

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2012

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

Open to Public Inspection

The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2012 calendar year, or tax year beginning and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization		D Employer identification number	
	COALITION FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE		84-1469785	
	Doing Business As			
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite		E Telephone number	
	PO BOX 726		719-748-0033	
City, town, or post office, state, and ZIP code		G Gross receipts \$		
LAKE GEORGE, CO 80827		2,791,776.		
F Name and address of principal officer: CAROL EKARIUS		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		
SAME AS C ABOVE		H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)		
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527		H(c) Group exemption number ▶		
J Website: WWW.UPPERSOUTHPLATTE.ORG				
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of formation: 1998 M State of legal domicile: CO		

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATERSHED THROUGH THE</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	15
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2012 (Part V, line 2a)	5	29
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	3200
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	1,905,993.	2,677,822.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	108,529.	113,530.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	269.	229.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	2,014,947.	2,791,776.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	4,165.	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)	608,794.	700,792.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	0.	0.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 34,937.		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	1,111,144.	2,356,052.	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,724,103.	3,056,844.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	290,844.	-265,068.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	592,868.	648,645.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	131,843.	452,688.
		461,025.	195,957.

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		
	CAROL EKARIUS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	PTIN
	JILL J. GOODWIN				P00450838
	Firm's name ▶ WAUGH & GOODWIN, LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ 20-1766527			
Firm's address ▶ 1365 GARDEN OF THE GODS, SUITE 150			Phone no. (719) 590-9777		
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80907					

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part III [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY AND ECOLOGICAL HEALTH OF THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE WATERSHED THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF STAKEHOLDERS WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY VALUES AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS SUCH AS RIVER/STREAM RESTORATION, FIRE & HABITAT

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$ 227,185. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 91,163.) FUELS MITIGATION - OPERATE THE NEIGHBORHOOD FUELS REDUCTION PROGRAM, FUELS MITIGATION PROJECTS, AND THE TELLER COUNTY SLASH COLLECTION SITE AND THE FAIRPLAY SLASH SITE, CREATING DEFENSIBLE SPACE AND REDUCING THE RISK OF CATASTROPHIC FIRE AND PROPERTY LOSS.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,415,682. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) RIVER RESTORATION/ WATER QUALITY MONITORING - EXTENSIVE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT, RESTORATION, STABILIZATION AND MONITORING PROJECTS TO IMPROVE WATER QUALITY.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 992,750. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) FOREST HEALTH AND REHABILITATION - FACILITATE PROJECTS (MANY WITH VOLUNTEERS) TO IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH BY DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING CWPPS, MITIGATE INVASIVE SPECIES, ASSIST WITH PRESCRIBED BURN, AND REHABILITATE BURNED FORESTS.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 285,983. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 2,921,600.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part V

Input box for Schedule O

Main table with columns for question ID, description, and Yes/No responses. Includes rows 1a-1c, 2a-2b, 3a-3b, 4a-4a, 5a-5c, 6a-6b, 7, 7a-7h, 8, 9, 9a-9b, 10, 10a-10b, 11, 11a-11b, 12a, 12b, 13, 13a-13c, 14a, 14b.

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VI [X]

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 1a, 1b, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 7b, 8a, 8b, and 9.

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

Table with columns for question number, description, and Yes/No checkboxes. Includes questions 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15a, 15b, 16a, and 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed CO
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
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, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: THE ORGANIZATION - 719-748-0033 PO BOX 726, LAKE GEORGE, CO 80827

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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, and 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.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

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 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) KAREN BERRY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(2) TOM EISENMAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(3) GREG APLET TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(4) MARIE CHISHOLM DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(5) KURT DAHL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(6) SWITHIN DICK DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(7) DAN DRUCKER SECRETARY	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(8) DON KENNEDY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(9) MARY DAWSON CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(10) DON LOGELIN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(11) CONNOR BAKER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(12) PATRICK O'CONNELL VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0.	0.	0.
(13) GARTH ENGLUND DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(14) LYNDA JAMES DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(15) TEDD STILES DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0.	0.	0.
(16) CAROL EKARIUS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	45.00			X				61,626.	0.	0.

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 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			
1b Sub-total							61,626.	0.	0.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0.	0.	0.	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							61,626.	0.	0.	

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 **0**

	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>		X
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>		X
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>		X

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
WILDLAND HYDROLOGY 11210 N CR 19, FT COLLINS, CO 80524	HYDRO ENGINEERING	1,144,345.
CHAPPARRAL CONSTRUCTION, LLC 13311 HWY 12, LAVETA, CO 81055	CONSTRUCTION	346,134.
HAROLD D. GIBSON 15240 WESTCREEK RD, SEDALIA, CO 80135	CONSTRUCTION	150,423.
MALLET EXCAVATING INC., 1313 RAMPART RANGE RD, WOODLAND PARK, CO 80863	EXCAVATING SVCS	119,603.

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 **4**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part VIII

		(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	
		Total revenue	Related or exempt function revenue	Unrelated business revenue	Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1 a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	2,174,253.			
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	503,569.			
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$					
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		2,677,822.			
	Program Service Revenue	2 a PROGRAM FEES	Business Code 900099	91,163.	91,163.	
b SPECIAL EVENTS REVENUE		900099	22,367.	22,367.		
c						
d						
e						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f			113,530.			
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		229.		229.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6 a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		b Less: rental expenses				
		c Rental income or (loss)				
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7 a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses				
		c Gain or (loss)				
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8 a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a				
		b Less: direct expenses	b			
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9 a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a					
	b Less: direct expenses	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities					
10 a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a					
	b Less: cost of goods sold	b				
	c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory					
Miscellaneous Revenue		Business Code				
11 a MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	900099	195.	195.			
b						
c						
d All other revenue						
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		195.				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.		2,791,776.	113,725.	0.	229.	

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 to any question in this Part IX X

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the United States. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the United States. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	61,626.	36,975.	20,953.	3,698.
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	573,468.	507,454.	38,582.	27,432.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	15,331.	15,203.	115.	13.
10 Payroll taxes	50,367.	49,949.	378.	40.
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	7,167.		7,167.	
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 Sch O.)	2,126,622.	2,115,924.	9,828.	870.
12 Advertising and promotion	7,064.	7,064.		
13 Office expenses	58,219.	56,157.	972.	1,090.
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	7,995.	6,210.	1,781.	4.
17 Travel	25,861.	19,533.	5,987.	341.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,182.	1,182.		
20 Interest	6,257.	6,205.	47.	5.
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	8,823.	8,823.		
23 Insurance	13,335.	13,225.	100.	10.
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 EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE A	30,888.	28,726.	2,162.	
b SMALL EQUIPMENT	25,655.	16,924.	8,726.	5.
c RESOURCE SERVICES	10,650.	10,561.	80.	9.
d MISCELLANEOUS	9,172.	7,111.	651.	1,410.
e All other expenses	17,162.	14,374.	2,778.	10.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,056,844.	2,921,600.	100,307.	34,937.
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation.				

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

Part X Balance Sheet

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part X

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1 Cash - non-interest-bearing	21,937.	1	63,865.	
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	401,373.	2	3,110.	
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	28,728.	3	434,705.	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	22,648.	4	14,717.	
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L				5
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instr). Complete Part II of Sch L				6
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net				7
	8 Inventories for sale or use				8
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	2,480.	9	19,369.	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 222,906.			
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 110,027.	115,702.	10c	112,879.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities				11
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11				12
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11				13
	14 Intangible assets				14
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11				15
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)		592,868.	16	648,645.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	39,645.	17	365,370.	
	18 Grants payable				18
	19 Deferred revenue			100.	
	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 current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L				22
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	92,198.	23	87,218.	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties				24
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D				25
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25		131,843.	26	452,688.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.				
	27 Unrestricted net assets	45,208.	27	171,411.	
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	415,817.	28	24,546.	
	29 Permanently restricted net assets				29
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.				
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds				30
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund				31
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds				32
33 Total net assets or fund balances		461,025.	33	195,957.	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances		592,868.	34	648,645.	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XI

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	2,791,776.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,056,844.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-265,068.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	461,025.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	195,957.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question in this Part XII

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	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.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	X	
3b	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	X	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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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 11, 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.)
- 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 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.)
- 10 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 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 that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
 - a Type I
 - b Type II
 - c Type III - Functionally integrated
 - d Type III - Non-functionally integrated
- e By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).
- f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, or Type III supporting organization, check this box
- g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

	Yes	No
(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii) and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization?		
(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above?		
(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above?		
- h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col. (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col. (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of monetary support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	206,732.	558,418.	1275704.	1905993.	2677822.	6624669.
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	206,732.	558,418.	1275704.	1905993.	2677822.	6624669.
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.						6624669.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	206,732.	558,418.	1275704.	1905993.	2677822.	6624669.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	49.			269.	229.	547.
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 IV.)	2,611.	9,178.	3,171.	156.	195.	15,311.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6640527.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	301,586.
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	99.76	%
15 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	99.63	%
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2012. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2011. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2012. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10% -facts-and-circumstances test - 2011. 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 IV how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization	<input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 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) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2008	(b) 2009	(c) 2010	(d) 2011	(e) 2012	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2012 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2012 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2011 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2012. 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 - 2011. 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

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
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Department of the Treasury
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Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or Form 990-PF.

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Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

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501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation

527 political organization

Form 990-PF

501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.

Note. Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II.

Special Rules

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not total to more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Do not complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution. An organization that is not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules does not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on Part I, line 2 of its Form 990-PF, to certify that it does not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF. Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2012)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	DENVER WATER 1600 W 12TH DENVER, CO 80204	\$ 65,280.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION BUILDING 27, SUITE 3 FORT MISSOULA RD MISSOULA, MT 59804	\$ 976,500.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT 4300 CHERRY CREEK DRIVE SOUTH DENVER, CO 80246	\$ 429,877.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	US FOREST SERVICE 1400 INDEPENDENCE AVE. WASHINGTON, DC 20250-0003	\$ 360,667.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS 30 S. NEVADA AVE, SUITE 101 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	\$ 161,040.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES 111 S. CASCADE AVE. COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	\$ 127,690.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	PIKES PEAK UNITED WAY 518 N NEVADA AVE COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903	\$ 99,572.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	PARK COUNTY LAND & WATER TRUST FUND P.O. BOX 1373 FAIRPLAY, CO 80440	\$ 117,013.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Part II Noncash Property (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (see instructions)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

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Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., individual contributions to section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organizations that total more than \$1,000 for the year. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once.) ▶ \$ _____
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	
(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
(e) Transfer of gift			
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4		Relationship of transferor to transferee	

SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990. ▶ See separate instructions.**

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

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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 Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, 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, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ _____

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, 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" to 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) Revenues included in 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 Revenues included in 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" to 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:

	Amount
c Beginning balance	1c
d Additions during the year	1d
e Distributions during the year	1e
f Ending balance	1f

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21? 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" to Form 990, Part IV, line 10.

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

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment %
- b Permanent endowment %
- c Temporarily restricted endowment %

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

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

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

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

b If "Yes" to 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. 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		12,150.		12,150.
b Buildings		122,850.	34,604.	88,246.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		45,386.	38,103.	7,283.
e Other		42,520.	37,320.	5,200.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				112,879.

Part VII Investments - Other Securities. 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)		
(I)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) ▶		

Part VIII Investments - Program Related. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

(a) Description of investment type	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
(10)		
Total. (Col. (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ▶		

Part IX Other Assets. See Form 990, Part X, line 15.

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1)	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	

Part X Other Liabilities. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

2. FIN 48 (ASC 740) Footnote. 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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	3,118,357.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	326,581.
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	326,581.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,791,776.
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	0.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,791,776.

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	3,383,425.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	326,581.
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	326,581.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	3,056,844.
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	3,056,844.

Part XIII Supplemental Information

Complete this part to 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.

PART X, LINE 2: THE CORPORATION QUALIFIES AS A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION

UNDER SECTION 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE AND, ACCORDINGLY, IS NOT SUBJECT TO FEDERAL INCOME TAX. ACCORDINGLY, NO INCOME TAX PROVISION HAS BEEN RECORDED.

THE CORPORATION'S FORMS 990, RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FROM INCOME TAX, FOR THE YEARS ENDING 2009 TO 2012 ARE SUBJECT TO EXAMINATION BY VARIOUS TAXING AUTHORITIES, GENERALLY FOR THREE YEARS AFTER THE DATE THEY

Part XIII Supplemental Information *(continued)*

WERE FILED. MANAGEMENT OF THE CORPORATION BELIEVES THAT IT DOES NOT HAVE ANY UNCERTAIN TAX POSITIONS THAT ARE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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84-1469785

FORM 990, PART I, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

COOPERATIVE EFFORTS OF STAKEHOLDERS WITH EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY VALUES
AND ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH PROJECTS AND
PROGRAMS FOCUSING ON RIVER RESTORATION, FOREST HEALTH, FIRE & HABITAT
REHABILITATION, INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT, WATER QUALITY STUDIES,
ENERGY PROGRAMS, ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION, RECREATIONAL TRAILS
MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1, DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION MISSION:

RESTORATION, NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT, EROSION CONTROL, DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION COMMUNITY WILDLIFE PROTECTION PLANS, ENERGY PROGRAMS,
ABANDONED MINE ASSESSMENT, WATER QUALITY STUDIES, AND RECREATION TRAIL
CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4D, OTHER PROGRAM SERVICES:

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

EXPENSES \$ 12,157. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

OIL & GAS STUDY

EXPENSES \$ 151,318. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

TRAILS

EXPENSES \$ 30. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

PROGRAM OUTREACH

EXPENSES \$ 77,551. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

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NOXIOUS WEEDS

EXPENSES \$ 7,718. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

CARBON/ENERGY

EXPENSES \$ 13,401. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FIREFIGHTING

EXPENSES \$ 14,160. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

MINING ASSESS

EXPENSES \$ 9,648. INCLUDING GRANTS OF \$ 0. REVENUE \$ 0.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A: BOARD MEMBERS ELECT THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, SECRETARY, TREASURER).

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11: A DRAFT OF FORM 990 IS PROVIDED VIA EMAIL TO ALL DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL PRIOR TO SUBMITTAL. THIS PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C: THE POLICY AND ANY CHANGES IN CIRCUMSTANCES ARE REVIEWED ON AN ONGOING BASIS. ALL STAFF AND BOARD ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT THEY UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15: AN RFP WAS DISTRIBUTED PRIOR TO SELECTING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. COMPENSATION RATES WERE RESEARCHED AS PART OF THIS PROCESS. THE CONTRACT PAY RATE HAS NOT CHANGED IN 10 YEARS.

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OTHER OFFICERS AND KEY EMPLOYEES: THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DOES A
COMPENSATION COMPARISON WHEN CREATING NEW POSITIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18: SELECTED DATA IS FILED ON THE
COLORADO SECRETARY OF STATE'S WEBSITE, AS WELL AS BEING AVAILABLE ON
GUIDESTAR.ORG.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19: DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE
WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, OTHER FEES:

CONTRACT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

PROGRAM SERVICE EXPENSES	2,115,924.
MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL EXPENSES	9,828.
FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	870.
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,126,622.
TOTAL OTHER FEES ON FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G, COL A	2,126,622.

FORM 990, PART XII, LINE 2C

THE PROCESS HAS NOT CHANGED FROM THE PRIOR YEAR.