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Form 990-EZ

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Short Form

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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2015

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A For the **2015** calendar year, or tax year beginning **07-01-2015**, and ending **06-30-2016**

B Check if applicable:
☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVALANCHE PROFESSIONALS

Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address)Room/suite
POST OFFICE BOX 248

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
VICTOR, ID 83455

D Employer identification number
74-2378891

E Telephone number

F Group Exemption Number

G Accounting Method ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) _____

H Check ☒ if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

I Website: AMERICANAVALANCHEASSOCIATION.ORG

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other _____

L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ **\$ 180,676**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)									
Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☒									
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received						1	55,616
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts						2	77,417
	3	Membership dues and assessments						3	44,258
	4	Investment income						4	3,385
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory				5a			
	b	Less cost or other basis and sales expenses				5b			
	c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)						5c	
	6	Gaming and fundraising events							
	a	Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)				6a			
	b	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)				6b			
	c	Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events				6c			
	d	Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)						6d	
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances				7a			
Expenses	b	Less cost of goods sold				7b			
	c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)						7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)						8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8						9	180,676
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)						10	
	11	Benefits paid to or for members						11	
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits						12	27,687
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors						13	29,897
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance						14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping						15	4,396
	16	Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)						16	135,633
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16						17	197,613
	Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)						18
19		Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)						19	174,997
20		Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)						20	-2,615
21		Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20						21	155,445

Part II

Balance Sheets

(see the instructions for Part II)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part II

	(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	170,280	22	151,945
23 Land and buildings		23	
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)	4,737	24	4,196
25 Total assets	175,017	25	156,141
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)	20	26	696
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	174,997	27	155,445

Part III

Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

(see the instructions for Part III)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part III

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose?
TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT PROFESSIONALISM AND EXCELLENCE IN AVALANCHE SAFETY,
EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title

28

See Additional Data Table

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

28a

29

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

29a

30

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

30a

31

Other program services (describe in Schedule O)

(Grants \$)

If this amount includes foreign grants, check here

31a

32

Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a)

32

164,387

Part IV

List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees

(list each one even if not compensated — see the instructions for Part IV)

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part IV

(a) Name and title	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c)Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC) (if not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
JOHN STIMBERIS PRESIDENT	1 00	0		
HALSTED MORRIS VICE PRESIDE	1 00	0		
SCOTT SAVAGE SECRETARY	1 00	0		
MIKE FERRARI TREASURER	1 00	0		

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Part V

Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
33	Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O		No
34	Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the change on Schedule O (see instructions)		No
35a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)?	Yes	
b	If "Yes," to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	Yes	
c	Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		No
36	Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N		No
37a	Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions ☐ 37a		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?		No
38a	Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return?		No
b	If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved ☐ 38b		
39	Section 501(c)(7) organizations Enter ☐ 39a		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9		
b	Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities		
39b	☐ 39b		
40a	Section 501(c)(3) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under section 4911 ☐ _____, section 4912 ☐ _____, section 4955 ☐ _____		
b	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		No
c	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958 ☐ _____		
d	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization ☐ _____		
e	All organizations At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T		No
40e	☐ 40e		
41	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed ☐ _____		
42a	The organization's books are in care of ☐ JAIME MUSNICKI Telephone no ☐ (307) 699-2049 Located at ☐ POST OFFICE BOX 248 VICTOR, ID ZIP + 4 ☐ 83455		
b	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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ☐ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)	Yes	No
42b	☐ 42b		
c	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U S ? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ☐ _____		No
42c	☐ 42c		
43	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here ☐ ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year ☐ 43		
44a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
b	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ		No
44b	☐ 44b		
c	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year?		No
44c	☐ 44c		
d	If "Yes," to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
44d	☐ 44d		
45a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		No
45b	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," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions)		No
45b	☐ 45b		

		Yes	No
46	Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I		
		46	No

Part VI

Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47-49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51

Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI

		Yes	No
47	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	47	No
48	Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	48	No
49a	Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?	49a	No
b	If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?	49b	

50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000

51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None "

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000.

52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All Section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Sign Here	***** Signature of officer		2016-09-22 Date				
	JAIME MUSNICKI EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title						
Paid Preparer Use Only	Prnt/Type preparer's name MISSY COLYER CPA		Preparer's signature		Date 2016-09-22	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P01005484
	Firm's name  CHIRCOP & COLYER PLLC					Firm's EIN  27-4505941	
	Firm's address  189 N MAIN ST SUITE 111 DRIGGS, ID 834225104					Phone no (208) 354-1023	
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No							

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 74-2378891

Name: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVALANCHE PROFESSIONALS

Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.		Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)	
28 COMMUNICATION AND SHARING OF TECHNICAL SNOW AND AVALANCHE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH VIA A PRINTED PERIODICAL AND THE WEBSITE WWW.AVALANCHE.ORG PUBLICATION OF VOLUME 34 OF THE AVALANCHE REVIEW, FOUR ISSUES THROUGH THE WINTER 2015/16 (OCT 15, DEC 15, FEB 16, APR 16) THE AVALANCHE REVIEW IS A TRADE PERIODICAL THAT SHARES PERTINENT INFORMATION, NEWS, AND RESEARCH ACROSS THE AVALANCHE INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES. THE WEBSITE WWW.AVALANCHE.ORG CONNECTS THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO RESOURCES SUCH AS LOCAL AND REGIONAL AVALANCHE FORECASTS, A LISTING OF COURSE PROVIDERS WHOSE CURRICULUM ALIGNS WITH AAA GUIDELINES FOR AVALANCHE EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES, AND AN ONLINE "AVALANCHE LIBRARY" WITH SELECTED ARTICLES AND RESOURCES ORGANIZED BY TOPIC. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		28a	78,270
29 INVESTED IN PROFESSIONAL AVALANCHE TRAINING PROGRAMS. 1) RAN THE ANNUAL AAA AVPRO COURSE (8 DAYS, 17 STUDENTS, HOSTED IN BOZEMAN/BIG SKY, MT IN LATE FEB/EARLY MAR). 2) FINALIZED AND RELEASED TO AAA MEMBERSHIP THE REVISED EDUCATION GUIDELINES FOR RECREATIONAL AVALANCHE COURSES (APRIL 2016), FURTHER DEVELOPED AND FINALIZED DETAILS OF THE AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM - BOTH PIECES OF THE AAA'S ONGOING PROJECT TO REVAMP THE FRAMEWORK OF AVALANCHE EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES THAT STARTED OCTOBER 2013. AAA HOSTED THREE FACILITATED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND REFINE THE AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM (JULY 2015, 3 DAYS, VICTOR, ID, OCTOBER 2015, ONE DAY, SNOWBIRD, UT, OCTOBER 2015, ONE DAY, DENVER, CO). HIRED AN INTERIM AAA PRO TRAINING COORDINATOR TO OVERSEE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN JULY 2015, TRANSITIONED THIS TO A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION STARTING IN JANUARY 2016 (OPEN HIRING PROCESS DURING FALL 2015). HOSTED INAUGURAL AAA PRO TRAINER WORKSHOP IN MARCH 2016, A TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM TO PREPARE FUTURE PRO COURSE INSTRUCTORS FOR TEACHING AND EVALUATING STUDENTS ON AAA PRO TRAINING COURSES. CONTINUED TO SOLICIT INPUT AND FEEDBACK AS WE FINALIZED PRO TRAINING PROGRAM AND COURSE DETAILS. REFINED BUDGET PROJECTIONS BASED UPON NEW DETAILS OF AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM. EMPLOYED LAWYER TO REVIEW AND REVISE ALL AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM DOCUMENTS AND STRUCTURAL PROGRAM DETAILS. WINTER 2016/17 PLANNED AS A TRANSITION AND PREPARATION SEASON. FIRST PRO TRAINING COURSES TO BE OFFERED BY AAA-APPROVED COURSE PROVIDERS IN WINTER 2017/18. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		29a	69,830
30 SUPPORTED GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS, SNOW AND AVALANCHE RESEARCH, AND REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AVALANCHE AWARENESS INITIATIVES. CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT TO 12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP EVENTS IN EIGHT DIFFERENT STATES THROUGH THE AAA PRO DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP GRANT PROGRAM, TWO RESEARCH PROJECTS, ONE BY A GRADUATE STUDENT AND ONE BY A PRACTITIONER, AND TWO REGIONAL AND/OR NATIONAL AVALANCHE AWARENESS PROGRAMS. (Grants \$) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . ☐		30a	16,287

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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2015

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Name of the organization AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF AVALANCHE PROFESSIONALS	Employer identification number 74-2378891
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Part I

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

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

1

☐

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

2

☐

A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).**(Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ))

3

☐

A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**

4

☐

A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____

5

☐

An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II)

6

☐

A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**

7

☐

An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II)

8

☐

A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)** (Complete Part II)

9

☒

An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See**section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)

10

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**

11

☐

An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2) See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g

a

☐

Type I. A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**

b

☐

Type II. A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**

c

☐

Type III functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**

d

☐

Type III non-functionally integrated. A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**

e

☐

Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f

Enter the number of supported organizations

g

Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii)EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II

Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any unusual grants)						
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
7 Amounts from line 4						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years.If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ▶						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14	Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	
15	Public support percentage for 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	
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	▶	
b	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	▶	
18	Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	▶	

Part IIISupport Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
1Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	171,844	92,330	87,896	37,689	55,616	445,375
2Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	12,824		33,272	89,362	99,308	234,766
3Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6Total. Add lines 1 through 5	184,668	92,330	121,168	127,051	154,924	680,141
7aAmounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
bAmounts 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						
cAdd lines 7a and 7b						
8Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						680,141

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a)2011	(b)2012	(c)2013	(d)2014	(e)2015	(f)Total
9Amounts from line 6	184,668	92,330	121,168	127,051	154,924	680,141
10aGross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,313	1,361	1,987	2,307	3,385	10,353
bUnrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
cAdd lines 10a and 10b	1,313	1,361	1,987	2,307	3,385	10,353
11Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)	185,981	93,691	123,155	129,358	158,309	690,494
14First 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

15Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	98.500 %
16Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	98.900 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	1.000 %
18Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	1.000 %
19a33 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. ▶	☐	
b33 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. ▶	☐	
20Private foundation.If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ▶	☐	

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 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>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.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c 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)? <i>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.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>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).</i>		
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?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a 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)? <i>If "Yes," answer b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings).</i>		
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a 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?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>		

Part IV

Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section 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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		

Section 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)? <i>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).</i>		

Section 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?		
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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization’s supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions) a ☐ The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below. b ☐ The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below. c ☐ The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).			
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? <i>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.</i>	2a		
b 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? <i>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.</i>	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.			
a 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		
b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>	3b		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

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Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov 20, 1970 **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E

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Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	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	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)	1	
a	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) _____		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount		Current Year	
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions) ☐		

Part V

Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10Line 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
1Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required--see instructions)			
3Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015			
dFrom 2013.			
eFrom 2014.			
fTotal of lines 3a through e			
gApplied to underdistributions of prior years			
hApplied to 2015 distributable amount			
iCarryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
jRemainder Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7 \$			
aApplied to underdistributions of prior years			
bApplied to 2015 distributable amount			
cRemainder Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6Remaining underdistributions for 2015 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8Breakdown of line 7			
cExcess from 2013.			
dFrom 2014.			
eFrom 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 Circumstances Test

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Explanation

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 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.

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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 16	THE AVALANCHE REVIEW READERSHIP COSTS 31,844 EXPENSES ADVERTISING AND PROMOTION 12,248 OFFICE 312 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY 50 TRAVEL 6,305 CONFERENCES/MEETINGS 5,860 INSURANCE 5,248 AVY PROFESSIONAL TRAINING 29,623 AWARDS (SCHOLARSHIPS) 1,500 BOOK PRODUCTION 5,555 COMMUNICATIONS 1,228 CONTRIBUTIONS 8,340 FUNDRAISING EXPENSE 2,254 LICENSES & PERMITS 551 MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY 1,404 PAYPAL FEES 2,406 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT 13,040 RENTS 608 SERVICE CHARGES 394 SUPPLIES 716 WEBSITE 6,147 TOTAL 135,633
FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20	NET UNREALIZED LOSS ON INVESTMENT -2,615
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 24	PLEDGES RECEIVABLE 1,213 2,337 INVENTORIES FOR SALE OR USE 3,524 1,859 TOTAL 4,737 4,196
FORM 990-EZ, PART II, LINE 26	CREDIT CARD PAYABLE 20 471 PAYROLL TAXES PAYABLE 0 225
FORM 990-EZ, PART III	TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT PROFESSIONALISM AND EXCELLENCE IN AVALANCHE SAFETY, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH IN THE UNITED STATES
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 28	COMMUNICATION AND SHARING OF TECHNICAL SNOW AND AVALANCHE INFORMATION AND RESEARCH VIA A PRINTED PERIODICAL AND THE WEBSITE WWW.AVALANCHE.ORG PUBLICATION OF VOLUME 34 OF THE AVALANCHE REVIEW, FOUR ISSUES THROUGH THE WINTER 2015/16 (OCT 15, DEC 15, FEB 16, APR 16) THE AVALANCHE REVIEW IS A TRADE PERIODICAL THAT SHARES PERTINENT INFORMATION, NEWS, AND RESEARCH ACROSS THE AVALANCHE INDUSTRY IN THE UNITED STATES THE WEBSITE WWW.AVALANCHE.ORG CONNECTS THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO RESOURCES SUCH AS LOCAL AND REGIONAL AVALANCHE FORECASTS, A LISTING OF COURSE PROVIDERS WHOSE CURRICULUM ALIGNS WITH AAA GUIDELINES FOR AVALANCHE EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES, AND AN ONLINE "AVALANCHE LIBRARY" WITH SELECTED ARTICLES AND RESOURCES ORGANIZED BY TOPIC
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 29	INVESTED IN PROFESSIONAL AVALANCHE TRAINING PROGRAMS 1) RAN THE ANNUAL AAA AVPRO COURSE (8 DAYS, 17 STUDENTS, HOSTED IN BOZEMAN/BIG SKY, MT IN LATE FEB/EARLY MAR) 2) FINALIZED AND RELEASED TO AAA MEMBERSHIP THE REVISED EDUCATION GUIDELINES FOR RECREATIONAL AVALANCHE COURSES (APRIL 2016), FURTHER DEVELOPED AND FINALIZED DETAILS OF THE AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM - BOTH PIECES OF THE AAA'S ONGOING PROJECT TO REVAMP THE FRAMEWORK OF AVALANCHE EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES THAT STARTED OCTOBER 2013 AAA HOSTED THREE FACILITATED WORKING GROUP MEETINGS TO FURTHER DEVELOP AND REFINE THE AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM (JULY 2015, 3 DAYS, VICTOR, ID, OCTOBER 2015, ONE DAY, SNOWBIRD, UT, OCTOBER 2015, ONE DAY, DENVER, CO) HIRED AN INTERIM AAA PRO TRAINING COORDINATOR TO OVERSEE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION IN JULY 2015, TRANSITIONED THIS TO A PART-TIME EMPLOYEE POSITION STARTING IN JANUARY 2016 (OPEN HIRING PROCESS DURING FALL 2015) HOSTED INAUGURAL AAA PRO TRAINER WORKSHOP IN MARCH 2016, A TRAIN-THE-TRAINER PROGRAM TO PREPARE FUTURE PRO COURSE INSTRUCTORS FOR TEACHING AND EVALUATING STUDENTS ON AAA PRO TRAINING COURSES CONTINUED TO SOLICIT INPUT AND FEEDBACK AS WE FINALIZED PRO TRAINING PROGRAM AND COURSE DETAILS REFINED BUDGET PROJECTIONS BASED UPON NEW DETAILS OF AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM EMPLOYED LAWYER TO REVIEW AND REVISE ALL AAA PRO TRAINING PROGRAM DOCUMENTS AND STRUCTURAL PROGRAM DETAILS WINTER 2016/17 PLANNED AS A TRANSITION AND PREPARATION SEASON FIRST PRO TRAINING COURSES TO BE OFFERED BY AAA -APPROVED COURSE PROVIDERS IN WINTER 2017/18
FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 30	SUPPORTED GRANTS/SCHOLARSHIPS FOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS, SNOW AND AVALANCHE RESEARCH, AND REGIONAL AND NATIONAL AVALANCHE AWARENESS INITIATIVES CONTRIBUTED SUPPORT TO 12 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP EVENTS IN EIGHT DIFFERENT STATES THROUGH THE AAA PRO DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP GRANT PROGRAM, TWO RESEARCH PROJECTS, ONE BY A GRADUATE STUDENT AND ONE BY A PRACTITIONER, AND TWO REGIONAL AND/OR NATIONAL AVALANCHE AWARENESS PROGRAMS