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Rounding	3	1
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	504,025
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30	6	504,025

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			
b	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			
c	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURITIES			
d				
e				
(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)	
a 88,681		25,653	63,028	
b 87,313		41,308	46,005	
c 73,102		30,750	42,352	
d				
e				
Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69				
(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))	
a			63,028	
b			46,005	
c			42,352	
d				
e				
2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss) { If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7 }			2	151,385
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions). If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8 }			3	0

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

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

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

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col. (b) divided by col. (c))
2014	159,198	497,771	0.319822
2013	130,630	474,607	0.275238
2012	70,494	172,735	0.408105
2011			0.000000
2010			0.000000
2 Total of line 1, column (d)			2 1.003165
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years			3 0.334388
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2015 from Part X, line 5			4 505,371
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3			5 168,990
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)			6 1,602
7 Add lines 5 and 6			7 170,592
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions			8 177,563

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	1,602
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	0
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	1,602
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	1,602
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2015 estimated tax payments and 2014 overpayment credited to 2015	6a	670
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	670
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	932
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	0
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2016 estimated tax <input type="checkbox"/> Refunded <input type="checkbox"/>	11	0

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

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

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)	11		X
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		X
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application?	13	X	
Website address www.thehawthornfoundation.org				
14	The books are in care of GERALD T STACK-TREASURER Telephone no (307) 333-2377			
	Located at PO BOX 2693 CASPER WY ZIP+4 82602			
15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041—Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	15		
16	At any time during calendar year 2015, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country?	16	Yes	No
	See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country			X

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

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

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

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

- 5a** During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to
- (1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes? ☒ Yes ☐ No
- (4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- (5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ☐
- c** If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)
- 6a** Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870
- 7a** At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction? ☐ Yes ☒ No

5b		X
6b		X
7b	N/A	

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

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
CS O'CONNELL PO BOX 2693 CASPER, WY 82602	DIRECTOR, PRES 5 00	0		
GERALD T. STACK PO BOX 2693 CASPER, WY 82602	DIRECTOR, TREA 5 00	0		
JUDITH ANNE JOHNSON PO BOX 2693 CASPER, WY 82602	EXEC DIRECTOR 35 00	75,000	18,435	

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

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

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000

Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors (continued)**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services** (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services

**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

Expenses

1	THE FOUNDATION MADE ONE GRANT THIS YEAR WITHIN THE "HELPING HAND TO HIRED" PROGRAM WHICH ASSISTS NEEDY INDIVIDUALS OVERCOME OBSTACLES TO NEW OR BETTER EMPLOYMENT. THIS GRANT ASSISTED AN INDIVIDUAL WITH DENTAL WORK TO IMPROVE CHANCES OF EMPLOYMENT.	2,174
2	SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS THROUGH EIGHT DIFFERENT COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES BENEFIT TWENTY-NINE STUDENTS.	80,645
3		
4		

Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2.

Amount

1	NONE	
2		
3	All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3		0

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities	1a	395,646
b	Average of monthly cash balances	1b	117,421
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)	1d	513,067
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	1e	
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	513,067
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2 % of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	7,696
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	5	505,371
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5	6	25,269

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	1	25,269
2a	Tax on investment income for 2015 from Part VI, line 5	2a	1,602
b	Income tax for 2015 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b	2c	1,602
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	3	23,667
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4	5	23,667
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	7	23,667

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26	1a	177,563
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	2	
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	4	177,563
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	5	1,602
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4	6	175,961

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2014	(c) 2014	(d) 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Part XI, line 7				23,667
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2015				
a Enter amount for 2014 only			0	
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015				
a From 2010				
b From 2011				
c From 2012			63,421	
d From 2013			111,953	
e From 2014			134,975	
f Total of lines 3a through e	310,349			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2015 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ 177,563				
a Applied to 2014, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions)				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions)				
d Applied to 2015 distributable amount				23,667
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	153,896			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2015 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	464,245			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2014 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions			0	
f Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2016				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2010 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)				
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	464,245			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2011				
b Excess from 2012			63,421	
c Excess from 2013			111,953	
d Excess from 2014			134,975	
e Excess from 2015			153,896	

N/A

☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

(4) Gross investment income

[illegible]Form **990-PF** (2015)

Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

- | | | |
|---|---|----|
| 1 | <p>Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?</p> | |
| a | <p>Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of</p> | |
| | <p>(1) Cash</p> | 1a |
| | <p>(2) Other assets</p> | 1a |
| b | <p>Other transactions</p> | |
| | <p>(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization</p> | 1b |
| | <p>(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization</p> | 1b |
| | <p>(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets</p> | 1b |
| | <p>(4) Reimbursement arrangements</p> | 1b |
| | <p>(5) Loans or loan guarantees</p> | 1b |
| | <p>(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations</p> | 1b |
| c | <p>Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees</p> | 1b |
| d | <p>If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.</p> | 1b |

	Yes	No
1a(1)		X
1a(2)		X
1b(1)		X
1b(2)		X
1b(3)		X
1b(4)		X
1b(5)		X
1b(6)		X
1c		X

[illegible]

- 2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," complete the following schedule

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship

**Sign
Here**

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

VERA T STARK
Signature of officer or trustee

10.3.16
Date

Treasurer
Title

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

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date	
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Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN

Firm's name ▶

Firm's EIN ▶

Firm's address ►

Phone no

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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

OMB No 1545-0047

2015

Name of the organization

Hawthorn Foundation

Employer identification number

46-0903481

Organization type (check one)

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

☐ 501(c)() (enter number) organization

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

☐ 527 political organization

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☒ 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

☐ 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

☐ 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- ☒ For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3 % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of **(1)** \$5,000 or **(2)** 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- ☐ For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year. ▶ \$

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990, or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I Contributors (see instructions) Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	C S O'Connell 768 Crazy Woman Canyon Rd Buffalo WY 82834 Foreign State or Province WY Foreign Country	\$ 249,942	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions)
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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
1	1020 Shares Skyworks Common Stock	\$ 88,118	9/8/2015
1	800 Shares Apple Common Stock	\$ 88,464	12/17/2015
1	612 United Health Care Common Stock	\$ 73,360	12/17/2015
		\$	
		\$	
		\$	

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year (Enter this information once. See instructions.) ► \$ 0.
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-----	----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	----- ----- ----- For Prov Country		----- ----- -----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	----- ----- ----- For Prov Country		----- ----- -----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
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	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	----- ----- ----- For Prov Country		----- ----- -----
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-----	----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----
	(e) Transfer of gift		
	Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee
	----- ----- ----- For Prov Country		----- ----- -----

Part I, Line 6 (990-PF) - Gain/Loss from Sale of Assets Other Than Inventory

		Amount						Totals		Gross Sales		Cost or Other Basis Expenses Depreciation and Adjustments		Net Gain or Loss	
Long Term CG Distributions		0						Capital Gains/Losses		249,096		249,842		-846	
Short Term CG Distributions		0						Other sales		0		0		0	
Description		CUSIP #	Check "X" to include in Part IV	Purchaser	Check "X" if Purchaser is a Business	Acquisition Method	Date Acquired	Date Sold	Gross Sales Price	Cost or Other Basis	Valuation Method	Expenses of Sale and Cost of Improvements	Depreciation	Adjustments	Net Gain or Loss
1	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURIT	83068M102	X						88,691	88,118					563
2	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURIT	037833100	X						87,313	88,464					-1,151
3	PUBLICLY TRADED SECURIT	91324P102	X						73,102	73,360					258

Part I, Line 16c (990-PF) - Other Professional Fees

		256	0	0	256
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes (Cash Basis Only)
1	ASSISTANCE WITH WEB SITE	256			256

Part I, Line 18 (990-PF) - Taxes

		1,339	0	0	0
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	PRIOR YEAR FEDERAL TAXES	669			
2	CURRENT YEAR ESTIMATED TAX PAYMENT	670			

Part I, Line 23 (990-PF) - Other Expenses

		1,054	0	0	1,054
Description		Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
1	OFFICE SUPPLIES AND POSTAGE	1,027	0		1,027
2	Wyoming Annual Report	27	0		27
3					
4					

Part II, Line 10b (990-PF) - Investments - Corporate Stock

		372,934	372,934	398,242	403,723	
Description		Num Shares/ Face Value	Book Value Beg of Year	Book Value End of Year	FMV Beg of Year	FMV End of Year
1	VANGUARD SHORT TERM INV GRADE BO	19,025	204,518	204,518	202,805	204,898
2	VANGUARD 500 INDEX FUND	1,027	168,416	168,416	195,437	198,825

Part II, Line 14 (990-PF) - Land, Buildings, and Equipment

		850	412	0	438	339	339
Asset Description		Cost or Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation Beg. of Year	Accumulated Depreciation End of Year	Book Value Beg. of Year	Book Value End of Year	FMV End of Year
1	OFFICE EQUIPMENT	850	412		438	339	339

Part VII-A, Line 2 (990-PF) - Activities Not Previously Reported

NONE

Part VII-A, Line 8b (990-PF) - Copy of Form 990-PF to Attorney General

Wyoming Does not require copy of 990-PF be sent to Attorney General

Part VIII, Line 1 (990-PF) - Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees and Foundation Managers

											75,000	18,435	0
	Name	Check "X" if Business	Street	City	State	Zip Code	Foreign Country	Title	Avg Hrs Per Week	Compensation	Benefits	Expense Account	
	CS OCONNELL		PO BOX 2693	CASPER	WY	82602		DIRECTOR PRES	5 00	0			
1	GERALD T STACK		PO BOX 2693	CASPER	WY	82602		DIRECTOR TREASURE R	5 00	0			
2	JUDITH ANNE JOHNSON		PO BOX 2693	CASPER	WY	82602		EXEC DIRECTOR AND	35 00	75 000	18 435		
3													

Part VI, Line 6a (990-PF) - Estimated Tax Payments

	Date	Amount
1 Credit from prior year return		0
2 First quarter estimated tax payment	10/19/2015	670
3 Second quarter estimated tax payment		0
4 Third quarter estimated tax payment		0
5 Fourth quarter estimated tax payment		0
6 Other payments		
7 Total		670

Line 11 (2220) - Estimated Tax Payments

If balance is due on return, enter date of payment _____

	Date Paid	Amount
1 Estimated tax payment applied from prior year's return		0
2 First estimated tax payment	10/19/2015	670
3 Second estimated tax payment		0
4 Third estimated tax payment		0
5 Fourth estimated tax payment		0
6 Other payments		0
7 Corporation's share of estimated tax payments credited to beneficiaries of a trust		0
8 Special estimated tax payments under IRC Sec 847		0
9		
10		
11		
12		
13		
14		
15		
16		

Estimated Payments Summary

Estimated tax paid before the end of the first quarter (Page 1, Line 11, column (a))	670
Estimated tax paid before the end of the second quarter (Page 1, Line 11, column (b))	0
Estimated tax paid before the end of the third quarter (Page 1, Line 11, column (c))	0
Estimated tax paid before the end of the fourth quarter (Page 1, Line 11, column (d))	0
Estimated tax paid after the close of the fourth quarter	0

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PART XV, LINE 3A

SCHOLARSHIPS PAID FIVE JUNE 30, 2016

Scholarship Granted To	Recipient's Address	College or Training School	Spring 2016	Fall 2015	Total Fiscal Year
Luiza Bosch	223 Colter Loop Pinedale, WY 82941	Western Wyoming Community College	\$ 1,746.95	\$ 2,156.43	\$ 3,903.38
Ann Talmadge	1325 N. Gould St. Sheridan, WY 82801	Sheridan College	\$ 1,749.90	\$ 1,916.34	\$ 3,666.24
Immaculate Okeyo	1898 Fort Rd., QRTS 28 Sheridan, WY 82801	Sheridan College	\$ 2,003.79	\$ 1,946.79	\$ 3,950.58
John Hubbard	248 East H St., Apt #13 Casper, WY 82601	Casper College	\$ 1,282.50	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 2,536.50
Shaelee Stone	482 S. Shanley Ave. Pinedale, WY 82941	Western Wyoming Community College	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Sandra Kingsley	1078 Park Drive Sheridan, WY 82801	Sheridan College/ University of Kansas	\$ 8,255.88	\$ 5,940.92	\$ 14,196.80
Laura Zezas	315 Western Ave. Buffalo, WY 82834	Sheridan College	\$ 1,843.62	\$ 2,061.10	\$ 3,904.72
Jenni Bila	731 Jackson Douglas, WY 82633	Casper College	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 2,508.00
Hailey Mazurkiewicz	1236 Summit Street Evanston, WY 82930	Utah State University	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Courtney Schafer	P.O. Box 1005 Lander, WY 82520	University of North Dakota	\$ 3,285.39	\$ 3,019.25	\$ 6,304.64

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PART XV, LINE 3A

SCHOLARSHIPS PAID FYE JUNE 30, 2016

Scholarship Granted To	Recipient's Address	College or Training School	Spring 2016	Fall 2015	Total Fiscal Year
Jillene Stoner	2220 Cumorah, Apt. 4 Green River, WY 82935	Western Wyoming Community College	\$ -	\$ 1,290.10	\$ 1,290.10
Miltone Nyambu	3837 Sweetbrier St. Casper, WY 82604	Casper College	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 2,508.00
Amy Warren	P.O. Box 1557 Casper, WY 82602	Casper College	\$ 1,503.85	\$ 1,503.85	\$ 3,007.70
Kearu Barnum Twitchell	1361 Walnut St. Rock Springs, WY 82901	Western Wyoming Community College	\$ 1,334.75	\$ 1,273.00	\$ 2,607.75
Corey Worden	561 Logan St. Green River, WY 82901	Casper College & University of Wyoming	\$ 1,029.80	\$ 1,254.00	\$ 2,283.80
Jose Perez	1700 Swanson Dr., Lot 97 Rock Springs, WY 82901	Western Wyoming Community College	\$ 1,231.20	\$ 1,277.75	\$ 2,508.95
Hunter Hewitt	P.O. Box 277 Lyman, WY 82937	Bridgerland Applied Tech Center		\$ 1,736.25	\$ 1,736.25
Kismet Schadwill	1748 Yonkee Ave. Sheridan, WY 82801	Sheridan College	\$ 827.00	\$ 1,890.86	\$ 2,717.86
Jamie French	164 Mandell Lane Laramie, WY 82070	University of Wyoming	\$ 2,669.88	\$ 2,129.66	\$ 4,799.54
Jessica Ulmen	1634 Maple Street Casper, WY 82604	Casper College		\$ 731.50	\$ 731.50
Trenton Rowland	1050 Exeter Ave. Sheridan, WY 82801	Stephen F. Austin University, Texas	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

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Scholarship Granted To	Recipient's Address	College or Training School	Spring 2016	Fall 2015	Total Fiscal Year
Shaelee Clark	31 Coulter Trail Douglas, WY 82633	Casper College	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 1,200.00
Tracy Migrants	1120 Mydland Rd, 9A Sheridan, WY 82801	Sheridan College	\$ -	\$ 1,339.50	\$ 1,339.50
Brandon Partin	4440 South Oak St. Casper, WY 82601	Casper College	\$ 1,254.00		\$ 1,254.00
Michael Lucas	1224 Lincoln Ave. Rock Springs, WY 82901	Western Wyoming Community College	\$ 1,371.80		\$ 1,371.80
Crystal Marsh	2045 S. Coffman Ave. Casper, WY 82604	Casper College	\$ 1,254.00		\$ 1,254.00
Lindsey Blakeman	MSC 327, P.O. Box 1500 Sheridan, WY 82801	University of Wyoming	\$ 3,663.20		\$ 3,663.20
Antoinette Lattea	5000 Antelope Dr. Bar Nunn, WY 82601	Casper College	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
Sarah Nicely	P.O. Box 4405 Casper, WY 82604	Casper College	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00
		TOTAL	\$ 42,615.51	\$ 38,029.30	\$ 80,644.81

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Part XV-line 1d-Restrictions and limitations on awards

During the current year the Foundation funded one grant under the “Helping Hand to Hired Program”. This program is designed to assist needy individuals toward a fresh start, by providing a financial boost to overcome specific obstacles to remaining employed, or on the road to new or better employment situations. Low-income individuals who are working to become self-sufficient—or struggling to remain self-sufficient—live on extremely tight budgets and have little financial reserves or resources. The only restrictions of the program are a low level of income and not have a conflict of interest with the organization. All recipients are first identified by selected referral agencies which are generally 501C (3) organizations located in Wyoming. These “partner” agencies identify and document worthy individuals. If Hawthorn’s Board of Directors approves the application the “partner” agency administers and documents the use of the grants and provides follow up reporting on each grant made.

The Foundation has also paid or approved for payment scholarships for twenty-nine students under its scholarship program. This fund (the "Scholarship Fund") provides scholarship grants to individuals who reside in the United States (with an emphasis on Wyoming and the rest of the Rocky Mountain Region), to enable such individuals to complete a high school, undergraduate, graduate or technical school education in the field of their choice at any accredited school of their choice in the United States. The selection of scholarship recipients is made by Hawthorn’s Board of Directors after the student completes a series of applications. The scholarship funds are generally paid directly to the school.