

Form **990-EZ****Short Form****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No 1545-1150

2017**Open to Public Inspection**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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A For the 2017 calendar year, or tax year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018	
B Check if applicable: ☐ Address change ☐ Name change ☐ Initial return ☐ Final return/terminated ☐ Amended return ☐ Application pending	C Name of organization Alaska Avalanche Information Center, Inc. Number and street (or P O box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite P O Box 911 City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Valdez, AK 99686
D Employer identification number 80-0674646	
E Telephone number 907-255 2242	
F Group Exemption Number ▶	
G Accounting Method: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual Other (specify) ▶	
H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)	
I Website: ▶	
J Tax-exempt status (check only one) — ☐ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527	
K Form of organization ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other	
L Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ ▶ \$	

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (see the instructions for Part I)Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I ☐

Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	72,318
	2 Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	108,178
	3 Membership dues and assessments	3	625
	4 Investment income	4	0
	5a Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	c Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	0
	6 Gaming and fundraising events		
	a Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000)	6a	0
b Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000)	6b	11,808	
c Less direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events	6c	1,182	
d Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	6d	10,626	
7a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	690	
b Less cost of goods sold	7b	1,699	
c Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	-1,090	
8 Other revenue (describe in Schedule O)	8	1,210	
9 Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8	9	191,867	
Expenses	10 Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)	10	1,300
	11 Benefits paid to or for members	11	
	12 Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	101,451
	13 Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	24,173
	14 Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	5,993
	15 Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	691
	16 Other expenses (describe in Schedule O)	16	53,907
	17 Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	187,515
18 Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	4,352	
19 Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	9,359	
20 Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	20	-2,750	
21 Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	10,961	

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

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

- 46 Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I

	Yes	No
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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations only

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

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

- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II

	Yes	No
47		☒

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- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E

	Yes	No
48		☒

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- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization?

	Yes	No
49a		☒
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization?

	Yes	No
49b		☒
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees, and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 0

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

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 0

- 52 Did the organization complete Schedule A? Note: All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

Sign Here 03/22/2019
 Signature of officer Date
SEAN WISNER, PRESIDENT
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name Preparer's signature Date Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN
 Firm's name ▶ Firm's EIN ▶
 Firm's address ▶ Phone no. ▶

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ☐ Yes ☐ No

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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Name of the organization

ALASKA AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER, INC

Employer identification number

80-0674646

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, 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 agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university: _____
- 10 ☐ 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.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ 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 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - 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 1–10 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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
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) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	17,953	31,287	88,857	125,866	74,443	336,636
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	1,500	1,500
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	17,953	31,287	88,857	125,866	74,443	338,136
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						336,636

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2013	(b) 2014	(c) 2015	(d) 2016	(e) 2017	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	17,953	31,287	88,857	125,866	74,443	336,636
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.)	10,653	7,000	4,811	39,324	108,178	169,966
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						506,602
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12 169,966	
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 2017 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	66.4 %
15 Public support percentage from 2016 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	80.2 %
16a 33 1/3% support test—2017. 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—2016. 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—2017. 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—2016. 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 O
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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.

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FORM 990-EZ, PART I LINE #8 - OTHER REVENUE - ADVERTISING SALES ON RADIO AND WEBSITE - 1,210.00

LINE #16 - OTHER EXPENSES - BANK CHARGES 877.00, BUSINESS REGISTRATION FEES 325.00, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

dues 1,585.00, PROGRAM SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT 14,165, PERMIT FEES 25, STUDENT CERTIFICATION FEES 1,240, OFFICE SUPPLIES

(PENS, PAPER, INK, LAMINATE, STICKERS, NAME BADGES, MARKETING MATERIALS) 788, INSURANCE, GENERAL LIABILITY,

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY, WORKERS COMPENSATION, VEHICLE, DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS 22,133, STAFF DEVELOPMENT 1,050

TRAVEL AND MEETINGS 8,403, WEBSITE MAINTENANCE 3,316,

LINE #20 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS - DISTRIBUTION OF USED AVALANCHE TRAINING GEAR \$2,750

PART II LINE #24 - OTHER ASSETS - AVALANCHE EDUCATION EQUIPMENT I.E. TRANCEIVERS, SHOVELS, PROBES, AIR PACKS,

STASH PACKS, TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT I.E. LAPTOP COMPUTERS, PROJECTORS, SCREEN, 4,200, MEMORIAL FUNDS 6,473

PART II #26 - TOTAL LIABILITIES - WEBSITE PROJECT 18,000, OUTSTANDING PAYROLL AND CONTRACT SERVICES 20,254, DIRECTORS

AND OFFICERS AND GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE \$16,500 - TOTAL LIABILITIES \$54,7541

PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE AND PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THE ALASKA AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER MISSION IS TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE AVALANCHE FORECASTS, OBSERVATIONS

EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE PURSUIT OF HEALTHY LIFESTYLES AND THE REDUCTION OF

UNINTENTIONAL INJURIES AND DEATHS RELATED TO AVALANCHE AND BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL IN ALASKA

LINE 28, FORECASTING - THE ALASKA AVALANCHE INFORMATION CENTER PUBLISHED 565 FORECASTS & ADVISORIES ON

ALASKASNOW.ORG FOR CORDOVA, EASTERN ALASKA RANGE, HAINES, HATCHER PASS AND VALDEZ

LINE 29, EDUCATION - AAIC PROVIDED AVALANCHE AND BACKCOUNTRY TRAVEL SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAMS TO A TOTAL OF

6,976 INDIVIDUALS DIRECTLY THROUGH AWARENESS TRAINING IN ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS AS WELL AS

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS. IN ADDITION THE AAIC HOSTED SIX AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR AVALANCHE RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

TRAINING SESSIONS FOR A TOTAL OF 62 CLASSES

LINE 30 - CONSULTING - AAIC PERFORMED AVALANCHE RISK ANALYSIS, SEARCH AND RESCUE RESPONSE, INTER-AGENCY TRAINING,

ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION, AND SKILLS TRAINING FOR COMPANIES AND SPECIAL EVENTS INCLUDING ALYESKA PIPELINE SERVICE

COMPANY, CITY OF VALDEZ, ARCTIC MAN, TAILGATE ALASKA, CONSTANTINE MINE AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IN ADDITION AAIC

CONDUCTED PUBLIC OUTREACH THROUGH 25 WEEKS OF ON-AIR RADIO SNOW REPORTS THAT INCLUDED SAFETY TIPS, WARNINGS,

AND ALERTS AIRED ON 12 RADIO STATIONS. A TOTAL OF 300 REPORTS REACHING MORE THAN 1.2 MILLION LISTENERS IN ALASKA

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2017)