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Form **990**

(Rev. January 2020)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2019

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

B Check if applicable

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

Western Conservation Foundation

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1675 Larimer Street 420City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
Denver, CO 80202F Name and address of principal officer Brendon Cechovic
same as C above

D Employer identification number

33-1107506

E Telephone number
720-454-3351

G Gross receipts \$ 12,388,424.

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ NoH(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)() (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527J Website: www.wcfnd.orgK Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other

L Year of formation: 2005

M State of legal domicile: CO

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities	Building leaders to protect the West's land, air, and water.	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	4
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	4
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	5	21
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	4
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	7b	0.	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	9,820,193.	12,347,950.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	0.	0.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	54,788.	40,474.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	9,874,981.	12,388,424.
	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	7,886,554.	7,523,603.
Expenses	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	0.	0.
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	2,480,282.	2,708,080.
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	182,432.	
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	3,503,390.	3,080,342.
	18	Total expenses - Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	13,870,226.	13,312,025.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses - Subtract line 18 from line 12	-3,995,245.	-923,601.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	6,759,265.	6,395,195.
22	Net assets or fund balances - Subtract line 21 from line 20	887,908.	1,447,439.	
		5,871,357.	4,947,756.	

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 Brendon Cechovic Date 8/3/20
Brendon Cechovic, CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid ☐ Print/Type preparer's name Kristin Calder Preparer's signature [Signature] Date 7/28/2020 Check ☐ if self-employed PTIN P01720813

Preparer Use Only ☐ Firm's name Kundinger, Corder & Engle, P.C. Firm's EIN [EIN]
☐ Firm's address 475 Lincoln Street, Suite 200
Denver, CO 80203 Phone no. 303 534-5953

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☒ Yes ☐ No

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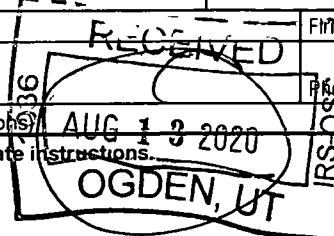
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Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Building leaders to protect the West's land, air, and water.

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 \$ 11,871,308. including grants of \$ 7,003,603.) (Revenue \$)
Accountability:

Builds champions for conservation by bringing new voices to the conservation debate, identifying timely issues, and educating the public about actions taken by public officials that impact the Western United States' natural resources.

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 585,075. including grants of \$ 520,000.) (Revenue \$)
Special Opportunities:

Funds projects that complement the Foundation's mission but fall outside targeted geographies.

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)**4d** Other program services (Describe on Schedule O)

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

4e Total program service expenses 12,456,383.

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Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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

Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O

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?	X	

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

		Yes	No
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		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note: If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR)		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8882?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8882 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
13a	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	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		
13c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
14b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O		
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		X
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		X

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

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

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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 on Schedule O.		
1b Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent		
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?		X
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

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

19 Describe on 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 ▶
 Scott Panter - 303-454-3351
 1675 Larimer Street, Ste. 420, Denver, CO 80202

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

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

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

				(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e					
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	12,347,950.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f			12,347,950.			
Program Service Revenue			Business Code				
	2 a						
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f							
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			40,474.			40,474.
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6 a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	b Less rental expenses	6b					
	c Rental income or (loss)	6c					
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b					
	c Gain or (loss)	7c					
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	8a					
	b Less direct expenses	8b					
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
	9 a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	9a					
b Less direct expenses	9b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10 a 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				
	11 a						
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d							
12 Total revenue. See instructions				12,388,424.	0.	0.	40,474.

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

☒ X

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.	7,523,603.	7,523,603.		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22.				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	611,976.	290,286.	176,673.	145,017.
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	1,524,889.	1,241,930.	282,959.	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	155,285.	126,940.	28,345.	
9 Other employee benefits	265,112.	224,119.	37,844.	3,149.
10 Payroll taxes	150,818.	115,391.	32,703.	2,724.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees)				
a Management				
b Legal	12,560.	10,015.	2,000.	545.
c Accounting	23,000.		23,000.	
d Lobbying	651,199.	651,199.		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17.				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Sch O.)	1,872,211.	1,848,963.	21,724.	1,524.
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses	73,780.	53,422.	16,127.	4,231.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	222,343.	163,651.	46,122.	12,570.
17 Travel	160,819.	144,814.	3,787.	12,218.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	5,187.	4,754.	393.	40.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	7,362.	5,415.	1,533.	414.
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Other program expenses	51,881.	51,881.		
b				
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e.	13,312,025.	12,456,383.	673,210.	182,432.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing		1	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	6,515,892.	2	6,269,584.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	168,064.	4	63,601.
	5 Loans and other receivables from 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		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	28,324.	9	22,388.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment cost or other basis Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 102,014.		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 78,700.	30,677.	10c 23,314.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities		11	
	12 Investments - other securities See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments - program-related See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets See Part IV, line 11	16,308.	15	16,308.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	6,759,265.	16	6,395,195.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	332,763.	17	429,189.
	18 Grants payable	555,145.	18	1,018,250.
	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		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24) Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	887,908.	26	1,447,439.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	4,405,777.	27	3,014,055.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	1,465,580.	28	1,933,701.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	5,871,357.	32	4,947,756.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	6,759,265.	33	6,395,195.	

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	12,388,424.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	13,312,025.
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-923,601.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	5,871,357.
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 on Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	4,947,756.

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

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

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

Western Conservation Foundation

Employer identification number

33-1107506

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

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 ☐ A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990 or 990-EZ).)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 ☒ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☐ An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university _____
- 10 ☐ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.

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f Enter the number of supported organizations

g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s)

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	10,431,852.	10,302,680.	19,827,236.	9,820,193.	12,347,950.	62,729,911.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	10,431,852.	10,302,680.	19,827,236.	9,820,193.	12,347,950.	62,729,911.
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						27,071,257.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						34,050,654.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	10,431,852.	10,302,680.	19,827,236.	9,820,193.	12,347,950.	62,729,911.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	13,331.	7,573.	20,339.	54,788.	40,474.	136,505.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						62,866,416.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	55.45 %
15 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	50.21 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2019. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2019. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2018. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions ► <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2015	(b) 2016	(c) 2017	(d) 2018	(e) 2019	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2019 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2019. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐**b 33 1/3% support tests - 2018.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐**20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 12 on Part I. If you checked 12a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 12b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 12c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 12d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

- 1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.
- 2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).
- 3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.
- b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.
- c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.
- 4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes," and if you checked 12a or 12b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.
- b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- 5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI**, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- b **Type I or Type II only.** Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c **Substitutions only.** Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).
- 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).
- 9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer 10b below.
- b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

	Yes	No
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4b		
4c		
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5b		
5c		
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9a		
9b		
9c		
10a		
10b		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

	Yes	No
11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons?		
a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (b) and (c) below, the governing body of a supported organization?		
b A family member of a person described in (a) above?		
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (a) or (b) above? If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI.		

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.		
2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization.		

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).		

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided?		
2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).		
3 By reason of the relationship described in (2), did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).		
<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).	
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Yes	No
Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.		
2a		
b	Yes	No
Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.		
2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Yes	No
Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.		
3a		
b	Yes	No
Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.		
3b		

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

- 1 ☐ Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (explain in Part VI). **See instructions.** All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year)		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI)		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by .035	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	

Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1	
2	Enter 85% of line 1	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6	
7	<input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)		

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes	
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)	
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI) See instructions	
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6	
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI) See instructions	
9	Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6	
10	Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)	(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2019	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2019
1 Distributable amount for 2019 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2019 (reasonable cause required- explain in Part VI) See instructions			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2019			
a From 2014			
b From 2015			
c From 2016			
d From 2017			
e From 2018			
f Total of lines 3a through e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2014 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f			
4 Distributions for 2019 from Section D, line 7 \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2019 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2019, if any Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2019 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2020. Add lines 3j and 4c			
8 Breakdown of line 7			
a Excess from 2015			
b Excess from 2016			
c Excess from 2017			
d Excess from 2018			
e Excess from 2019			

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019

Part VI **Supplemental Information.** Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10, Part II, line 17a or 17b, Part III, line 12, Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c, Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2, Part IV, Section C, line 1, Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3, Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a, and 3b, Part V, line 1, Part V, Section B, line 1e, Part V, Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8, and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions.)

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
▶ **Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2019

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

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)		194,108.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		457,091.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		651,199.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		12,660,826.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		13,312,025.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns		815,601.													
<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000			
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e														
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Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		203,900.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.													
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0.													
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

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

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2016	(b) 2017	(c) 2018	(d) 2019	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	694,227.	832,971.	843,511.	815,601.	3,186,310.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					4,779,465.
c Total lobbying expenditures	470,032.	533,872.	788,252.	651,199.	2,443,355.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	173,557.	208,243.	210,878.	203,900.	796,578.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,194,867.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	174,469.	204,813.	202,043.	194,108.	775,433.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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)

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 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 FASB 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 FASB 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 FASB 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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Schedule D (Form 990) 2019

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 make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)

a ☐ Public exhibition

d ☐ Loan or exchange program

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other _____

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

c Beginning balance

d Additions during the year

e Distributions during the year

f Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

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

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

a Board designated or quasi-endowment ☐ %

b Permanent endowment ☐ %

c Term endowment ☐ %

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

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

(i) Unrelated organizations

(ii) Related organizations

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

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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		35,182.	35,182.	0.
e Other		66,832.	43,518.	23,314.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				23,314.

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Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

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

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

SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1 Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? ☒ Yes ☐ No

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Arizona Advocacy Network Foundation - 1 N 1st St Suite 649 - Phoenix, AZ 85004	02-0565840	501(c)(4)	35,500.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Arizona Interfaith Power & Light 712 W. Howe St. Tempe, AZ 85281-6694	27-4175396	501(c)(3)	12,000	0.			Clean Energy Education
Arizona PIRG Education Fund, Inc. 130 N CENTRAL AVENUE, STE 202 Phoenix, AZ 85004	35-2259362	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Arizona Technology Council 2800 N Central Ave #1530 Phoenix, AZ 85004	86-0684848	501(c)(6)	30,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Arizona Wildlife Federation P.O. Box 51510 Mesa, AZ 85208	86-0076994	501(c)(3)	237,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Backcountry Hunters & Anglers PO BOX 9257 Missoula, MT 59807	20-1037177	501(c)(3)	275,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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

91.

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

7.

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Schedule I (Form 990) (2019)

Part II Continuation of Grants and Other Assistance to Governments and Organizations in the United States (Schedule I (Form 990), Part II)

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section if applicable	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of non cash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
Boulder City Chamber of Commerce 465 Nevada Way Boulder City, NV 89005	88-0025014	501(c)(6)	11,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
California Audubon Society 220 Montgomery St., Suite 1000 San Francisco, CA 94104	13-1624102	501(c)(3)	38,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
California League of Conservation Voters Education Fund - 350 Frank H. Ogawa Plz, Suite 1100 - Oakland, CA 94612	94-3232552	501(c)(3)	177,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
California Wilderness Coalition 1814 Franklin Street, Suite 510 Oakland, CA 94612	51-0183228	501(c)(3)	56,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Carson Valley Chamber of Commerce 1477 U.S. Hwy 395 Gardnerville, NV 89410	88-0118719	501(c)(6)	8,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Center for Race Poverty and the Environment - 1012 Jefferson Street - Delano, CA 93215	05-0557231	501(c)(3)	20,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Central Valley Partnership P.O. Box 5014 Fresno, CA 93755-5014	81-3125919	501(c)(3)	50,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
City Parks Alliance 2121 Ward Court, NW, 5th Floor Washington, DC 20037	80-0015566	501(c)(3)	9,800.	0.			Public Lands Education
Clean Water Fund 23885 Denton Street, Suite B Clinton Township, MI 48036	52-1043444	501(c)(3)	215,961.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Climate Advocates Voces Unidas 518 Old Santa Fe Trail, Suite 1-40 Santa Fe, NM 87505	20-3287015	501(c)(3)	82,500.	0.			Clean Energy Education
CNA Military Advisory Board 3003 Washington, BLVD. Arlington, VA 22201	54-1558882	501(c)(3)	10,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Coalition to Protect America's National Parks - 5625 North Wilmot Road - Tucson, AZ 85750	20-2002652	501(c)(3)	110,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Colorado AFL-CIO 925 S Niagara St. Suite 600 Denver, CO 80224	84-0457306	501(c)(5)	10,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Colorado Canyons Association 543 Main Street #4 Grand Junction, CO 81501	20-2409837	501(c)(3)	30,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Colorado Trout Unlimited 1536 Wynkoop Street, Ste. 100 Denver, CO 80202	38-1612715	501(c)(3)	16,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Colorado Wildlife Federation 1410 Grant Street, Suite c-313 Denver, CO 80203	84-0576376	501(c)(3)	14,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Common Cause Education Fund 1133 19th Street NW, 9th Floor Washington, DC 20036	31-1705370	501(c)(3)	40,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Conservation Colorado Education Fund - 1536 Wynkoop St Ste. 510 - Denver, CO 80202	84-0614285	501(c)(3)	332,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Conservation Voters for Idaho Education Fund - PO Box 2802 - Boise, ID 83701	13-4361041	501(c)(3)	110,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Conservation Voters New Mexico Education Fund - 200 W. DeVargas Street, Suite 1 - Santa Fe, NM 87501	91-1982332	501(c)(3)	94,750.	0.			Public Lands Education
Conservative Alliance for Solar Energy - 15679 W. Avalon Drive - Goodyear, AZ 85395	81-3921648	501(c)(3)	20,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Conservatives for Responsible Stewardship - 11705 Sumacs Street - Oakton, VA 22124	31-1683604	501(c)(3)	30,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Continental Divide Trail Coalition 710 10th Street Suite 200 Golden, CO 80401	45-5051775	501(c)(3)	115,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Defenders of Wildlife 1130 17th Street N.W. Washington, DC 20036-4604	53-0183181	501(c)(3)	15,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Division of Homeland Ministries of the Christian Church - P.O. Box 1986 - Indianapolis, IN 46206	35-0868116	501(c)(3)	40,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Environment America Research and Policy Center - 294 Washington Street, Suite 500 - Boston, MA 02108	13-4339865	501(c)(3)	353,850.	0.			Public Lands Education
Faith Organizing Alliance 2450 Revere Street Las Vegas, NV 89030	82-4278099	501(c)(3)	5,850.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Forward Montana Foundation 136 E Broadway, Ste 1 Missoula, MT 59802	26-2075145	501(c)(3)	10,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Fresno Building Healthy Communities - PO Box 7694 - Fresno, CA 93747	81-3711032	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Friends of Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks - PO Box 2676 - Las Cruces, NM 88004	27-5027211	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Grand Canyon Trust 2601 N. Fort Valley Road Flagstaff, AZ 86001	86-0512633	501(c)(3)	60,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Headwaters Economics PO Box 7059 Bozeman, MT 59771	74-3171967	501(c)(3)	29,600.	0.			Public Lands Education
Hispanic Access Foundation 1030 15th Street B1, NW, #150 Washington, DC 20005	27-2589206	501(c)(3)	90,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Hispano Round Table de Nuevo Mexico - P.O. Box 13418 - Albuquerque, NM 87192	47-1583307	501(c)(3)	8,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Idaho Wildlife Federation PO Box 6426 Boise, ID 83707	23-7039340	501(c)(3)	30,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Institute for a Progressive Nevada 2657 Windmill Parkway #619 Henderson, NV 89074	27-0854756	501(c)(3)	123,500.	0.			Public Lands Education

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International Mountain Biking Association - PO Box 20280 - Boulder, CO 80308	47-1254119	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
League of Conservation Voters Education Fund - 740 15th Street NW, Suite 700 - Washington, DC 20005	52-1379661	501(c)(3)	121,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
MONTANA AUDUBON PO Box 595 Helena, MT 59624	81-0412530	501(c)(3)	35,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Montana Conservation Voters Education Fund - Box 853 - Billings, MT 59103	51-0525336	501(c)(3)	122,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Montana Trout Unlimited P.O. Box 7186 Missoula, MT 59801	23-7355289	501(c)(3)	20,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Montana Wilderness Association 80 South Warren Helena, MT 59601	51-0198932	501(c)(3)	195,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Montana Wildlife Federation P.O. Box 1175 Helena, MT 59624	81-0303948	501(c)(3)	221,973.	0.			Public Lands Education
MontPIRG Leadership Fund 141 Corbin Hall Missoula, MT 59812	81-0486984	501(c)(3)	50,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Mountain Mamas 321 East Main Street, Suite 324 Bozeman, MT 59715	83-2772033	501(c)(3)	105,500.	0.			Public Lands Education

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National Religious Partnership for the Environment - 110 Maryland Avenue, NE, Suite 203 - Washington, DC 20002	13-6996770	501(c)(3)	40,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
National Wildlife Federation 303 E. 17th Ave. #15 Denver, CO 80203	53-0204616	501(c)(3)	612,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Nevada Conservation League Education Fund - 817 South Main Street - Las Vegas, NV 89101	71-0931708	501(c)(3)	115,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
New Mexico Wilderness Alliance 142 Truman St. NE, Suite B1 Albuquerque, NM 87108	85-0457916	501(c)(3)	176,630.	0.			Public Lands Education
New Mexico Wildlife Federation 6100 Seagull St. NE, Suite B-105 Albuquerque, NM 87109	85-0160947	501(c)(3)	105,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Nuestra Tierra Conservation Project - 1762 Mcrae Ave - Las Cruces, NM 88001	84-2294981	501(c)(3)	35,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Outdoor Afro 2323 Broadway Ave. Oakland, CA 94612	47-3094045	501(c)(3)	40,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Outside Las Vegas Foundation 919 E. Bonneville Avenue., Suite 2 Las Vegas, NV 89101	26-2537847	501(c)(3)	72,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Pacific Crest Trail Association 1331 Garden Highway Sacramento, CA 95833	33-0051202	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Partnership for Responsible Business - PO Box 1821 - Santa Fe, NM 87504-1821	27-3975486	501(c)(3)	44,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Posada 827 East 4th Street Pueblo, CO 81001	74-2473501	501(c)(3)	15,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Prickly Pear Land Trust PO Box 892 Helena, MT 59624	81-0506868	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Progress Now New Mexico 625 Silver Ave. SW Albuquerque, NM 87102	45-4130072	501(c)(3)	40,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
ProgressNow Arizona Education Fund 345 East Palm Lane Phoenix, AZ 85004	37-1782220	501(c)(3)	20,000.	0			Public Lands Education
ProgressNow Colorado Education 1536 Wynkoop St # 4A Denver, CO 80202	73-1674017	501(c)(3)	40,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Project on Government Oversight 1100 G Street, NW, Suite 500 Washington, DC 20005	52-1739443	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Protect Our Winters 311 Mapleton Ave Boulder, CO 80304	20-8474909	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Public Citizen Foundation 1600 20th St NW Washington, DC 20009	52-1263996	501(c)(3)	64,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility - 962 Wayne Avenue, Suite 610 - Silver Spring, MD 20910	93-1102740	501(c)(3)	50,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Public Land Solutions 478 Mill Creek Drive Moab, UT 84532	45-4818675	501(c)(3)	95,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Public Lands Foundation PO Box 7226 Arlington, VA 22207	54-1437054	501(c)(3)	27,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Reno + Sparks Chamber of Commerce 449 South Virginia Street # 200 Reno, NV 89501	88-0041905	501(c)(6)	11,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Rocky Mountain Climate Organization - PO Box 270444 - Louisville, CO 80027	20-0342793	501(c)(3)	8,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Rocky Mountain Wild 1536 Wynkoop St, Suite 303 Denver, CO 80202	84-1512852	501(c)(3)	25,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
San Juan Citizens Alliance PO Box 2461, 1309 E Third Ave Durango, CO 81302	84-1447465	501(c)(3)	62,950.	0.			Public Lands Education
Save Red Rock Community Development Corporation - 10575 Discovery Dr. - Las Vegas, NV 89147	81-5365028	501(c)(3)	18,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Sequoia Riverlands Trust 427 South Garden Visalia, CA 93277	77-0347417	501(c)(3)	10,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Sheep Mountain Alliance PO Box 389 Telluride, CO 81435	84-1294894	501(c)(3)	18,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Sierra Business Council P.O. Box 2428 Truckee, CA 96160	68-0397204	501(c)(3)	45,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Sierra Club Foundation 85 Second Street, Suite 750 San Francisco, CA 94510	94-6069890	501(c)(3)	102,200.	0.			Public Lands Education
Solar United Neighbors 1350 Connecticut Ave. NW, Suite 41 Washington, DC 20036	46-2462990	501(c)(3)	12,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
State Innovation Exchange P.O. Box 260230 Madison, WI 53726-0230	46-1368531	501(c)(3)	24,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Surfrider Foundation P.O. Box 6010 San Clemente, CA 92674	95-3941826	501(c)(3)	105,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
The San Diego Foundation 2508 Historic Decatur Road, Suite San Diego, CA 92106	95-2942582	501(c)(3)	10,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership - 529 14th Street NW, Suite 500 - Washington, DC 20045	04-3706385	501(c)(3)	125,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Thompson Divide Coalition PO Box 2045 Carbondale, CO 81623	45-4785260	501(c)(3)	6,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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Trout Unlimited National Office 1777 N. Kent Street, Suite 100 Arlington, VA 22209	38-1612715	501(c)(3)	156,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Trust for Public Land 1410 Grant Street, Suite D210 Denver, CO 80203	23-7222333	501(c)(3)	65,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Vet Voice Foundation PO Box 10031 Portland, OR 97296	26-4627222	501(c)(3)	201,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
We Own It 1325 E Dayton St. Ste 100 Madison, WI 53703	47-4058872	501(c)(3)	10,000.	0.			Clean Energy Education
Western Colorado Congress 134 North 6th Street Grand Junction, CO 81502	84-0837218	501(c)(3)	8,500.	0.			Public Lands Education
Western Conservation Action 1675 Larimer Street, Suite 420 Denver, CO 80202	20-8091495	501(c)(4)	556,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Western Landowners Alliance 3 CALIENTE ROAD, #5, Santa Fe, NM 87508	46-1346488	501(c)(3)	50,000.	0.			Public Lands Education
Western Resource Advocates 2260 Baseline Road, Suite 200 Boulder, CO 80302	84-1113831	501(c)(3)	167,039.	0.			Public Lands Education
Western Slope Conservation Center PO Box 1612 Paonia, CO 81428	84-0728032	501(c)(3)	25,000.	0.			Public Lands Education

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

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

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

Part I, Line 2

WCF grantmaking process includes review of each grantee's exempt status,

issuance of a grant agreement and the requirement that the grantee submit a

report that details how the funds were spent.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Compensation Information

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.**

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Name of the organization

Western Conservation Foundation

Employer identification number

33-1107506

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as 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

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the 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.

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 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?
- b** Any related organization?
- 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?
- b** Any related organization?
- 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 on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.

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.

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		X
4b		X
4c		X
5a		X
5b		X
6a		X
6b		X
7		X
8		X
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2019

Part III Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed

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 aren't 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.

(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				
(1) Brendon Cechovic Chief Executive Officer	(i)	187,068.	5,000.	0.	19,207.	12,796.	224,071.	0.
	(ii)	17,552.	0.	0.	1,755.	3,658.	22,965.	0.
(2) Shara Kaplin Chief of Staff	(i)	172,872.	0.	0.	17,287.	15,375.	205,534.	0.
	(ii)	3,528.	0.	0.	353.	735.	4,616.	0.
(3) Leah Wieneke Chief Operating Officer	(i)	147,475.	0.	0.	14,748.	16,402.	178,625.	0.
	(ii)	11,957.	0.	0.	1,196.	2,492.	15,645.	0.
(4) Aaron Browning Director of Federal Public Lands	(i)	149,300.	0.	0.	14,930.	6,710.	170,940.	0.
	(ii)	15,367.	0.	0.	1,537.	3,203.	20,107.	0.
(5) Sara Moffat Director of Government Relations	(i)	127,787.	0.	0.	12,779.	11,446.	152,012.	0.
	(ii)	35,413.	0.	0.	3,541.	7,381.	46,335.	0.
(6) Sarah Cobler Director of State Lands Program	(i)	138,450.	0.	0.	13,845.	15,264.	167,559.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
(7) Monica Pergrossi Program Director	(i)	114,880.	0.	0.	11,488.	15,579.	141,947.	0.
	(ii)	11,246.	0.	0.	1,125.	2,344.	14,715.	0.
(8) Niki Hawthorne Director of Special Projects	(i)	120,000.	0.	0.	12,000.	25,078.	157,078.	0.
	(ii)	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.
	(i)							
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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.

Part I, Line 3

The organization is a related organization of Western Conservation Action

("WCA"). In 2019, WCA shared staff with Western Conservation Foundation

through a cost-sharing agreement between the two organizations. WCF paid

all compensation and WCA promptly reimbursed WCF for its share of allocable

compensation pursuant to this agreement. WCF, as the common paymaster, not

WCA, issues the W-2s. The board and/or compensation committee of Western

Conservation Foundation establish the compensation of Western Conservation

Foundation's CEO.

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.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, line 11b:

The Form 990 is reviewed and approved by the Finance Committee and then

made available to the Board of Directors prior to submission to the

Internal Revenue Service.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c:

The organization requires the officers, directors and trustees to disclose

any conflicts of interest on an annual basis. Potential conflicts, whether

initially disclosed or subsequently discovered, are reviewed by the Board

of Directors to determine if the conflict actually exists. Officers,

directors and trustees recuse themselves from voting on matters for which

there may be a potential conflict of interest.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15:

The CEO, top management and staff complete an annual review process.

Documentation from this review is used by the CEO and the Board of

Directors, in the case of the CEO, to determine salary amounts or salary

increases. Salary for the CEO is set based on the Board's knowledge of

salary levels in comparable organizations/positions and executive salaries

paid by their peers in the Colorado non-profit community, courtesy of

Charity Navigator.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 18:

No documents are available to the public.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19:

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Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) (2019)

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The organization makes a copy of its Forms 1023 and 990 available to the public upon request.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g, Other Fees:

Research and polling:

Program service expenses	18,000.
Management and general expenses	0.
Fundraising expenses	0.
Total expenses	18,000.

Program consultants:

Program service expenses	1,793,813.
Management and general expenses	0.
Fundraising expenses	0.
Total expenses	1,793,813.

Other consulting:

Program service expenses	25,751.
Management and general expenses	18,508.
Fundraising expenses	661.
Total expenses	44,920.

Accounting and Payroll:

Program service expenses	5,275.
Management and general expenses	1,499.
Fundraising expenses	405.
Total expenses	7,179.

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IT Consulting:

Program service expenses 6,124.

Management and general expenses 1,717.

Fundraising expenses 458.

Total expenses 8,299.

Total Other Fees on Form 990, Part IX, line 11g, Col A 1,872,211.

Form 990, Part XII, Line 2c:

The Foundation's Board of Directors assumes the responsibility for oversight of the audit of its financial statements and the selection of an independent accountant. This process has not changed from the prior years.

Form 990, Part I, Line 5 and Form 990, Part VII, Section A:

The organization is a related organization of Western Conservation Action ("WCA"). In 2019, WCA shared staff with Western Conservation Foundation through a cost-sharing agreement between the two organizations. WCF paid all compensation and WCA promptly reimbursed WCF for its share of allocable compensation pursuant to this agreement. WCF, as the common paymaster, not WCA, issues the W-2s. The board and/or compensation committee of Western Conservation Foundation establish the compensation of Western Conservation Foundation's CEO.

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
Western Conservation Action - 20-8091495 1675 Larimer Street, Suite 420 Denver, CO 80202	Increase power of the western conservation movement.	Colorado	501(c)(4)	N/A	Western Conservation Foundation	X	

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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
1a		X
1b	X	
1c		X
1d		X
1e		X
1f		X
1g		X
1h		X
1i		X
1j		X
1k		X
1l		X
1m		X
1n	X	
1o	X	
1p		X
1q	X	
1r		X
1s		X

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

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) Western Conservation Action	B	556,000.24	244
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. See instructions.