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Form 990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

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

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2019 , and ending 12-31-2019

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

C Name of organization
3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC

Doing business as
3 RIVERS COMMUNICATIONS

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
PO BOX 429

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
FAIRFIELD, MT 59436

F Name and address of principal officer:
DAVID M MASSEY
205 5TH STREET SOUTH
FAIRFIELD, MT 59436

D Employer identification number
81-0243702

E Telephone number
(406) 467-2535

G Gross receipts \$ 59,664,323

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?
☐ Yes ☒ No

H(b) Are all subordinates included?
☐ Yes ☐ No
If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status: ☐ 501(c)(3) ☒ 501(c) (12) ◀ (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.3RIVERS.NET

K Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶

L Year of formation: 1953

M State of legal domicile: MT

Part I

Summary

Activities & Governance

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities:
TO PROVIDE ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF OUR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES' LIVES WHILE IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITIES SERVED.

2 Check this box ☐ if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.

3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	9
4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	9
5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	156
6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	0
7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	719,091
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	0

Revenue

	Prior Year	Current Year
8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	0
9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	60,806,276
10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	84,512
11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,048,579
12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	61,939,367

Expenses

13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0
14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	15,102,546
15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	2,242,766
16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0
b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶0	
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	44,594,055
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	61,939,367
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	0

Net Assets or Fund Balances

	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	147,692,086
21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	70,997,163
22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	76,694,923

Part II

Signature Block

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

Sign Here

Signature of officer

DAVID M MASSEY CFO

Type or print name and title

2020-10-29

Date

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name

Preparer's signature

Date 2020-10-29

Check ☐ if self-employed

PTIN P00055324

Firm's name ▶ MOSS ADAMS LLP

Firm's EIN ▶ 91-0189318

Firm's address ▶ 601 W RIVERSIDE AVENUE STE 1800

Phone no. (509) 747-2600

SPOKANE, WA 99201

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

☒ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO PROVIDE ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES AND GAINFUL EMPLOYMENT TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF OUR MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES' LIVES WHILE IMPROVING THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITIES SERVED.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

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

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.)
(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ►

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

	Yes	No
1 Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A	1	No
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)?	2	No
3 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I	3	No
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities, or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	4	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III	5	No
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts for which donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part I	6	No
7 Did the organization receive or hold a conservation easement, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas, or historic structures? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II	7	No
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III	8	No
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21 for escrow or custodial account liability; serve as a custodian for amounts not listed in Part X; or provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IV	9	No
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	10	No
11 If the organization's answer to any of the following questions is "Yes," then complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable.		
a Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	11a Yes	
b Did the organization report an amount for investments—other securities in Part X, line 12 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII	11b Yes	
c Did the organization report an amount for investments—program related in Part X, line 13 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII	11c	No
d Did the organization report an amount for other assets in Part X, line 15 that is 5% or more of its total assets reported in Part X, line 16? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	11d Yes	
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11e Yes	
f Did the organization's separate or consolidated financial statements for the tax year include a footnote that addresses the organization's liability for uncertain tax positions under FIN 48 (ASC 740)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X	11f Yes	
12a Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII	12a	No
b Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI and XII is optional	12b Yes	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E	13	No
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	No
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, investment, and program service activities outside the United States, or aggregate foreign investments valued at \$100,000 or more? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV	14b	No
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for any foreign organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV	15	No
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or other assistance to or for foreign individuals? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV	16	No
17 Did the organization report a total of more than \$15,000 of expenses for professional fundraising services on Part IX, column (A), lines 6 and 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)	17	No
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total of fundraising event gross income and contributions on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	18	No
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 of gross income from gaming activities on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III	19	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H	20a	No
b If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?	20b	
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II	21	No

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	Yes	

Part V **Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance** (continued)

2a Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return	2a 156			
b If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	2b	Yes		
3a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	Yes		
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	Yes		
4a At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? b If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).	4a		No	
5a Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?	5a		No	
b Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b		No	
c If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
6a Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6a		No	
7 Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).	7a			
a Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	7b			
b If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7c			
c Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7d			
d If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year				
e Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e			
f Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			
g If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
8 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?	8			
9 Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.	9a			
a Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9b			
b Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?				
10 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:				
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a			
b Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b			
11 Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:				
a Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	21,877,873		
b Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	2,718,516		
12a Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a			
b If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.	12b			
13 Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.	13a			
a Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13b			
b Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b			
c Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c			
14a Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a		No	
b If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b			
15 Is the organization 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? If "Yes," see instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.	15		No	
16 Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.	16		No	

Part VI

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed

18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.

☐ Own website ☐ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)

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

20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records:
DAVID M MASSEY 202 5TH STREET SOUTH FAIRFIELD, MT 59436 (800) 796-4567

Part VII

Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

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

See instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) MARY E HILL PRESIDENT	8.00	X		X				34,846	0	0
(2) TYLER P COBB SECRETARY/TREASURER	5.00	X		X				30,885	0	0
(3) KIRK R DIGE VICE PRESIDENT	5.00	X		X				18,135	0	0
(4) DIANE M GOLLEHON TRUSTEE	5.00	X						31,266	0	0
(5) LOGAN P GOOD TRUSTEE	5.00	X						29,942	0	0
(6) KYLE J BURGMAIER TRUSTEE	5.00	X						27,866	0	0
(7) KELLY M MCINERNEY TRUSTEE	5.00	X						26,696	0	0
(8) HARRY R BARNES TRUSTEE	5.00	X						26,576	0	0
(9) HOWARD W GOLTZ TRUSTEE	5.00	X						17,495	0	0
(10) DAVID GIBSON GENERAL MANAGER/CEO	40.00			X				320,080	0	186,868
(11) DAVID MASSEY CFO	40.00			X				171,533	0	76,546
(12) SANDRA OVESON DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER OPERATIONS/MARKETING	40.00				X			151,638	0	292,805
(13) RON WARNICK DIRECTOR OF NETWORK OPERATIONS	40.00				X			181,344	0	210,711
(14) JUSTIN CLEVELAND NORTH DISTRICT MANAGER	40.00					X		110,464	0	221,022
(15) LEO BRADY NETWORK SUPERVISOR	40.00					X		106,464	0	206,834
(16) BONNIE MAYER DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES	40.00					X		133,779	0	170,909
(17) ERNEST PETERSON DIRECTOR OF FACILITY OPERATIONS	40.00					X		147,878	0	135,600

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

[illegible]

1b Sub-Total			
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A			
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	1,995,709	0	1,594,356

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ► 18

		Yes	No
3	Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	3 Yes	
4	For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i>	4 Yes	
5	Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i>	5	No

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A)	(B)	(C)
Name and business address	Description of services	Compensation
JKL ASSOCIATES INC PO BOX 80046 BILLINGS, MT 59108	CONSTRUCTION	3,760,741
TRACK UTILITIES LLC 441 W CORPORATE DRIVE MERIDIAN, ID 83642	CONSTRUCTION	2,665,719
VICTORY EQUITY CONSTRUCTION 12100 PULP MILL ROAD MISSOULA, MT 59808	CONSTRUCTION	1,811,134
MID-STATE CONSULTANTS INC 1475 NORTH 200 WEST NEPHI, UT 84648	ENGINEERING	1,569,357
MP NEXLEVEL LLC 500 CO RD 37 E MAPLE LAKE, MN 55358	CONSTRUCTION	1,321,346

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ► 12

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Part VIII		Statement of Revenue				
Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VIII ☐						
		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f: \$	1g				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f ▶					
Program Service Revenue	Business Code					
	2a WIRELINE	517000	40,571,320	40,571,320		
	b INTERNET	517000	15,592,047	15,592,047		
	c MISCELLANEOUS	511140	1,807,174	1,088,083	719,091	
	d					
	e					
	f All other program service revenue.					
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. ▶		57,970,541			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) ▶		184,678		184,678	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶					
	5 Royalties ▶					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
		6a				
		b Less: rental expenses	6b			
		c Rental income or (loss)	6c			
	d Net rental income or (loss) ▶					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
		7a				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b			
		c Gain or (loss)	7c			
	d Net gain or (loss) ▶					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a				
		b Less: direct expenses	8b			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events ▶					
	9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a				
		b Less: direct expenses	9b			
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities ▶					
	10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a				
		b Less: cost of goods sold	10b			
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory ▶					
	Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code			
11a GAIN FROM AFFILIATE		517000	1,410,859		1,410,859	
b AFUDC		517000	98,245		98,245	
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d ▶			1,509,104			
12 Total revenue. See instructions ▶			59,664,323	57,251,450	719,091	
					1,693,782	

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Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members	17,268,301			
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,284,183			
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	927,407			
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy				
17 Travel				
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	1,343,415			
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	13,345,949			
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a NONREGULATED	8,746,865			
b PLANT SPECIFIC OPERATIO	7,928,680			
c PLANT NONSPECIFIC OPERA	3,599,155			
d CUSTOMER OPERATIONS	2,090,636			
e All other expenses	1,718,873			
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	58,253,464			
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here ☐ if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

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

				(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing		15,223,453	1	20,544,383	
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments		5,000,000	2	15,000,000	
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net			3		
	4	Accounts receivable, net		8,519,165	4	6,191,654	
	5	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			5		
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)			6		
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		400,000	7	400,000	
	8	Inventories for sale or use		2,852,261	8	2,830,097	
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		1,025,615	9	1,174,906	
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a	267,583,227			
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	163,380,776	95,821,792	10c	104,202,451
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities			11		
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		11,790,750	12	13,080,946	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11			13		
	14	Intangible assets		234,000	14	234,000	
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11		6,825,050	15	10,266,797	
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		147,692,086	16	173,925,234		
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses		5,525,741	17	11,688,437	
	18	Grants payable			18		
	19	Deferred revenue			19		
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities			20		
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D			21		
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons			22		
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties			23		
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		50,329,202	24	54,901,058	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		15,142,220	25	13,769,583	
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		70,997,163	26	80,359,078	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☐ and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.						
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions			27		
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions			28		
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here ☒ and complete lines 29 through 33.						
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		0	29	0	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		9,887,739	30	10,309,760	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		66,807,184	31	83,256,396	
	32	Total net assets or fund balances		76,694,923	32	93,566,156	
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		147,692,086	33	173,925,234		

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	59,664,323
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	58,253,464
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,410,859
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	76,694,923
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	15,460,374
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	93,566,156

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

- 1** Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: ☐ Cash ☒ Accrual ☐ Other _____
If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.
- 2a** Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☐ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- b** Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
☐ Separate basis ☒ Consolidated basis ☐ Both consolidated and separate basis
- c** If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.
- 3a** As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?
- b** If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.

	Yes	No
2a		No
2b	Yes	
2c	Yes	
3a		No
3b		

Additional Data

Software ID:

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Name: 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE MAKES TELEPHONE, INTERNET AND VIDEO SERVICES AND FACILITIES AVAILABLE TO THE WIDEST PRACTICAL NUMBER OF USERS ON A NON-PROFIT, COOPERATIVE BASIS.

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SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

► Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.
► Attach to Form 990.
► Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Name of the organization
3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC

Employer identification number
81-0243702

Part I

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?

☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Part II

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

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

☐ Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education)

☐ Preservation of an historically important land area

☐ Protection of natural habitat

☐ Preservation of a certified historic structure

☐ Preservation of open space

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 7/25/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d

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

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

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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

Part III

Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

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

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ► \$

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ► \$

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Part III

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

3

Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

a

☐

Public exhibition

b

☐

Scholarly research

c

☐

Preservation for future generations

d

☐

Loan or exchange programs

e

☐

Other

4

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

5

During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . .

☐

Yes

☐

No

Part IV

Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 9, or reported an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21.

1a

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

☐

Yes

☐

No

b

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

c

Beginning balance

d

Additions during the year

e

Distributions during the year

f

Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a

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

☐

Yes

☐

No

b

If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

☐

Part V

Endowment Funds.

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

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

2

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

a

Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶

b

Permanent endowment ▶

c

Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

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

3a

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

(i) unrelated organizations

(ii) related organizations

b

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

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

4

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

Part VI

Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a	Land	1,452,586		1,452,586
b	Buildings	9,370,584	8,055,730	1,314,854
c	Leasehold improvements			
d	Equipment	256,760,057	155,325,046	101,435,011
e	Other			
Total.	Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶			104,202,451

Part VII

Investments—Other Securities.

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

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(A) INVESTMENT IN AFFILIATES	5,200,853	C
(B) INVESTMENT IN NONAFFILIATES	7,880,093	C
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶	13,080,946	

Part VIII

Investments—Program Related.

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

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

Part IX

Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) PLANT UNDER CONSTRUCTION	5,941,495
(2) OTHER ASSETS	4,325,302
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.) ▶	10,266,797

Part X

Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.) ▶	13,769,583

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

Software ID:
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Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2:	THE COOPERATIVE RECORDS UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS IF THE LIKELIHOOD THE POSITION WOULD BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION IS LESS THAN 50%. AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018, THE COOPERATIVE HAD NO ACCRUED AMOUNTS RELATED TO UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS.

Schedule J (Form 990)	Compensation Information	OMB No. 1545-0047
		2019
Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23. ▶ Attach to Form 990. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.	
Name of the organization 3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE INC		Employer identification number 81-0243702

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation		Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.			
☐ First-class or charter travel	☐ Housing allowance or residence for personal use		
☒ Travel for companions	☐ Payments for business use of personal residence		
☐ Tax idemnification and gross-up payments	☐ Health or social club dues or initiation fees		
☐ Discretionary spending account	☐ Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef)		
b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain		1b	No
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?		2	Yes
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.			
☒ Compensation committee	☐ Written employment contract		
☐ Independent compensation consultant	☒ Compensation survey or study		
☐ Form 990 of other organizations	☒ Approval by the board or compensation committee		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:			
a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?		4a	Yes
b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?		4b	No
c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?		4c	No
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.			
Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.			
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:			
a The organization?		5a	
b Any related organization?		5b	
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.			
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:			
a The organization?		6a	
b Any related organization?		6b	
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.			
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.		7	
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.		8	
9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?		9	

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

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Part III **Supplemental Information**

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

Return Reference	Explanation
PART I, LINE 1A	SOME AIRFARE AND MEAL EXPENSES ARE PROVIDED FOR SPOUSES TO ACCOMPANY KEY EMPLOYEES ON BUSINESS TRAVEL. EMPLOYEES REIMBURSE THE COMPANY FOR THEIR SPOUSES' TRAVEL EXPENSES. THE BOARD HAS SPOUSAL TRAVEL PAID FOR BY THE COMPANY, FOR WHICH THEY ARE TAXED EACH YEAR ON THEIR 1099-MISC FORMS.
PART I, LINE 4A	BRADLEY VEIS - \$320,000

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Form 990, Schedule J, Part II - Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base Compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1DAVID GIBSON GENERAL MANAGER/CEO	(i)	244,012	75,111	957	166,400	20,468	506,948	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1DAVID MASSEY CFO	(i)	143,218	24,700	3,615	56,470	20,076	248,079	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2SANDRA OVESON DIRECTOR OF CUSTOMER OPERATIONS/MARK	(i)	122,364	21,103	8,171	291,880	925	444,443	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3RON WARNICK DIRECTOR OF NETWORK OPERATIONS	(i)	146,602	25,284	9,458	194,416	16,295	392,055	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4JUSTIN CLEVELAND NORTH DISTRICT MANAGER	(i)	95,692	13,203	1,569	205,089	15,933	331,486	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5LEO BRADY NETWORK SUPERVISOR	(i)	93,168	8,570	4,726	187,781	19,053	313,298	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6BONNIE MAYER DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES	(i)	110,609	19,076	4,094	170,053	856	304,688	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7ERNEST PETERSON DIRECTOR OF FACILITY OPERATIONS	(i)	122,365	21,103	4,410	119,470	16,130	283,478	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8STEVEN KROGUE II IP NETWORK TECHNICIAN	(i)	106,606	2,150	66	55,390	19,754	183,966	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9BRAD VEIS FORMER DIRECTOR OF FINANCE	(i)	0	0	320,000	0	17,917	337,917	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service	Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ. ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.	OMB No. 1545-0047
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990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 2	A BOARD MEMBER IS AN EMPLOYEE OF ANOTHER BOARD MEMBER.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE ORGANIZATION OPERATES AS A COOPERATIVE CONSISTING OF MEMBERS WHO ELECT THE GOVERNING BODY (BOARD OF TRUSTEES) AND SHARE IN THE ORGANIZATION'S PROFITS. SIGNIFICANT DECISIONS ARE LARGELY APPROVED INDIRECTLY BY THE MEMBERS THROUGH THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. HOWEVER, THE MEMBERS DO APPROVE THE AUDIT / ANNUAL REPORT.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	THERE IS ONLY ONE CLASS OF COOPERATIVE MEMBERS. ALL MEMBERS HAVE THE SAME RIGHTS IN ELECTING THE GOVERNING BODY.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7B	THE MEMBERS APPROVE THE AUDIT/ANNUAL REPORT.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE CEO, CFO AND SENIOR ACCOUNTANT REVIEW THE COMPLETED FORM 990 PRIOR TO FILING.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	THE ORGANIZATION REGULARLY MONITORS COMPLIANCE WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY PRIMARILY BY REVIEW DURING ANNUAL TRUSTEE ELECTIONS. THE POLICY IS MONITORED AND DISCUSSED WITH THE ORGANIZATIONS ATTORNEY, THE BOARD AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT EVERY YEAR. IF THERE IS A CONFLICT, THE AFFECTED PEOPLE RECUSE THEMSELVES FROM RELATED CONVERSATIONS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	COMPENSATION FOR THE CEO IS DETERMINED USING A COMPENSATION SURVEY AND IS REVIEWED AND APPROVED BY CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES. ALL OTHER COMPENSATION IS PART OF THE ANNUAL BUDGET PROCESS.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18	FORMS 990 AND 990-T ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CONTACTING THE MAIN OFFICE.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE COOPERATIVE'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CONTACTING THE MAIN OFFICE AND IS ALSO PUBLISHED IN THE COOPERATIVE'S DIRECTORY. THE COOPERATIVE'S CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CONTACTING THE MAIN OFFICE. THE COOPERATIVE'S FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST BY CONTACTING THE MAIN OFFICE AND ARE DISTRIBUTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9:	PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - GENERAL -1,089,113. PATRONAGE CAPITAL RETIRED - ESTATES AND DISCONNECTED BUSINESSES -185,044. OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME -519,385. OTHER -14,385. BENEFITS PAID TO MEMBERS 17,268,301.

SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
▶ Attach to Form 990.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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Part I

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II

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

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512- 514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512 (b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1) 3 RIVERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS INC PO BOX 429 FAIRFIELD, MT 59436 81-0420385	TELECOMMUNICATIONS	MT	3 RIVERS TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	C	1,327,980	8,033,730	100.000 %	Yes	

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

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

a Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity

b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)

c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)

d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)

e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)

f Dividends from related organization(s)

g Sale of assets to related organization(s)

h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)

i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)

j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)

k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)

l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)

m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)

n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)

o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)

p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses

q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses

r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)

s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

Yes

No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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No

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Yes

1s

No

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

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Part VII **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation