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Form **990-PF****Return of Private Foundation**

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2019 or tax year beginning

, and ending

Name of foundation Ricketts Conservation Foundation		A Employer identification number 46-2927195
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) 1395 South Platte River Drive	Room/suite	B Telephone number 303-962-0021
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code Denver, CO 80223		C If exemption application is pending, check here ☐
G Check all that apply: ☐ Initial return ☐ Initial return of a former public charity ☐ Final return ☐ Amended return ☐ Address change ☐ Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here ☐ 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test, check here and attach computation ☐
H Check type of organization: ☒ Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation ☐ Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust ☐ Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here ☐
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col. (c), line 16) \$ 28,059.	J Accounting method: ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual ☐ Other (specify) _____	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here ☐

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a).)		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received				N/A	
2 Check ☒ If the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B					
3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments					
4 Dividends and interest from securities					
5a Gross rents					
b Net rental income or (loss)					
6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10					
b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a					
7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)			0.		
8 Net short-term capital gain					
9 Income modifications					
10a Gross sales less returns and allowances					
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss)					
11 Other income					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11		0.	0.		
13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc		48,814.	0.		48,814.
14 Other employee salaries and wages		115,645.	0.		115,645.
15 Pension plans, employee benefits		22,313.	0.		22,313.
16a Legal fees Stmt 1		2,873.	0.		2,873.
b Accounting fees					
c Other professional fees Stmt 2		4,563.	0.		4,563.
17 Interest Stmt 3		326.	0.		0.
18 Taxes					
19 Depreciation and depletion					
20 Occupancy					
21 Travel, conferences, and meetings		13,422.	0.		13,422.
22 Printing and publications					
23 Other expenses Stmt 4		62,542.	0.		62,542.
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23		270,498.	0.		270,172.
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid		273,167.			273,167.
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25		543,665.	0.		543,339.
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements		-543,665.			
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)			0.		
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)				N/A	

Part II Balance Sheets		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only		Beginning of year	End of year	
		(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value		
Assets	1	Cash - non-interest-bearing		13,614.	28,059.	28,059.
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments				
	3	Accounts receivable ▶				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	4	Pledges receivable ▶				
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶				
	5	Grants receivable				
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons				
	7	Other notes and loans receivable ▶	1,749.			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶	0.	0.	1,749.	0.
	8	Inventories for sale or use				
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges			42,300.	
	10a	Investments - U.S. and state government obligations				
	b	Investments - corporate stock				
	c	Investments - corporate bonds				
	Liabilities	11	Investments - land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
		Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
12		Investments - mortgage loans				
13		Investments - other				
14		Land, buildings, and equipment: basis ▶				
		Less: accumulated depreciation ▶				
15		Other assets (describe ▶)				
16		Total assets (to be completed by all filers - see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)		13,614.	72,108.	28,059.
17		Accounts payable and accrued expenses				
18		Grants payable				
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Deferred revenue				
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons		3,434,208.	4,036,367.	
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable				
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)				
	23	Total liabilities (add lines 17 through 22)		3,434,208.	4,036,367.	
	24	Foundations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☒ and complete lines 24, 25, 29, and 30.				
	25	Net assets without donor restrictions		-3,420,594.	-3,964,259.	
	26	Foundations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ▶ ☐ and complete lines 26 through 30.				
	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		-3,420,594.	-3,964,259.	
	30	Total net assets or fund balances				
	30	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		13,614.	72,108.	

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 29 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	-3,420,594.
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	-543,665.
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ See Statement 5	3	43,691.
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	-3,920,568.
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶ Office Support and Admin Services	5	43,691.
6	Total net assets or fund balances at end of year (line 4 minus line 5) - Part II, column (b), line 29	6	-3,964,259.

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Part IV Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (for example, real estate, 2-story brick warehouse; or common stock, 200 shs. MLC Co.)	(b) How acquired P - Purchase D - Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
1a			
b	NONE		
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			
b			
c			
d			
e			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69.

(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col. (i) over col. (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col. (h) gain minus col. (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col. (h))
a			
b			
c			
d			
e			

2 Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	{ If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7 If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7	2	
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). 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 doesn't qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

1 Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the 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))
2018	477,022.	9,759.	48.880213
2017	1,067,000.	3,008.	354.720745
2016	1,147,413.	2,462.	466.049147
2015	1,156,010.	5,904.	195.801152
2014	2,070,323.	125,078.	16.552255

2 Total of line 1, column (d)	2	1,082.003512
3 Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period - divide the total on line 2 by 5.0, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	3	216.400702
4 Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2019 from Part X, line 5	4	21,229.
5 Multiply line 4 by line 3	5	4,593,971.
6 Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	6	0.
7 Add lines 5 and 6	7	4,593,971.
8 Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.	8	543,339.

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	0.
c All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations, enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col. (b)			
2 Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		2	0.
3 Add lines 1 and 2		3	0.
4 Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only; others, enter -0-)		4	0.
5 Tax based on investment income. Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		5	0.
6 Credits/Payments:			
a 2019 estimated tax payments and 2018 overpayment credited to 2019	6a	0.	
b Exempt foreign organizations - tax withheld at source	6b	0.	
c Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	6c	0.	
d Backup withholding erroneously withheld	6d	0.	
7 Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d	7	0.	
8 Enter any penalty for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here ☐ if Form 2220 is attached	8	0.	
9 Tax due. If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter amount owed	9	0.	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the amount overpaid	10		
11 Enter the amount of line 10 to be: Credited to 2020 estimated tax ☐ 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?		X
b Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes? See the instructions for the definition. 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.		X
c Did the foundation file Form 1120-POL for this year?		X
d Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year: (1) On the foundation. ☐ \$ 0. (2) On foundation managers. ☐ \$ 0.		
e Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers. ☐ \$ 0.		
2 Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities.		X
3 Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes		X
4a Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?		
5 Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T		X
6 Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either: • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		X
7 Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? If "Yes," complete Part II, col. (c), and Part XV	X	
8a Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered. See instructions. ☐ IA, WY		
b If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? If "No," attach explanation	X	
9 Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2019 or the tax year beginning in 2019? See the instructions for Part XIV. If "Yes," complete Part XIV		X
10 Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses		X

N/A

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Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)

	Yes	No
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		X
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement. See instructions		X
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► N/A	X	
14 The books are in care of ► Mark Simmons Telephone no. ► 303-962-0023 Located at ► 1395 South Platte River Drive, Denver, CO ZIP+4 ► 80223		
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 N/A		
16 At any time during calendar year 2019, 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 the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		X

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

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

	Yes	No
1a During the year, did the foundation (either directly or indirectly):		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person? ☐ 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	X
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2019?	1c	X
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 2019, did the foundation have any undistributed income (Part XIII, lines 6d and 6e) for tax year(s) beginning before 2019? ☐ Yes ☒ No If "Yes," list the years ►		
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.) N/A	2b	
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here. ►		
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 2019 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 Form 4720, Schedule C, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2019.) N/A	3b	
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?	4a	X
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2019?	4b	X

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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

N/A

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?

N/A

☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945-5(d).

6a Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?

☐ Yes ☒ No

b Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?

If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870.

☐ Yes ☒ No

7a At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?

N/A

b If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?

8 Is the foundation subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year?

☐ Yes ☒ No**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors**

1 List all officers, directors, trustees, and foundation managers and their compensation.

(a) Name and address	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
John J. Ricketts	President, Secretary, Tres			
1395 South Platte River Drive				
Denver, CO 80223	1.00	0.	0.	0.
Walter G. Wehtje	Director of Conservation			
607 Upper Hoback Road				
Bondurant, WY 82922	40.00	48,814.	7,812.	1,790.

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

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

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

0

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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	21,552.
c Fair market value of all other assets		1c	
d Total (add lines 1a, b, and c)		1d	21,552.
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	0.
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d		3	21,552.
4 Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1 1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)		4	323.
5 Net value of noncharitable-use assets. Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4		5	21,229.
6 Minimum investment return. Enter 5% of line 5		6	1,061.

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	1,061.
2a Tax on investment income for 2019 from Part VI, line 5	2a		
b Income tax for 2019. (This does not include the tax from Part VI.)	2b		
c Add lines 2a and 2b		2c	0.
3 Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1		3	1,061.
4 Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions		4	0.
5 Add lines 3 and 4		5	1,061.
6 Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)		6	0.
7 Distributable amount as adjusted. Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1		7	1,061.

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	543,339.
b Program-related investments - total from Part IX-B		1b	0.
2 Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		2	
3 Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the:			
a Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)		3a	
b Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)		3b	
4 Qualifying distributions. Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8; and Part XIII, line 4		4	543,339.
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		5	0.
6 Adjusted qualifying distributions. Subtract line 5 from line 4		6	543,339.

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.

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Part XIII Undistributed Income (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2018	(c) 2018	(d) 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Part XI, line 7				1,061.
2 Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2019				
a Enter amount for 2018 only			0.	
b Total for prior years:		0.		
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019:				
a From 2014	2,100,952.			
b From 2015	1,155,715.			
c From 2016	1,147,290.			
d From 2017	1,066,850.			
e From 2018	476,534.			
f Total of lines 3a through e	5,947,341.			
4 Qualifying distributions for 2019 from Part XII, line 4: ▶ \$ 543,339.				
a Applied to 2018, but not more than line 2a			0.	
b Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required - see instructions)		0.		
c Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required - see instructions)	0.			
d Applied to 2019 distributable amount				1,061.
e Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	542,278.			
5 Excess distributions carryover applied to 2019 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a).)	0.			0.
6 Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:	6,489,619.			
a Corpus. Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e. Subtract line 5				
b Prior years' undistributed income. Subtract line 4b from line 2b		0.		
c Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed		0.		
d Subtract line 6c from line 6b. Taxable amount - see instructions		0.		
e Undistributed income for 2018. Subtract line 4a from line 2a. Taxable amount - see instr.			0.	
f Undistributed income for 2019. Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1. This amount must be distributed in 2020				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)	0.			
8 Excess distributions carryover from 2014 not applied on line 5 or line 7	2,100,952.			
9 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	4,388,667.			
10 Analysis of line 9.				
a Excess from 2015	1,155,715.			
b Excess from 2016	1,147,290.			
c Excess from 2017	1,066,850.			
d Excess from 2018	476,534.			
e Excess from 2019	542,278.			

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 Paid during the year				
Rocky Mountain Bird Conservatory dba Bird Conservancy of the Rockies 14500 Lark Bunting Lane Brighton, CO 80603	N/A	PC	Research bird population declines; recommend and facilitate corrective actions	22,000.
Wyoming Wetlands Society PO Box 3216 Jackson, WY 83001	N/A	PC	Preserve, protect Wyoming Wetlands	229,167.
Omaha Zoo Foundation 3701 South 10th Street Omaha, NE 68107	N/A	SO I	Patron Member Donation	500.
University of Colorado - Denver 1151 Arapahoe, Suite 2071 Denver, CO 80217-3364	N/A	GOV	Fund research related Clark's Nutcracker in Yellowstone National Park	20,000.
US Forest Service 4000 Masthead St NE Albuquerque, NE 87109	N/A	GOV	Grant to install trail head gate	1,500.
Total				273,167.
b Approved for future payment				
None				
Total				0.

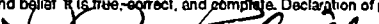
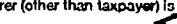
Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers to and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations

1 Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c)(3) (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		Yes	No
a Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of:			
(1) Cash		1a(1)	X
(2) Other assets		1a(2)	X
b Other transactions:			
(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization		1b(1)	X
(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization		1b(2)	X
(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets		1b(3)	X
(4) Reimbursement arrangements		1b(4)	X
(5) Loans or loan guarantees		1b(5)	X
(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations		1b(6)	X
c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees		1c	X
d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.			

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2a Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☒ Yes ☐ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.		
(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
Ending Spending, Inc.	501(c)(4)	See Statement 6

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below? See instr. ☒ Yes ☐ No	
	Signature of officer or trustee 	Date 5/29/20	Title President		
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name Steven Christensen	Preparer's signature 	Date 5/28/20	Check ☐ if self-employed	PTIN P00075586
	Firm's name ▶ Steven L. Christensen, JD			Firm's EIN ▶	
	Firm's address ▶ 1395 S. Platte River Drive Denver, CO 80223			Phone no. 303-962-0025	

Form 990-PF	Legal Fees			Statement	1
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Legal Fees	2,873.	0.		2,873.	
To Fm 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16a	2,873.	0.		2,873.	

Form 990-PF	Other Professional Fees			Statement	2
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Consulting Fees	4,563.	0.		4,563.	
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 16c	4,563.	0.		4,563.	

Form 990-PF	Taxes			Statement	3
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Tax and licenses	326.	0.		0.	
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 18	326.	0.		0.	

Form 990-PF	Other Expenses			Statement	4
Description	(a) Expenses Per Books	(b) Net Invest- ment Income	(c) Adjusted Net Income	(d) Charitable Purposes	
Bank Fees	11.	0.		11.	
Computer Expenses	989.	0.		989.	
Telephone/Network	1,808.	0.		1,808.	
Payroll Admin	2,736.	0.		2,736.	
Office Supplies	305.	0.		305.	
Research Supplies	29,424.	0.		29,424.	
Marketing and Advertisement	1,594.	0.		1,594.	

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Website Dev and Maintenance	18,076.	0.	18,076.
Dues and Subscriptions	82.	0.	82.
Meal and Entertainment	1,545.	0.	1,545.
Shipping and Postage	528.	0.	528.
Fuel	5,444.	0.	5,444.
	<u>62,542.</u>	<u>0.</u>	<u>62,542.</u>
To Form 990-PF, Pg 1, ln 23			

Form 990-PF	Other Increases in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Statement	5
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<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
In-kind Office Support and Admin Services	43,691.
Total to Form 990-PF, Part III, line 3	<u>43,691.</u>

990-PF	Affiliation with Tax-Exempt Organizations Part XVII, Line 2, Column (c)	Statement	6
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Name of Affiliated or Related Organization

Ending Spending, Inc.

Description of Relationship with Affiliated or Related Organization

Common directors