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Form **990**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**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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OMB No 1545-0047

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Inspection**A** For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2015** and ending **SEP 30, 2016**

B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization VT ASSOCIATION OF SNOW TRAVELERS, INC		D Employer identification number 23-7157363
	Doing business as		E Telephone number 802-229-0005
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 3,616,435.
	26 VAST LANE		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BARRE, VT 05641		H(b) Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)
F Name and address of principal officer: CYNTHIA LOCKE SAME AS C ABOVE			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
I Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527			
J Website: ▶ WWW.VTVAST.ORG			
K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶			L Year of formation: 1967 M State of legal domicile: VT

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities COORDINATE THE STATEWIDE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS SYSTEM (SSTS), AND EDUCATE SNOWMOBILERS.	
	2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets	
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3 19
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4 19
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5 10
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6 11018
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a 118,377.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b -28,492.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 345,810. Current Year 870,824.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	5,138,075. 2,707,113.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 8a and 7d)	1,727. 8,944.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6c, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-17,454. -5,551.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,468,158. 3,581,330.
	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	239,067. 571,218.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0. 0.
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	391,067. 433,872.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	5,298. 0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 4,418.	
Expenses	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	4,584,451. 2,657,835.
	18 Total expenses - Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,219,883. 3,662,925.
	19 Revenue less expenses - Subtract line 18 from line 12	248,275. -81,595.
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 3,301,873. End of Year 3,135,737.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	310,192. 243,197.
	22 Net assets or fund balances - Subtract line 21 from line 20	2,991,681. 2,892,540.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date 7/27/17
	CYNTHIA LOCKE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Type or print name and title	
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name ERIN J. PACKIE, CPA	Preparer's signature
	Date 7/26/2017	Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN P01442458
Firm's Name	Firm's name ▶ MUDGETT, JENNETT & KROGH-WISNER, PC	Firm's EIN ▶ 03-0340114
	Firm's address ▶ P.O. BOX 937 MONTPELIER, VT 05601-0937	Phone no. (802) 229-9193

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III

☒ X

1. Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF SNOW TRAVELERS, INC. (VAST) IS A VERMONT BASED NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION FOUNDED IN 1967. THE PURPOSE OF VAST IS TO COORDINATE THE DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE, AND MANAGEMENT OF VERMONT'S STATEWIDE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS SYSTEM (SSTS) AS WELL AS TO

2. Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on

the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O

3. Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O

4. Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code) (Expenses \$ 390,849. including grants of \$ 204,214.) (Revenue \$ 528,791.)

STATEWIDE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS PROGRAM (SSTP) - THE STATEWIDE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS SYSTEM (SSTS) IS COMPRISED OF MORE THAN 4,700 MILES OF INTERCONNECTED SNOWMOBILE TRAILS THAT EXTEND FROM THE CANADIAN BORDER IN THE NORTH, TO THE MASSACHUSETTS BORDER IN THE SOUTH, AND FROM THE NEW HAMPSHIRE BORDER IN THE EAST, TO THE NEW YORK BORDER IN THE WEST. THROUGH THE STATE OF VERMONT, VAST HAS BEEN AWARDED A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE STATE OF VERMONT FOR THE FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND MANAGEMENT OF THE SSTS. TO THIS DATE, VERMONT IS THE ONLY STATE, OF 27 SNOW-BELT STATES, TO OPERATE ITS SSTP IN PARTNERSHIP WITH A PRIVATE NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION. FUNDING FOR THIS PROGRAM COMES THROUGH THE STATE OF VERMONT, AGENCY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS, PARKS AND RECREATION, AND IS FROM THE

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,841,991. including grants of \$ 367,005.) (Revenue \$ 2,054,394.)

VAST GENERAL PROGRAM - THE MAJOR REVENUE SOURCE FOR THIS BUDGET IS THE SALE OF A TRAIL PASS (TRAILS MAINTENANCE ASSESSMENT, OR "TMA") REQUIRED BY VERMONT LAW IN ORDER TO OPERATE A SNOWMOBILE ON THE SSTS. THIS PROGRAM ALSO RECEIVES GRANT FUNDING. ONE SOURCE OF GRANT REVENUE IS THE NATIONAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM. VAST HAS OTHER PARTNERSHIPS WITH FEDERAL AGENCIES, LIKE THE UNITED STATES FOREST SERVICE AND THE UNITED STATES FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICES THAT BRING IN ADDITIONAL REVENUES. VAST SELLS ADVERTISING IN ITS MAGAZINE (PUBLISHED FIVE TIMES ANNUALLY) FOR ADDITIONAL PROGRAM REVENUE. THIS PROGRAM IS BROKEN DOWN INTO THE FOLLOWING THREE DIVISIONS -

(1) ADMINISTRATION - THIS DIVISION OF THE PROGRAM PAYS FOR

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 802,312. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

MORE THAN A DECADE AGO VAST STARTED WORKING ON A PROJECT THAT TODAY IS KNOWN AS THE LAMOILLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL (LVRT). IN 1998 THE STATE OF VERMONT, THROUGH THREE OF VERMONT'S REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSIONS, DEVELOPED A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE FUTURE USE OF THE OLD LAMOILLE VALLEY RAILROAD. VAST WAS ONE OF THREE RESPONDENTS TO THE RFP, AND ULTIMATELY, THE PROPOSAL FROM VAST, TO CREATE A 93 MILE LONG FOUR-SEASON RECREATIONAL TRAIL, WAS SELECTED AS THE BEST USE OF THE OLD RAILROAD. VAST HAD BEEN USING THE OLD RAIL BED AS A PART OF ITS SSTS FOR NEARLY FIVE YEARS PRIOR TO THE RFP'S ISSUANCE. VAST CREATED A COMMITTEE CALLED THE LAMOILLE VALLEY RAIL TRAIL COMMITTEE (LVRTC) TO OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE PROJECT. THE LVRTC IS COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH MOTORIZED AND NON-MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 3,035,152.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule A</i>	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ?	X	
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I</i>		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II</i>	X	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>		X
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I</i>		X
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II</i>		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III</i>		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability, serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV</i>		X
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>		X
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI</i>	X	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments - other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII</i>		X
c Did the organization report an amount for investments - program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII</i>		X
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX</i>		X
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>		X
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	X	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII</i>		X
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? <i>If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional</i>	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV</i>		X
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV</i>		X
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV</i>		X
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I</i>		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II</i>		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III</i>		X

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
20b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	X	
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a		X
24b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
24c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
24d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
25b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions)		
28a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
28b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
28c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1	X	
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	X	
35b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19?		
Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V ☐

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	X	
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	X	
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country. See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI

☒**Section A. Governing Body and Management**

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.	19	
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent	19	
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?	2	X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	3	X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?	7b	X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	8a	X
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O	9	X

Section B. Policies (This Section B requests information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code)

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	10a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?	10b	X
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	11a	X
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	X
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done	12c	X
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	X
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	15a	X
b Other officers or key employees of the organization	15b	X
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions)		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?	16a	X
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?	16b	

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed **NONE**

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records. **SHEILA FENOFF-WILLETT - (802) 229-0005**
26 VAST LANE, BARRE, VT 05641

Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VII ☐**Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees****1a** Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) LEWIS BARNES DIRECTOR/ADDISON	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) SCOTT DANIELS DIRECTOR/BENNINGTON	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) KEN GAMMELL DIRECTOR/CALEDONIA	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(4) PATRICK POULIN DIRECTOR/CHITTENDEN	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) DAVID PAGE DIRECTOR/ESSEX	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) MIKE BURNS DIRECTOR/FRANKLIN	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) DAVID LADD DIRECTOR/GRAND ISLE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(8) CARMIN LEMERY DIRECTOR/LAMOILLE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) RON GARVIN DIRECTOR/ORANGE	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(10) ROGER GOSSELIN DIRECTOR/ORLEANS	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) MERRITT BUDD DIRECTOR/RUTLAND	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) MARK RICHARDSON DIRECTOR/WASHINGTON	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(13) ROONE GIBBS DIRECTOR/WINDHAM	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) RICHARD JEWETT DIRECTOR/WINDSOR	2.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) JOE CICIA PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(16) TIM MILLS VICE PRESIDENT	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(17) TOM BALTRUS TREASURER	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) LORRI LEPAGE RECORDING SECRETARY	2.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(19) CYNTHIA LOCKE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00			X				61,634.	0.	13,250.
1b Sub-total								61,634.	0.	13,250.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A								0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								61,634.	0.	13,250.

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

- 3** Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 4** For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual
- 5** Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person

	Yes	No
3		X
4		X
5		X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation
NONE		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	853,044.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	17,780.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f \$		17,545.			
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		870,824.			
Program Service Revenue	2 a VAST GENERAL PROGRAM	Business Code 713990	2,178,322.	2,059,945.	118,377.	
	b SSTP	713990	528,791.	528,791.		
	c					
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		2,707,113.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		8,944.			8,944.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses					
	c Rental income or (loss)					
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses					
	c Gain or (loss)					
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events					
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	a				
	b Less direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a	29,554.				
b Less cost of goods sold	b	35,105.				
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		-5,551.	-5,551.			
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a						
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions		3,581,330.	2,583,185.	118,377.	8,944.	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX ☐

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	571,218.	571,218.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	80,040.	24,490.	55,550.	
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	262,914.	83,761.	179,153.	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	10,656.	10,656.		
9 Other employee benefits	49,194.	18,783.	30,411.	
10 Payroll taxes	31,068.	9,898.	21,170.	
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	14,753.		14,753.	
c Accounting	23,429.		23,429.	
d Lobbying	25,000.		25,000.	
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	24,122.		24,122.	
12 Advertising and promotion	187,338.	130,306.	52,614.	4,418.
13 Office expenses	95,976.	12,238.	83,738.	
14 Information technology	10,629.		10,629.	
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel	13,668.	2,685.	10,983.	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	41,466.	403.	41,063.	
20 Interest	9,299.	9,299.		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	31,610.		31,610.	
23 Insurance	160,774.	146,608.	14,166.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a TRAILS UPKEEP AND GROOM	1,254,480.	1,254,480.		
b LVRT TRAIL WORK	757,327.	757,327.		
c DUES/SPONSORSHIPS	3,996.		3,996.	
d DONATIONS	3,968.	3,000.	968.	
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,662,925.	3,035,152.	623,355.	4,418.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)

Part X Balance SheetCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part X ☐

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	3,023,953.	1	2,683,316.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	20,731.	2	246,762.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr) Complete Part II of Sch L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment, cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 412,193.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 218,815.	207,189.	10c 193,378.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	50,000.	15	12,281.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	3,301,873.	16	3,135,737.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses		17	
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	177.	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	310,015.	23	243,197.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	310,192.	26	243,197.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☒ and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	2,991,681.	27	2,892,540.
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets		28	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets		29	
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here ☐ and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	2,991,681.	33	2,892,540.
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	3,301,873.	34	3,135,737.	

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Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XI ☐

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,581,330.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,662,925.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-81,595.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	2,991,681.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	-17,546.
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	2,892,540.

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☒

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990. ☐ Cash ☐ Accrual ☒ Other MODIFIED CASH If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both ☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O	X	
3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits	X	

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization

VT ASSOCIATION OF SNOW TRAVELERS, INC

Employer identification number

23-7157363

Part I	Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part) See instructions.
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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 from 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 ► ☐		

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part III Support 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
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	3259939.	3912793.	3883957.	5325880.	870,824.	17253393.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	14,138.	9,777.	9,628.	11,173.	2618290.	2663006.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	44,277.	33,343.	45,262.	30,739.	0.	153,621.
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	3318354.	3955913.	3938847.	5367792.	3489114.	20070020.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						0.
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						0.
c Add lines 7a and 7b						0.
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						20070020.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	3318354.	3955913.	3938847.	5367792.	3489114.	20070020.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,858.	715.	611.	1,727.	8,944.	13,855.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	1,858.	715.	611.	1,727.	8,944.	13,855.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI)	8,255.	25,333.	13,557.	8,290.		55,435.
13 Total support (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12)	3328467.	3981961.	3953015.	5377809.	3498058.	20139310.
14 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

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	99.66 %
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	99.51 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	.07 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	.15 %

19a **33 1/3% support tests - 2015.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒

b **33 1/3% support tests - 2014.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

20 **Private 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 in line 11 on 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? 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.		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.		
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)? 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.		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).		
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 (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI .		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
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? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

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? 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.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

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)? 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).		

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, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) 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? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

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.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	
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? 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.	
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? Provide details in Part VI.	
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.	

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

- 1 ☐ 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.

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)		
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)		

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

Section D - Distributions	Current Year
1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions	
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions	
9 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6	
10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1 Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015.			
a			
b			
c			
d From 2013			
e From 2014			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7. \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions)			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a			
b			
c Excess from 2013			
d Excess from 2014			
e Excess from 2015			

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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)

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

- ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization

VT ASSOCIATION OF SNOW TRAVELERS, INC

Employer identification number

23-7157363

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours _____

Part I-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$ _____
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made?
☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

Part I-C Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities ▶ \$ _____
- 3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b ▶ \$ _____
- 4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-

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

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

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

A Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures)

B Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)															
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)															
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)															
d Other exempt purpose expenditures															
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)															
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns															
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)															
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?															

☐ Yes ☐ No

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.

See the separate instructions for lines 2a through 2f.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2015

Part II-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and has NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

For each "Yes," response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

	(a)		(b)
	Yes	No	Amount
1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of			
a Volunteers?		X	
b Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)?		X	
c Media advertisements?		X	
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public?		X	
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements?		X	
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes?		X	
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body?	X		25,000.
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means?		X	
i Other activities?		X	
j Total. Add lines 1c through 1i			25,000.
2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?		X	
b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912			
c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912			
d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?			

Part III-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6).

	Yes	No
1 Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members?		
2 Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less?		
3 Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year?		

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a Current year	2a	
b Carryover from last year	2b	
c Total	2c	
3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues	3	
4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, Part II-A (affiliated group list), Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

PART II-B, LINE 1, LOBBYING ACTIVITIES:

WE PAY OUTSIDE CONTRACTORS TO BE THE EYES AND EARS FOR VAST AT THE STATE HOUSE. THEY ARE THERE WORKING WITH THE VARIOUS REPRESENTATIVES, LEGISLATORS AND SENATORS ON A DAILY BASIS AND HAVE THEIR FINGER DIRECTLY ON THE PULSE OF WHAT IS TAKING PLACE DOWN THERE. IF THERE IS DISCUSSION TAKING PLACE, OR LANGUAGE WITHIN A PARTICULAR BILL THAT IS

Part IV Supplemental Information (continued)

INTRODUCED THAT COULD POTENTIALLY HAVE AN EFFECT ON VAST AND OUR
OPERATIONS, THEY ARE PAID TO REACH OUT TO US AND LET US KNOW WHAT IS
TAKING PLACE. TYPICALLY THEY LOOK TO US FOR DIRECTION ON HOW TO REACT
ON A PARTICULAR BILL AND WILL SPEAK TO KEY PLAYERS AND/OR ARRANGE TIME
FOR US TO PROVIDE TESTIMONY FOR OR AGAINST A PARTICULAR BILL. WITHOUT
THEIR HELP THERE WOULD BE LEGISLATION PASSED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS THAT
WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT VAST AND SNOWMOBILING IN VERMONT AS WE KNOW IT.

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

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

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

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		☐ Yes ☐ No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 7

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)	☐ Preservation of a historically important land area
☐ Protection of natural habitat	☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure
☐ Preservation of open space	

2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items

b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1	▶ \$ _____
b Assets included in Form 990, Part X	▶ \$ _____

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets (continued)

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items

(check all that apply)

a ☐ Public exhibitiond ☐ Loan or exchange programsb ☐ Scholarly researche ☐ Other _____c ☐ Preservation for future generations

4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets

to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection?

☐ Yes☐ No**Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X?

☐ Yes☐ No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability?

☐ Yes☐ Nob If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided on Part XIII ☐**Part V Endowment Funds.** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 10

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %b Permanent endowment ☐ %c Temporarily restricted endowment ☐ %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)		
3a(ii)		
3b		

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land		56,000.		56,000.
b Buildings		170,189.	99,500.	70,689.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		98,596.	57,644.	40,952.
e Other		87,408.	61,671.	25,737.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				193,378.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other		
(A)		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ►		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		

Part IX Other Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11d. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ►	

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►	

2. Liability for uncertain tax positions. In Part XIII, provide the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that reports the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740). Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII ☒

Part XI Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a		
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	

Part XII Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 12a

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1			
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a		
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

Provide the descriptions required for Part II, lines 3, 5, and 9, Part III, lines 1a and 4, Part IV, lines 1b and 2b, Part V, line 4, Part X, line 2, Part XI, lines 2d and 4b, and Part XII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information

PART X, LINE 2:

VAST IS INCORPORATED AND EXEMPT FROM FEDERAL INCOME TAXATION UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE (THE CODE), THOUGH IT WOULD BE SUBJECT TO TAX ON INCOME UNRELATED TO ITS EXEMPT PURPOSES (UNLESS THAT INCOME IS OTHERWISE EXCLUDED BY THE CODE). THE TAX YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015, 2014, AND 2013 ARE STILL OPEN TO AUDIT FOR BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE PURPOSES. CONTRIBUTIONS TO VAST ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE TO DONORS UNDER SECTION 170 OF THE CODE. VAST IS NOT CLASSIFIED AS A PRIVATE FOUNDATION.

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

► Attach to Form 990.

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

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance?

☒ Yes ☐ No

2 Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
BARRE TOWN THUNDER CHICKENS PO BOX 273 BARRE, VT 05641	23-7259878	501(C)(7)	6,400.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
BRIGHTON SNOWMOBILE CLUB PO BOX 400 ISLAND POND, VT 05846	03-0359703	C CORP	17,118.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
CABOT SKYLIGHTERS			9,876.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
CANAAN BORDER RIDERS PO BOX 388 CANAAN, VT 05903	22-2507216		5,657.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
CAVENDISH GREEN MOUNTAIN SNOW FLEAS - 369 RT 131 - CAVENDISH, VT 05142	03-0317711	501(C)(7)	6,290.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
COUNTRY RIDERS PO BOX 27 TROY, VT 05868	03-0259453	C CORP	89,733.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

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

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2015)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)							(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	
DERBY DRIFT DUSTERS PO BOX 448 DERBY, VT 05829	03-0230075	501(C)(7)	78,417.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
E-2 RIDERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB PO BOX 432 JACKSONVILLE, VT 05342	23-7284137	C CORP	5,055.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
FRANKLIN COUNTY SNOW RAIDERS 2571 MAIN STREET FAIRFAX, VT 05454	03-0336362		8,291.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
GIHON TRAK PACKERS PO BOX 22 EDEN, VT 05652	03-0320210	C CORP	17,460.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
GLOVER TRAIL WINDERS PO BOX 16 W GLOVER, VT 05875	01-0952844		5,390.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
GREEN MOUNTAIN TRAIL BLAZERS PO BOX 493 E. DORSET, VT 05253	23-7101368		7,487.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
GUILFORD PIT STOPPERS 29 LAKERIDGE RD BUILFORD, VT 05301	23-7399629	501(C)(4)	7,053.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
HAZEN NOTCH SNOWMOBILE CLUB 564 VT RTE 101 TROY, VT 05859	03-0301496	C CORP	19,038.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
LAMOILLE COUNTY SNOW PACKERS, INC. PO BOX 1326 MORRISVILLE, VT 05661	51-0153625	501(C)(7)	7,094.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.

Schedule I (Form 990)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
LUNENBURG POLAR BEARS SNOWMOBILE CLUB - PO BOX 164 - LUNENBURG, VT 05906	23-7277280	501(C)(7)	7,756.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
LYNDON SNO CRUISERS PO BOX 1235 LYNDONVILLE, VT 05851	23-7257046	501(C)(7)	10,602.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
MOUNTAIN TAMERS SNOWMOBILE CLUB PO BOX 75 WOODBURY, VT 05681	23-7099644		51,930.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
NORTHEAST KINGDOM SNOW BLASTER PO BOX 212 NORTON, VT 05907	80-0793100	501(C)(4)	11,539.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
ORLEANS SNOWSTORMERS, INC. 48 NATURAL HILL NEWPORT, VT 05855	03-0318100	501(C)(7)	9,977.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
POULTNEY VALLEY SNOW DEVILS 85 WINDYWOOD ACRES POULTNEY, VT 05764	23-7399389		18,315.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
SHELLHOUSE MOUNTAIN JUMPERS 2861 SHELLHOUSE MTN RD FERRISBURGH, VT 05456	47-3009435	LLC	10,216.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
SMUGGLERS NOTCH CLUB PO BOX 31 JEFFERSONVILLE, VT 05464	03-0359286		8,049.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
SNO-BEES PO BOX 262 BARRE, VT 05641	80-0637075	C CORP	20,000.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.

Schedule I (Form 990)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)							
(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non-cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
STONE SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC. 1556 WEEKS HILL ROAD STONE, VT 05672	03-0296582	C CORP	5,816.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
TWEED VALLEY TRAVELERS 10 OLD SCHOOLHOUSE DR PITTSFIELD, VT 05762	03-0260800	C CORP	6,118.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
WASHINGTON SNOW FLYERS PO BOX 672 WASHINGTON, VT 05675	23-7250219	501(C)(7)	12,340.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
WEST WINDSOR MOONLIGHTERS, INC. PO BOX 62 BROWNSVILLE, VT 05037	03-6026100	501(C)(7)	8,667.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.
WOODFORD SNOBUSTERS, INC. PO BOX 333 SHAFTSBURY, VT 05262	03-0298820		15,500.	0.			EQUIPMENT PURCHASES AND TRAIL MAINTENANCE.

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

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b), and any other additional information**PART I, LINE 2:**

TRAIL MANAGER REVIEWS DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED BY A CLUB SUPPORTING A GRANT REQUEST (I.E. GROOMING EQUIPMENT, ETC.) PRIOR TO SIGNING AGREEMENT WITH THE CLUB. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ALSO REVIEWS THIS INFORMATION. TRAILS MANAGER OVERSEES THE USE OF FUNDS AND CONDUCTS SITE VISITS ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS.

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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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

EDUCATE VERMONT SNOWMOBILERS ABOUT THE SAFE, RESPONSIBLE OPERATION OF
SNOWMOBILES, AND THE PROTECTION OF VERMONT'S ENVIRONMENT.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

FOLLOWING THREE SOURCES: (1) THE REVENUE COLLECTED FROM THE SALE OF
VERMONT SNOWMOBILE REGISTRATIONS; FIVE DOLLARS OF EACH REGISTRATION IS
RETAINED BY THE STATE TO FUND LAW ENFORCEMENT. THE DEPARTMENT OF
FORESTS, PARKS, AND RECREATION TAKES \$11,500 OFF THE TOP FOR
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES; (2) THE RETURN OF FINES AND PENALTIES THAT
VERMONT COLLECTS FROM CITATIONS ISSUED FOR SNOWMOBILE LAW AND RULE
VIOLATIONS; (3) BASED ON A FORMULA DEFINED IN CHAPTER 20, TITLE 10,
VERMONT STATUTES ANNOTATED, VAST RECEIVES AN AMOUNT ANNUALLY FROM THE
TOTAL GAS TAX COLLECTED.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4B, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE BALANCE OF THE PROGRAM, INCLUDING ALL
SALARIES AND WAGES, AND FRINGE BENEFITS PAID TO VAST STAFF. THE MAJOR
INCOME SOURCES ARE A PORTION OF THE TMA REVENUE RAISED ANNUALLY AND THE
SALE OF ADVERTISING WITHIN SNOWMOBILE VERMONT MAGAZINE AND THE VAST
WEBSITE. THIS MAGAZINE IS THE PRIMARY TOOL FOR COMMUNICATION WITH ITS
MEMBERSHIP. THIS PROGRAM DIVISION IS ALSO REIMBURSED FOR EMPLOYEE WAGES
AND BENEFITS THAT ARE EXPENDED ON BEHALF OF OTHER PROGRAMS OF VAST.

(2) TRAILS - THIS DIVISION OF THE PROGRAM IS, BY FAR, THE LARGEST. VAST
RUNS GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS FOR LOCAL CLUBS THAT ARE PAID FROM THIS

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PORTION OF THE VAST BUDGET. GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAMS INCLUDE: TRAIL CONSTRUCTION; TRAIL MAINTENANCE; TRAIL SIGNING; TRAIL DEBRUSHING; EMERGENCY ALLOCATIONS; GROOMING EQUIPMENT; GROOMING OF THE STATEWIDE SNOWMOBILE TRAILS SYSTEM; ETC. THIS DIVISION OF THE PROGRAM ALSO FUNDS VAST PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS. MAJOR FUNDING FOR THIS DIVISION COMES FROM THE SALE OF THE TMA, AS WELL AS GRANTS GENERATED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

(3) SCHOLARSHIPS - TEN CENTS OF EVERY VAST TMA GOES TO HELP FUND THIS PROGRAM DIVISION. IN ADDITION, VAST HAS RECEIVED REVENUE THROUGH AN AFFINITY PROGRAM WITH LIBERTY MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY THAT HAS BEEN BOARD DESIGNATED FOR SCHOLARSHIPS. CURRENTLY, VAST GIVES TWO \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY. THE GOAL IS TO BUILD THE FUND UNTIL IT BECOMES SELF-SUPPORTING AND ABLE TO GRANT TWO ANNUAL \$2,500 SCHOLARSHIPS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4C, PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS: VEHICLE USERS. CURRENTLY, IT IS PROJECTED THAT THE TOTAL COST TO COMPLETE THE LVRT WILL BE IN EXCESS OF \$12 TO \$15 MILLION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6:

VAST IS ONE OF THE OLDEST SNOWMOBILING ORGANIZATIONS IN THE U.S. WITH OVER 24,000 MEMBERS COMBINED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A:

COUNTY SNOWMOBILE CLUBS FROM VERMONT'S 14 COUNTIES ELECT 14 DIRECTORS. THESE 14 DIRECTORS MAKE UP THE GOVERNING BODY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11:

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FORM 990 PREPARED BY AN OUTSIDE CPA FIRM AND REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE & HR
MANAGER, AND THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO BEING FILED.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C:

STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES ARE REVIEWED ON AN AS NEEDED BASIS BY THE BOARD AS
WELL AS DURING THE HIRING PROCESS WHERE ASSIGNED DUTIES ARE DETAILED IN JOB
DESCRIPTIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19:

THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS CAN BE FOUND ON ITS WEBSITE AT
VTFAST.ORG. THE ORGANIZATION'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CALLING OR VISITING THE
ORGANIZATION'S OFFICE.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 1:

VAST REPORTS ON THE MODIFIED CASH BASIS OF ACCOUNTING. UNDER THIS
BASIS, THE ONLY ASSETS RECOGNIZED ARE CASH, CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT,
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, AND RELATED DEPRECIATION. VAST'S MODIFIED CASH
BASIS OF ACCOUNTING ALSO RECORDS LINE OF CREDIT DRAWS AS LIABILITIES
WHEN THE ACTIVITY OCCURS.

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33

[illegible]

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

[illegible]

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SEE PART VII FOR CONTINUATIONS

Schedule R (Form 990) 2015

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule	
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?	
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a ☒
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b ☒
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c ☒
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d ☒
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e ☒
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f ☒
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g ☒
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h ☒
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i ☒
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j ☒
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k ☒
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l ☒
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m ☒
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n ☒
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o ☒
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p ☒
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q ☒
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r ☒
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s ☒

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

	(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part VII Supplemental Information

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

PART II, IDENTIFICATION OF RELATED TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATIONS:

NAME OF RELATED ORGANIZATION:

VERMONT SNOW TRAILS CONSERVANCY CHARITABLE TRUST

DIRECT CONTROLLING ENTITY: VERMONT ASSOCIATION OF SNOW TRAVELERS, INC.