

Form **990**
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)

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

- B** Check if applicable
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return/terminated
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

Doing business as

Number and street (or P O box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
451 MCCORMICK ROAD

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code
CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108

D Employer identification number
54-0846925

E Telephone number
(412) 264-4044

G Gross receipts \$ 11,085,349

F Name and address of principal officer
BENJAMIN JONES
451 MCCORMICK ROAD
CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108

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

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

H(c) Group exemption number ▶

I Tax-exempt status 501(c)(3) 501(c) () ◀ (insert no) 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: ▶ WWW.RUFFEDGROUSESOCIETY.ORG

K Form of organization Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation 1961

M State of legal domicile VA

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities
ESTABLISHED IN 1961, THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY IS NORTH AMERICA'S FOREMOST (CONT ON SCHEDULE O)

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

3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	17
4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	17
5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2019 (Part V, line 2a)	27
6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	1,800
7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	56,671
7b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 39	-149,543

	Prior Year	Current Year
8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	2,511,545	2,553,903
9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	0	0
10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	450,997	158,702
11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	2,567,682	2,453,451
12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	5,530,224	5,166,056
13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	0	0
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)	1,965,939	1,920,896
16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0	0
b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 183,746		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	3,402,908	3,675,092
18 Total expenses Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	5,368,847	5,595,988
19 Revenue less expenses Subtract line 18 from line 12	161,377	-429,932
	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	7,930,719	8,414,639
21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,313,116	1,549,619
22 Net assets or fund balances Subtract line 21 from line 20	6,617,603	6,865,020

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: ***** Date: 2020-08-18

BENJAMIN JONES, PRESIDENT AND CEO
Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00299402
Firm's name ▶ LOUIS PLUNG & COMPANY LLP			Firm's EIN ▶ 25-1637458	
Firm's address ▶ 420 FT DUQUESNE BLVD STE 1900 PITTSBURGH, PA 15222			Phone no (412) 281-8771	

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission

1 ESTABLISHED IN 1961, THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY UNITES CONSERVATIONISTS TO IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT AND FOREST HEALTH AND PROMOTE A CONSERVATION ETHIC, ALL GROUNDED IN THE TENETS OF SCIENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

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 \$ 2,020,977 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4b (Code) (Expenses \$ 1,516,826 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
See Additional Data

4c (Code) (Expenses \$ 655,441 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 56,671)
See Additional Data

See Additional Data Table

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O)
(Expenses \$ 765,466 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ 4,958,710

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding organizational reporting and compliance.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part V []

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding IRS filings and gaming.

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

Table with 3 main columns: Question/Description, Answer Box, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 2a through 16 regarding employee reporting, tax returns, gross income, foreign accounts, prohibited transactions, annual receipts, deductible contributions, sponsoring organizations, and charitable trusts.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed: PA, MN, MI, VA, OR
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
 - Own website
 - Another's website
 - Upon request
 - Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: KIM SWISHER 451 MCCORMICK ROAD CORAOPOLIS, PA 15108 (412) 262-4044

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) DAVID MOORE CHAIR	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) GEORGE RICH VICE CHAIR	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) BRIAN W SMITH TREASURER	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) TRACY T LARSEN SECRETARY	3 00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) TERRY WILSON DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(6) JOSEPH M BYERS JR DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(7) BRUCE A BENNETT DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(8) SETH E DIZARD ESQ DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(9) WILLIAM V KRAZINSKI JR RPH DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(10) DAVID KURITZKY DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(11) W STEPHEN MARITZ DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(12) SHANE T MENGEL DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(13) ROY SMITH DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(14) JULIE SANDSTORM DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(15) JAMES COBY SHAW DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(16) TRACY LEE DIRECTOR	1 50	X						0	0	0
(17) KIM SWISHER MANAGER OF ACCOUNTING	40 00			X				51,000	0	9,000

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(18) BEN C JONES PRESIDENT AND CEO	50 00			X				170,007	0	13,200
1b Sub-Total										
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							221,007	0		22,200

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization ▶ **1**

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

Section B. Independent Contractors

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

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization ▶ **0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

		(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a			
	b Membership dues	1b	649,665		
	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	1,904,238		
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f \$	1g			
h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		2,553,903			

Program Service Revenue			Business Code			
	2a					
	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)		119,907			119,907	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real				
			(ii) Personal				
		b Less rental expenses	6b				
		c Rental income or (loss)	6c				
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	5,845,418	78,785		
			(ii) Other				
		b Less cost or other basis and sales expenses	7b	5,828,843	56,565		
		c Gain or (loss)	7c	16,575	22,220		
	d Net gain or (loss)			38,795		38,795	
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c) See Part IV, line 18	8a		2,270,328			
			8b	0			
		c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events			2,270,328		2,270,328
	9a Gross income from gaming activities See Part IV, line 19	9a					
9b							
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a		73,034				
		10b	33,885				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			39,149	39,149		
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code					
11a ADVERTISING INCOME		511120	56,671		56,671		
b FORESTRY CLEARING & CONSULTING		110000	53,177	53,177			
c TIMBER SALES		110000	25,817	25,817			
d All other revenue			8,309	8,309			
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			143,974				
12 Total revenue. See instructions			5,166,056	126,452	56,671	2,429,030	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

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

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees				
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	243,208	208,526	17,876	16,806
7 Other salaries and wages	1,677,688	1,438,258	123,502	115,928
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401 (k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes				
11 Fees for services (non-employees)				
a Management				
b Legal	3,750		3,750	
c Accounting	17,000		17,000	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)				
12 Advertising and promotion	206,214	206,214		
13 Office expenses	76,923	65,704	9,304	1,915
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	138,891	119,072	10,222	9,597
17 Travel	277,086	231,663	45,423	
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	9,999		9,999	
20 Interest	43,866		43,866	
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	179,113	153,571	13,165	12,377
23 Insurance	6,623	5,677	488	458
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a HABITAT PROGRAMS	1,080,521	1,080,521		
b BANQUET EXPENSES	988,458	968,689		19,769
c CHAPTER ACTIVITIES EXPE	163,673	137,569	26,024	80
d SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT	126,904	96,326	27,013	3,565
e All other expenses	356,071	246,920	105,900	3,251
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	5,595,988	4,958,710	453,532	183,746
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 <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest-bearing	14,032	1	200,261
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	732,641	2	1,241,990
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	969,645	3	854,723
	4 Accounts receivable, net	140,467	4	181,844
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use	291,484	8	274,854
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	71,781	9	99,475
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment—cost or other basis—Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,601,204		
	b Less accumulated depreciation	10b 906,467	904,334	10c 694,737
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	4,806,335	11	4,866,755
	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		15	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	7,930,719	16	8,414,639	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	234,318	17	238,199
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	44,000	19	36,534
	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	942,744	23	1,132,905
	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	92,054	25	141,981
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,313,116	26	1,549,619
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	5,136,430	27	5,404,024
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	1,481,173	28	1,460,996
	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	6,617,603	32	6,865,020	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	7,930,719	33	8,414,639	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check 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	5,166,056
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	5,595,988
3	Revenue less expenses Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-429,932
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	6,617,603
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	965,172
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	-287,823
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	6,865,020

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

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

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

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Form 990 (2019)

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a:

CHAPTER OPERATIONS RGS CHAPTERS UNDERSTAND AND FURTHER THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION TO IMPROVE WILDLIFE HABITAT, FOREST HEALTH AND PROMOTE CONSERVATION ETHICS WITH THE HELP OF RGS REGIONAL DIRECTORS, CHAPTERS ORGANIZE VARIOUS ACTIVITIES INCLUDING EDUCATIONAL SEMINARS, HABITAT DAYS, YOUTH OUTINGS, SOCIAL EVENTS, UPLAND HUNTS, AND MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b:

HABITAT PROJECTS RGS WORKS WITH VARIOUS LANDOWNERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO ENHANCE FOREST HABITAT FOR RUFFED GROUSE AND ALL FOREST WILDLIFE USING SCIENCE-SUPPORTED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND GUIDED BY FOREST CONSERVATION DIRECTORS AND OTHER CONSERVATION DELIVERY STAFF EMPLOYED TO CARRY OUT THE ORGANIZATION'S HABITAT MISSION

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c:

MEMBERSHIP SERVICES RGS COMMUNICATES AND EDUCATES MEMBERS ON HABITAT, FOREST MANAGEMENT AND UPLAND HUNTING THROUGH THE RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY MAGAZINE, WEBSITE (WWW.RUFFEDGROUSESOCIETY.ORG), EMAIL AND SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNICATION

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

(Code) (Expenses \$ 654,691 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

GENERAL EDUCATION AND OUTREACH THE RGS RECRUITMENT PROGRAMS RECRUIT, RETAIN AND REACTIVATE CONSERVATIONISTS TO ENSURE CURRENT AND FUTURE FOREST STEWARDSHIP WORK THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO CREATING, PROTECTING AND RESTORING FOREST HEALTH AND FOREST DIVERSITY FOR RUFFED GROUSE, AMERICAN WOODCOCK, AND ALL FOREST WILDLIFE

(Code) (Expenses \$ 55,398 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

RESEARCH, RGS PROVIDES FUNDING TO DEVELOP SOUND SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT PRACTICES THAT FOSTER DIVERSE, HEALTHY FORESTS FOR RUFFED GROUSE, AMERICAN WOODCOCK AND ALL FOREST WILDLIFE

Form 990, Part III - 4 Program Service Accomplishments (See the Instructions)

Describe the exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

(Code) (Expenses \$ 55,377 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)
ADVOCACY RGS ADVOCATES FOR THE APPLICATION OF SOUND SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES IN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABLE FOREST
MANAGEMENT, AND RECRUITMENT, REACTIVATION, AND RETENTION OF HUNTER CONSERVATIONISTS

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

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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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

Employer identification number

54-0846925

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 **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture See instructions Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box in lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions) **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization

f Enter the number of supported organizations _____

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

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
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 failed 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 grant.")						
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						
5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						

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						
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10 Other income (Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI))						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						

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**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2019 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) **14**

15 Public support percentage for 2018 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 **15**

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 ▶

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 ▶

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 ▶

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 ▶

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 ▶

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.")	2,161,733	1,861,110	2,958,236	2,511,545	2,553,903	12,046,527
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	63,645	89,355	93,043	75,577	73,034	394,654
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513	1,779,628	1,487,310	2,641,646	2,467,810	2,357,631	10,734,025
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	4,005,006	3,437,775	5,692,925	5,054,932	4,984,568	23,175,206
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons	118,810	159,535	50,960	189,316	116,263	634,884
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	18,176	39,810			59,922	117,908
c Add lines 7a and 7b	136,986	199,345	50,960	189,316	176,185	752,792
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						22,422,414

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	4,005,006	3,437,775	5,692,925	5,054,932	4,984,568	23,175,206
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	90,083	81,260	87,175	112,579	119,907	491,004
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	90,083	81,260	87,175	112,579	119,907	491,004
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.)	4,095,089	3,519,035	5,780,100	5,167,511	5,104,475	23,666,210
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	94.740 %
16 Public support percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	93.740 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2019 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	2.070 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2018 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	2.200 %

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 on line 12 of 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

		Yes	No
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.		
	1		
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).		
	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.		
	3a		
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.		
	3b		
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.		
	3c		
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.		
	4a		
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.		
	4b		
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.		
	4c		
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).		
	5a		
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?		
	5b		
c	Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
	5c		
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 .		
	6		
7	Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (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).		
	7		
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).		
	8		
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 .		
	9a		
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 .		
	9b		
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 .		
	9c		
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 line 10b below.		
	10a		
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.)		
	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? <i>If "Yes" to a, b, or c, provide detail in Part VI</i>		

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? <i>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.</i>		
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? <i>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.</i>		

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)? <i>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).</i>		

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? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

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)		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.		
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.		
c	<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	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? <i>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.</i>	Yes	No
b	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? <i>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.</i>		
3	Parent of Supported Organizations Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	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? <i>Provide details in Part VI.</i>		
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		

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)	1	
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 If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI See instructions			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2019 Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 If the amount is 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.			

Additional Data

Software ID:

Software Version:

EIN: 54-0846925

Name: RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

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)

Facts And Circumstances Test

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No 1545-0047

2019

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▶ 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.

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Name of the organization
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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? Yes No
- 6** Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

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

- 1** Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply)
- Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area
- Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
- Preservation of open space

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

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

- 3** Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____
- 4** Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____
- 5** Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No
- 6** Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____
- 7** Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ _____
- 8** Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? Yes No
- 9** In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements

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

- 1a** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items
- b** If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items
- (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
- (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____
- 2** If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items
- a** Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____
- b** Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

- 3** Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply)
- a** Public exhibition
 - b** Scholarly research
 - c** Preservation for future generations
 - d** Loan or exchange programs
 - e** Other
- 4** Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII
- 5** During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? **Yes** **No**

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table
- c** Beginning balance
 - d** Additions during the year
 - e** Distributions during the year
 - f** Ending balance

	Amount
1c	
1d	
1e	
1f	

- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? . . . **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	5,364,579	5,974,135	5,460,906	5,204,756	5,683,481
b Contributions	61,994	59,929	19,418	84,950	184,583
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	959,609	-389,485	780,001	369,636	39,803
d Grants or scholarships					135,653
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	481,986	280,000	286,190	198,436	567,458
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	5,904,196	5,364,579	5,974,135	5,460,906	5,204,756

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 100 000 %
- b** Permanent endowment ▶
- c** Temporarily restricted endowment ▶

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

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

- (i)** unrelated organizations
- (ii)** related organizations

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

- b** If "Yes" on 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	492,000			492,000
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements		11,809	11,809	0
d Equipment		1,097,395	894,658	202,737
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c)) . . . ▶				694,737

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. (Column (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. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.)		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(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.

(a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
1. Federal income taxes	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	141,981

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	5,877,290
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	965,172
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	33,885
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	999,057
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	4,878,233
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	287,823
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	287,823
5	Total revenue Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12)	5	5,166,056

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	5,629,873
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	2d	33,885
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	33,885
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	5,595,988
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0
5	Total expenses Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18)	5	5,595,988

Part XIII Supplemental Information

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

Return Reference	Explanation
See Additional Data Table	

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

Return Reference	Explanation

Additional Data

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EIN: 54-0846925
Name: RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART X, LINE 2	THE SOCIETY IS EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE HOWEVER, INCOME FROM CERTAIN ACTIVITIES NOT DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE SOCIETY'S TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSE IS SUBJECT TO TAXATION AS UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME IN ADDITION, THE SOCIETY QUALIFIES FOR THE CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION DEDUCTION UNDER SECTION 170(B)(1)(A) AS IT HAS BEEN CLASSIFIED AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS NOT A PRIVATE FOUNDATION UNDER SECTION 509(A)(2) INCOME TAX BENEFITS ARE RECOGNIZED FOR INCOME TAX POSITIONS TAKEN OR EXPECTED TO BE TAKEN IN A TAX RETURN, ONLY WHEN IT IS DETERMINED THAT THE INCOME TAX POSITION WILL MORE-LIKELY-THAN-NOT BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION BY TAXING AUTHORITIES THE SOCIETY HAS ANALYZED TAX POSITIONS TAKEN FOR FILING WITH THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND ALL STATE JURISDICTIONS WHERE IT OPERATES THE SOCIETY BELIEVES THAT INCOME TAX FILING POSITIONS WILL BE SUSTAINED UPON EXAMINATION AND DOES NOT ANTICIPATE ANY ADJUSTMENTS THAT WOULD RESULT IN A MATERIAL ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE SOCIETY'S FINANCIAL CONDITION, RESULTS OF OPERATIONS OR CASH FLOWS ACCORDINGLY, THE SOCIETY HAS NOT RECORDED ANY RESERVES, OR RELATED ACCRUALS FOR INTEREST AND PENALTIES FOR UNCERTAIN INCOME TAX POSITIONS AT DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018 THE SOCIETY'S POLICY IS TO CLASSIFY ANY INCOME TAX RELATED INTEREST AND PENALTIES TO INTEREST EXPENSE AND OTHER EXPENSES, RESPECTIVELY THE SOCIETY IS SUBJECT TO ROUTINE AUDITS BY TAXING JURISDICTIONS HOWEVER, THERE ARE CURRENTLY NO AUDITS FOR ANY TAX PERIODS IN PROGRESS

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	COST OF GOODS SOLD INCLUDED ON PART VII LINE 10B 33,885

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XI, LINE 4B - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	UNCOLLECTIBLE PROMISE TO GIVE 950 RETURN OF DEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND 166,966 INTERST AND DIVIDENDS 119,907

Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
PART XII, LINE 2D - OTHER ADJUSTMENTS	COST OF GOODS SOLD INCLUDED ON PART VII LINE 10B 33,885

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
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Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- | | |
|---|---|
| <p>a <input type="checkbox"/> Mail solicitations</p> <p>b <input type="checkbox"/> Internet and email solicitations</p> <p>c <input type="checkbox"/> Phone solicitations</p> <p>d <input type="checkbox"/> In-person solicitations</p> | <p>e <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of non-government grants</p> <p>f <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitation of government grants</p> <p>g <input type="checkbox"/> Special fundraising events</p> |
|---|---|
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total				▶		

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

Revenue		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		ANNUAL SPORTSMAN BANQUET (event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col (a) through col (c))
1	Gross receipts	2,270,328			2,270,328
2	Less Contributions				
3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	2,270,328			2,270,328
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
10	Direct expense summary Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				
11	Net income summary Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				2,270,328

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

Revenue		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col (a) through col (c))
		1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Noncash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No
7	Direct expense summary Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				
8	Net gaming income summary Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities _____

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in
- | | | |
|----------|-----------------------------|---|
| a | The organization's facility | % |
| b | An outside facility | % |

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records

Name ▶

Address ▶

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party
- Name ▶
- Address ▶

16 Gaming manager information

Name ▶

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$

Description of services provided ▶

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

- 17** Mandatory distributions
- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See instructions.

Return Reference	Explanation
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Schedule J
(Form 990)

Compensation Information

OMB No 1545-0047

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.**
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Internal Revenue Service

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

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

Part II 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 are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

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

(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 BEN C JONES PRESIDENT AND CEO	(i)	170,007	0	0	13,200	0	183,207	0
	(ii)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Part III **Supplemental Information**

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

Return Reference	Explanation
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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**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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Name of the organization
RUFFED GROUSE SOCIETY

Employer identification number

54-0846925

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	PDF COPIES ARE SENT TO EACH DIRECTOR FOR REVIEW

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	EACH DIRECTOR, PRINCIPAL OFFICER AND MEMBER OF A COMMITTEE WITH BOARD DELEGATED POWERS SHALL ANNUALLY SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH AFFIRMS SUCH PERSON HAS RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THE POLICY, HAS AGREED TO COMPLY WITH THE POLICY AND UNDERSTANDS RGS IS CHARITABLE AND IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN ITS FEDERAL TAX EXEMPTION IT MUST ENGAGE PRIMARILY IN ACTIVITIES WHICH ACCOMPLISH ONE OR MORE OF ITS TAX-EXEMPT PURPOSES EACH VOTING MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL ANNUALLY SIGN A STATEMENT WHICH DECLARES WHETHER SUCH PERSON IS AN INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR IF AT ANY TIME DURING THE YEAR, THE INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL STATEMENT CHANGES MATERIALLY, THE DIRECTOR SHALL DISCLOSE SUCH CHANGES AND REVISE THE ANNUAL DISCLOSURE FORM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SHALL REGULARLY AND CONSISTENTLY MONITOR AND ENFORCE COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY BY REVIEWING ANNUAL STATEMENTS AND TAKING SUCH OTHER ACTIONS AS NECESSARY FOR EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT PERIODIC REVIEWS SHALL BE CONDUCTED THAT AT A MINIMUM WILL INCLUDE WHETHER COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENTS AND BENEFITS ARE REASONABLE AS WELL AS WHETHER ANY PARTNERSHIPS, JOINT VENTURES, AND ARRANGEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATIONS CONFORM TO RGS'S WRITTEN POLICIES, ARE PROPERLY RECORDED, REFLECT REASONABLE INVESTMENT OR PAYMENTS FOR GOODS AND SERVICES, FURTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AND DO NOT RESULT IN INUREMENT OR IMPERMISSIBLE PRIVATE BENEFIT OR IN AN EXCESS BENEFIT TRANSACTION WHEN CONDUCTING THE PERIODIC REVIEWS RGS MAY, BUT NEED NOT, USE OUTSIDE ADVISORS IF OUTSIDE EXPERTS ARE USED, THEIR USE SHALL NOT RELIEVE THE BOARD OF ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENSURING PERIODIC REVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEWS SALARIES ANNUALLY, SALARY IS COMPARED TO NATIONAL SALARY SURVEY FOR NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS

990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information

Return Reference	Explanation
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	COPIES OF BYLAWS, ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MAINTAINED AT OFFICES FOR INSPECTION AND MAILED TO REQUESTERS

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FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9	UNCOLLECTIBLE PROMISE TO GIVE -950 RETURN OF DEW SCHOLARSHIP FUND -166,966 INTEREST AND DIVIDEND INCOME -119,907

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FORM 990 - PART III - LINE 1	<p>LANDOWNERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DEVELOP CRITICAL HABITAT UTILIZING SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT PRACTICES AT A TIME WHEN FORESTS ARE BEING INCREASINGLY RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR IMPORTANT ROLE IN PROVIDING CLEAN AIR, CLEAN WATER, CLIMATE MITIGATION AND HOMES FOR WILDLIFE, FORESTS AND THE WILDLIFE THAT DEPEND ON THEM ARE FACING UNPRECEDENTED CHALLENGES. RGS EXISTS TO PROTECT, CONSERVE, AND ENHANCE HEALTHY FORESTS, ABUNDANT WILDLIFE AND A CONSERVATION ETHIC THROUGH SCIENCE-BASED FOREST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AND PUBLIC EDUCATION. DEVOTED TO CONSERVATION ETHICS, RUFFED GROUSE AND WOODCOCK HUNTERS ARE A UNIQUE GROUP WITH A PASSION FOR THE WAYS, HABITS AND CONSERVATION OF THESE BIRDS WHO ARE BELLWETHERS OF FOREST HEALTH. FROM ALASKA AND THE CANADIAN PROVINCES TO THE GULF OF MEXICO, OUR MEMBERS INCLUDE ALL MANNER OF CONSERVATIONISTS, HUNTERS AND NON-HUNTERS ALIKE, FOREST LANDOWNERS, FOREST AND WILDLIFE PROFESSIONALS, AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS. OUR EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES FOCUS ON CAMARADERIE, LEARNING, SHARING, AND SUPPORTING THE GOALS OF OUR ORGANIZATION. RSG MEMBERS AND STAFF EMBRACE OUR DUTY TO ENHANCE FOREST HABITAT AND WILDLIFE. THERE IS A SENSE OF FULFILLMENT WITH BEING INVOLVED IN AN ORGANIZATION THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN HABITAT AND WILDLIFE NATIONALLY AND LOCALLY. THE VALUE OF RGS TO MEMBERS. RGS SERVES ITS MEMBERS BY CREATING HEALTHY FOREST HABITAT FOR RUFFED GROUSE, AMERICAN WOODCOCK AND ALL FOREST WILDLIFE. RGS PRESERVES AND CHAMPIONS THE CONSERVATION ETHIC DESCRIBED BY FOREST AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATION LEADERS LIKE GIFFORD PINCHOT AND ALDO LEOPOLD. RGS EDUCATES THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE BENEFITS OF SUSTAINABLE, SCIENCE-BASED FOREST MANAGEMENT AND THE IMPORTANCE OF SUCH MANAGEMENT TO WILDLIFE. RGS PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAMARADERIE THROUGH VARIOUS EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES. RGS REPRESENTS MEMBER INTERESTS AT THE LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS. RGS ENCOURAGES YOUTH AND ALL WHO ARE NOT INTERESTED IN CONSERVATION TO BECOME INTERESTED IN HABITAT, WILDLIFE, CONSERVATION ETHICS AND INTRODUCES THEM TO THE HUNTING LIFESTYLE AND ITS ROLE IN CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE. RGS PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH A COMMUNITY AND NETWORK OF CONSERVATION-MINDED INDIVIDUALS. RGS PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH ACCESS TO WILDLIFE AND FOR ESTRY PROFESSIONALS WHO ARE SOUGHT BY PUBLIC, PRIVATE, AND CORPORATE ENTITIES FOR THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERTISE. RGS PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH AN AWARD-WINNING QUARTERLY MAGAZINE. RGS PROVIDES MEMBERS WITH INFORMATION ABOUT NEWSWORTHY EVENTS, IMPORTANT DECISIONS BEING MADE AT LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL LEVELS, AND HOW AND WHERE THE RGS MISSION IS BEING ACCOMPLISHED. THE VALUE OF MEMBERS TO RGS. RGS MEMBERS ARE DEVOTED TO ADVANCING CONSERVATION ETHICS FOR CURRENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS. RGS MEMBERS HONOR AND PROMOTE CONSERVATION ETHICS IN FOREST AND WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT. RGS MEMBERS UNDERSTAND AND EMBRACE SCIENCE-BASED CONSERVATION INITIATIVES ON PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAND, KNOWING THESE INITIATIVES BENEFIT ALL FOREST WILDLIFE IN ADDITION TO THE BELL.</p>

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FORM 990 - PART III - LINE 1	WETHERS, RUFFED GROUSE AND AMERICAN WOODCOCK RGS MEMBERS DEVOTE TIME, TALENT AND TREASURE TO SUSTAIN THE ORGANIZATION, EXPAND ITS MESSAGE AND PARTICIPATE IN ITS MISSION RGS MEMBERS ARE OUR GREATEST ADVOCATES AND ACTIVELY INVITE OTHERS TO BECOME PART OF THE ORGANIZATION WITHOUT THIS NETWORK OF MEMBERS AND MEMBER SUPPORT THERE IS NO ORGANIZATION

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FORM 990 - PART I - LINE 1	CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO PROMOTING AND CREATING HEALTHY FORESTS, ABUNDANT WILDLIFE AND A CONSERVATION ETHIC AND CREATING HEALTHY FOREST HABITAT FOR RUFFED GROUSE, AMERICAN WOODCOCK AND ALL FOREST WILDLIFE RGS WORKS WITH LANDOWNERS AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES TO DEVELOP CRITICAL HABITAT USING SCIENCE-BASED MANAGEMENT PRACTICES