

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)			Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value			
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	11,122	11,122	11,122		
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	1,033,170	865,278	865,278		
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ <u>2,681</u>					
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____	21,646	2,681	2,681		
	4	Pledges receivable ▶ _____					
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____					
	5	Grants receivable					
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)					
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) ▶ _____					
		Less allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ _____					
	8	Inventories for sale or use					
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	6,084	18,024	18,024		
	10a	Investments—U S and state government obligations (attach schedule)					
	b	Investments—corporate stock (attach schedule)					
	c	Investments—corporate bonds (attach schedule)					
	Liabilities	11	Investments—land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ _____				
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ _____					
12		Investments—mortgage loans					
13		Investments—other (attach schedule)					
14		Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶ <u>1,237,617</u>					
		Less accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) ▶ <u>607,175</u>	642,250	630,442	630,442		
15		Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	93,979,200	95,807,830	95,807,830		
16		Total assets (to be completed by all filers—see the instructions Also, see page 1, item I)	95,693,472	97,335,377	97,335,377		
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses	189,263	147,265			
18		Grants payable	401,384	56,800			
19	Deferred revenue	19,500	75,110				
20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons						
21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)	4,085,000	3,340,000				
22	Other liabilities (describe ▶ _____)						
23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)	4,695,147	3,619,175				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here ☒ and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.						
	24	Unrestricted	90,998,325	93,716,202			
	25	Temporarily restricted					
	26	Permanently restricted					
	Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here ☐ and complete lines 27 through 31.						
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds					
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg , and equipment fund					
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds					
30	Total net assets or fund balances (see instructions)	90,998,325	93,716,202				
31	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances (see instructions) .	95,693,472	97,335,377				

Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year—Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	90,998,325
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	100,158
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	3	2,617,719
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	93,716,202
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ _____	5	
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5)—Part II, column (b), line 30 .	6	93,716,202

Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e g , real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co)	(b) How acquired P—Purchase D—Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo , day, yr)	(d) Date sold (mo , day, yr)
1 a Timber	P	2010-01-01	2018-01-01
b			
c			
d			
e			

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
a 2,761,359		918,587	1,842,772
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69			(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
(i) F M V as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	
a			1,842,772
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	2	1,842,772
3 Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8	3	

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

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

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

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



Yes



No

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

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year, see instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2016	1,593,296	1,020,846	1 56076
2015	1,847,449	1,121,974	1 64661
2014	1,389,477	1,017,275	1 36588
2013	1,386,722	1,296,949	1 06922
2012	1,378,422	1,115,712	1 23546

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	6 877930
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period—divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	1 375586
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2017 from Part X, line 5	4	1,024,887
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	1,409,820
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	20,281
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	1,430,101
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4	8	2,286,123

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

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

1a	Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here ☐ and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter _____ (attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)		
b	Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here ☒ and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b	1	20,281
c	All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)		
2	Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2.	3	20,281
4	Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)	4	
5	Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-	5	20,281
6	Credits/Payments		
a	2017 estimated tax payments and 2016 overpayment credited to 2017	6a	27,500
b	Exempt foreign organizations—tax withheld at source	6b	
c	Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	
d	Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	
7	Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d.	7	27,500
8	Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☒ if Form 2220 is attached	8	
9	Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	
10	Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10	7,219
11	Enter the amount of line 10 to be Credited to 2018 estimated tax ☐ 7,219 Refunded ☐	11	

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities

	Yes	No
1a During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?	1a	No
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>	1b	No
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?	1c	No
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation ☐ \$ _____ (2) On foundation managers ☐ \$ _____		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers ☐ \$ _____		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>	2	No
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>	3	No
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	4a	No
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	4b	No
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>	5	No
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?	6	Yes
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	7	Yes
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) ☐ AR		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i> .	8b	Yes
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2017 or the taxable year beginning in 2017 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>	9	No
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>	10	No

Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

11	At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions).	11		No
12	Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)	12		No
13	Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address www.rossfoundation.us	13	Yes	
14	The books are in care of Amanda Fenocchi Telephone no (870) 246-9881			

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15	Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 —Check here ☐ and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 15			
16	At any time during calendar year 2017, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ▶	16	Yes	No

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

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

1a	During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		Yes	No
	(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person? ☒ Yes ☐ No			
	(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
	(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days). ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? ☐ Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here. ☐	1b		No
c	Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017? ☐	1c		No
2	Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))			
a	At the end of tax year 2017, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2017? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
b	Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement—see instructions). ☐	2b		No
c	If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ▶ 20____, 20____, 20____, 20____			
3a	Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year? ☐ Yes ☒ No			
b	If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2017 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2017). ☐	3b		No
4a	Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a		No
b	Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2017?	4b		No

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

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

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Part VII

Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors

1

List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
See Additional Data Table				

2

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

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation	Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation (d)	Expense account, (e) other allowances
David Hunt PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Sr Forester 40 00	88,000	11,542	7,800
Eric Rhodes PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Forester 40 00	60,000	10,789	7,800
Amanda Fenocchi PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Office Mgr 40 00	54,200	2,197	

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

3

Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE".

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

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

Part IX-A

Summary of Direct Charitable Activities

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

	Expenses
1 The Ross Foundation continued its conservation forestry management program in 2017 by incorporating diverse management techniques which included natural stand management, plantation stand management, hardwood management systems, and unique plant and habitat area management. Conservation forestry objectives are centered on the incorporation of these various management components resulting in stand diversity, plant diversity, and habitat diversity throughout all lands owned and managed by The Ross Foundation as charitable assets. To accomplish its mission, The Ross Foundation employs a full time staff of professional foresters, biologists, and technicians to design, implement, and monitor a comprehensive conservation forestry management program. In 2017, The Ross Foundation incurred \$412,938 in expenses related to salaries and benefits for professional staff directly related to the continuation of its conservation forestry program. Additionally, expenses totaling \$229,735 were incurred for.	642,673
2 The Ross Foundations land is available to the public for recreational opportunities. During 2017, recreational users enjoyed various pursuits including hunting, fishing, day hiking, camping, horseback riding, picnicking, mountain bike riding, swimming, backpacking, bird watching, nature study, photography, and walking for aerobic activity. During 2017, The Ross Foundation spent \$3,433 on materials and \$41,988 in salary and benefits for allocated staff time related to public recreation administration and management activities on The Ross Foundations property.	45,421
3 The Ross Foundations lands are available for educational and research activities. In 2017, The Ross Foundation conducted environmental education field trips for Henderson State University ecology students and the Arkansas 4-H Wildlife team to expose them, in an outdoor classroom setting, to the principles of the areas local ecology and how those ecological interactions are incorporated into The Ross Foundations conservation forestry management activities. Also in 2017, The Ross Foundation provided sites for outdoor laboratory study, native fauna inventory and assessment, and extension outreach with various natural resource agencies and user groups. The Ross Foundation contributed \$12,966 in staff time related to coordinating and leading these environmental education and research activities. The Ross Foundation also incurred \$4,274 in expenses associated in the establishment of an operational oak regeneration study as a cooperative demonstration project with the University of Arkansas C.	17,240
4	

Part IX-B

Summary of Program-Related Investments (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2	Amount
1	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	

Total. Add lines 1 through 3 ▶

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

1	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Average monthly fair market value of securities.	1a	0
b	Average of monthly cash balances.	1b	1,040,494
c	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions).	1c	0
d	Total (add lines 1a, b, and c).	1d	1,040,494
e	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation).	1e	0
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets.	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	1,040,494
4	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	15,607
5	Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4.	5	1,024,887
6	Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5.	6	51,244

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

1	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6.	1	51,244
2a	Tax on investment income for 2017 from Part VI, line 5.	2a	20,281
b	Income tax for 2017 (This does not include the tax from Part VI).	2b	
c	Add lines 2a and 2b.	2c	20,281
3	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1.	3	30,963
4	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions.	4	
5	Add lines 3 and 4.	5	30,963
6	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions).	6	
7	Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1.	7	30,963

Part XII Qualifying Distributions (see instructions)

1	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
a	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc.—total from Part I, column (d), line 26.	1a	2,271,823
b	Program-related investments—total from Part IX-B.	1b	
2	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes.	2	14,300
3	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
a	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required).	3a	
b	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule).	3b	
4	Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4.	4	2,286,123
5	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions).	5	20,281
6	Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	6	2,265,842

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

Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2016	(c) 2016	(d) 2017
1 Distributable amount for 2017 from Part XI, line 7				30,963
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2017				
a Enter amount for 2016 only.				
b Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2017				
a From 2012.	1,378,422			
b From 2013.	1,311,381			
c From 2014.	1,365,976			
d From 2015.	1,829,962			
e From 2016.	1,580,482			
f Total of lines 3a through e.	7,466,223			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2017 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <u>2,286,123</u>				
a Applied to 2016, but not more than line 2a				
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required—see instructions).				
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required—see instructions).	0			
d Applied to 2017 distributable amount.				30,963
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	2,255,160			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2017 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a))				
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
a Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	9,721,383			
b Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed.				
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount—see instructions				
e Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount—see instructions				
f Undistributed income for 2017 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2018				0
7 Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required - see instructions).				
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2012 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions).	1,378,422			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2018. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	8,342,961			
10 Analysis of line 9				
a Excess from 2013.	1,311,381			
b Excess from 2014.	1,365,976			
c Excess from 2015.	1,829,962			
d Excess from 2016.	1,580,482			
e Excess from 2017.	2,255,160			

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

1a If the foundation has received a ruling or determination letter that it is a private operating foundation, and the ruling is effective for 2017, enter the date of the ruling. ▶

b Check box to indicate whether the organization is a private operating foundation described in section ☐ 4942(j)(3) or ☐ 4942(j)(5)

2a Enter the lesser of the adjusted net income from Part I or the minimum investment return from Part X for each year listed

	Tax year	Prior 3 years			(e) Total
	(a) 2017	(b) 2016	(c) 2015	(d) 2014	
b 85% of line 2a					
c Qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 for each year listed					
d Amounts included in line 2c not used directly for active conduct of exempt activities					
e Qualifying distributions made directly for active conduct of exempt activities. Subtract line 2d from line 2c					
3 Complete 3a, b, or c for the alternative test relied upon					
a "Assets" alternative test—enter					
(1) Value of all assets					
(2) Value of assets qualifying under section 4942(j)(3)(B)(i)					
b "Endowment" alternative test— enter 2/3 of minimum investment return shown in Part X, line 6 for each year listed.					
c "Support" alternative test—enter					
(1) Total support other than gross investment income (interest, dividends, rents, payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), or royalties)					
(2) Support from general public and 5 or more exempt organizations as provided in section 4942(j)(3)(B)(iii).					
(3) Largest amount of support from an exempt organization					
(4) Gross investment income					

Part XV Supplementary Information (Complete this part only if the organization had \$5,000 or more in assets at any time during the year—see instructions.)

1 Information Regarding Foundation Managers:

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

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

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

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

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

Mary Elizabeth Eldridge
PO Box 335
Arkadelphia, AR 71923
(870) 246-9881
meeldridge@rossfoundation.us

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

See attachment

c Any submission deadlines

See attachment

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

See attachment

Part XV **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207
b <i>Approved for future payment</i> See Additional Data Table				
Total ▶ 3b				56,800

Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated

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

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

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1a(1)	No
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1a(2)	No
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1b(1)	No
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1b(2)		No
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1b(3)		No
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1b(4)		No
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1b(5)	No
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1b(6)		No
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1c		No
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described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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

**Sign
Here**

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2018-11-14

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May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below

(see instr)? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Signature of officer or trustee

Date _____

Title

**Paid
Preparer
Use Only**

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's Signature

Date _____

Check if self-employed ☒

PTIN

P00072674

Firm's name ► Blazek & Vetterling

Firm's EIN ► 76-0269860

Firm's address ► 2900 Wesleyan Suite 200

Phone no (713) 439-5739

Houston, TX 770275132

Form 990PF Part VIII Line 1 - List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation

(a) Name and address	Title, and average hours per week (b) devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	Expense account, (e) other allowances
Ross Whipple PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Chairman/Trust 7 00	48,000	14,615	
Mary Whipple PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Mary Elizabeth Eldridge PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Sec /Trustee 2 00	12,000		
Mark Karnes PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				
Clark Tennyson PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	Dir /Trustee 15 00	50,760	11,983	
Peggy Clark PO Box 335 Arkadelphia, AR 71923				

Form 990PF Part XV Line 3 - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment				
Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
American Cancer Society 901 N University Little Rock, AR 72207	N/A	PC	Relay for Life	1,000
Arkadelphia Community Foundation 601 Main Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Leadership Clark County and Clark County Health Fair	2,000
Arkadelphia Promise Foundation 235 North 11 Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Scholarship Fund 2016-2017	704,595
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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Arkadelphia Public Schools 236 North 11 Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	GOV	CONE Foundation and Project Prom	9,500
Arkansas First Incorporated 35 Studio Lane Mountain Home, AR 72653	N/A	PC	AHS FIRST robotics competition team	10,000
Arkansas Foodbank 4301 West 65th Street Little Rock, AR 72209	N/A	PC	Food credits for pantries in Clark County	20,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Arkansas Forestry Assoc Education F 1213 W 4th St Little Rock, AR 72201	N/A	PC	General support	37,434
Arkansas Game Fish Foundation 2 Natural Resources Drive Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	Lease fees and work in regions four and five in southwest Arkansas	96,825
Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship 614 E Emma Ave Ste 119 Springdale, AR 72764	N/A	PC	Ross Scholars and matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	7,500
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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Baptist Health Foundation 9601 Interstate 630 Exit 7 Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	Steak soiree fundraiser and bariatric stretchers	11,000
Boys Girls Club of Clark County 1305 Caddo Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Caddo River Art Guild 1511 North 10th Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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CASA of Clark CountyPO Box 987 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Central Arkansas Development Council PO Box 580 Benton, AR 72018	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	131
Clark County 4-H Foundation 640 South 6th Street Suite B Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day and Clark County farm to table event	1,109
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Clark County Arts Humanities Council PO Box 396 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Clark County Fire Association Inc PO Box 111 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	General support	500
Community Family Enrichment Center 301 North 23rd Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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Dawson Educational Cooperative 711 Clinton Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	GOV	Mini-Grant Programs	15,652
First United Methodist Church PO Box 396 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Group Living Inc708 Main Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day and Mary Jo McCorkle 200 Club 2017 Gala	2,200
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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Henderson State University HSU Box 7663 Arkadelphia, AR 71999	N/A	GOV	Robotics camp	8,659
Henderson State University Foundati Box 7550 HSU Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	SOI III FI	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Hot Springs Documentary Film Instit 659 Ouachita Avenue Hot Springs, AR 71901	N/A	PC	Family programs	3,500
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Junior Auxiliary of Arkadelphia PO Box 565 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	2016 and 2017 Angel Tree and matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	3,500
Lighthouse MinistriesPO Box 396 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Lions of Arkansas Foundation Inc 7430B North Hills Blvd North Little Rock, AR 72116	N/A	PC	First responders appreciation dinner	1,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Little League Baseball IncPO Box 573 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Help 12U baseball team attend world series	500
Museum of Discovery 500 President Clinton Ave Suite 150 Little Rock, AR 72201	N/A	PC	"The Race for Planet ""X"" Outreach"	2,000
Nevada County Depot Museum 403 West 18th Street South Prescott, AR 71857	N/A	PC	Prairie D'Ane battlefield acquisition	5,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
New Hope Baptist Church615 Dallas 226 Sparkman, AR 71763	N/A	PC	Holiday cheer	500
Ouachita Baptist University410 Ouachita Street Box 3754 Arkadelphia, AR 71998	N/A	PC	Foster grandparent program and Ben Elrod Center for Family and Community	10,300
Ouachita Children's Center339 Charteroak Street Hot Springs, AR 71901	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Total 				1,007,207
3a				

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a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Percy and Donna Malone Child Safety PO Box 292 Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Pregnancy Resource Center for SW AR 911 Clinton Street Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
Red River Baptist Association 734 Carter Road Arkadelphia, AR 71923	N/A	PC	Help purchase 40-gallon tilting skillet	1,000
Total 				1,007,207
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The CALLPO Box 25524 Little Rock, AR 72221	N/A	PC	Matching funds for ArkansasGives Day	500
The Nature Conservancy 601 N University Ave Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	General support	37,434
University of Arkansas at Monticell PO Box 3597 Monticello, AR 71656	N/A	GOV	Botanical Research Center and Herbarium	1,000
Total ▶ 3a				1,007,207

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Name and address (home or business)				
a <i>Paid during the year</i>				
Vera Lloyd Presbyt Home and Family 1501 North University Suite 345 Little Rock, AR 72205	N/A	PC	Providing care for youth in need from Clark and Hot Spring counties	6,000
Arkansas Children's Hospital 1 Childrens Way Little Rock, AR 72202	N/A	PC	Log donation	1,368
Total				1,007,207
3a				

TY 2017 Accounting Fees Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2**Accounting Fees Schedule**

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Financial statement preparation	19,649	0	0	19,649
Tax compliance	3,000	0	0	8,741

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TY 2017 Depreciation Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 17005038

Software Version: 2017v2.2

Description of Property	Date Acquired	Cost or Other Basis	Prior Years' Depreciation	Computation Method	Rate / Life (# of years)	Current Year's Depreciation Expense	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Cost of Goods Sold Not Included
Buildings	2001-01-01	905,913	342,874	SL	39 0000	23,131			
Equipment	2001-01-01	227,302	239,731	SL	5 0000	1,317			
2012 Ford F250 Pickup	2017-03-14	15,800		SL	5 0000	3,160			

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TY 2017 Gain/Loss from Sale of Other Assets Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 17005038

Software Version: 2017v2.2

Name	Date Acquired	How Acquired	Date Sold	Purchaser Name	Gross Sales Price	Basis	Basis Method	Sales Expenses	Total (net)	Accumulated Depreciation
Charitable property like-kind exchange	2015-01	Purchase	2017-01	NA	1,500		Cost		1,500	

**TY 2017 Land, Etc.
Schedule****Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2

Category / Item	Cost / Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value	End of Year Fair Market Value
Auto./Transportation Equip.	20,900	8,260	12,640	12,640
Machinery and Equipment	239,165	236,512	2,653	2,653
Buildings	902,233	362,403	539,830	539,830
Land	75,319		75,319	75,319

TY 2017 Legal Fees Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
General governance & counsel	341	0	0	51

TY 2017 Mortgages and Notes Payable Schedule

Name: The Ross Foundation

EIN: 71-6060574

Software ID: 17005038

Software Version: 2017v2.2

Total Mortgage Amount: 3,340,000

Item No.	1
Lender's Name	Clark County Arkansas
Lender's Title	
Relationship to Insider	None
Original Amount of Loan	10,000,000
Balance Due	3,340,000
Date of Note	2006-12
Maturity Date	2021-12
Repayment Terms	Semi-annual payments of P&I
Interest Rate	4.2500
Security Provided by Borrower	12,838 acres of timber land
Purpose of Loan	Acquire timber land
Description of Lender Consideration	Cash
Consideration FMV	3340000

TY 2017 Other Expenses Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2**Other Expenses Schedule**

Description	Revenue and Expenses per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Computer service and programming	9,600			9,600
Conservation and wildlife expenses	119,797			140,452
Dues and subscriptions	4,085			4,085
Insurance	50,124			50,091
Office supplies	2,952			2,952
Other expenses	388			388

TY 2017 Other Income Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2**Other Income Schedule**

Description	Revenue And Expenses Per Books	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income
Hunting license fees	74,857	74,857	
Royalties	6,081	6,081	

TY 2017 Other Increases Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2**Description****Amount**

Unrealized increase in value of timber and related land

2,617,719

TY 2017 Taxes Schedule**Name:** The Ross Foundation**EIN:** 71-6060574**Software ID:** 17005038**Software Version:** 2017v2.2

Category	Amount	Net Investment Income	Adjusted Net Income	Disbursements for Charitable Purposes
Excise tax	27,500			
Property tax	102,974			124,399
State tax	1,906			1,906