

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
Disclosure Form
As required by and provided for in House Rule XI, clause 2(g) and
the Rules of the Committee on Natural Resources

Oversight hearing on *“The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts.”*

For Individuals:

1. Name:
2. Address:
3. Email Address:
4. Phone Number:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

1. Name: **James Jay Tutchton**
2. Name of Organization(s) You are Representing at the Hearing: **WildEarth Guardians**
3. Business Address: **WildEarth Guardians**
516 Alto Street
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501
4. Business Email Address: **[Information redacted for privacy]**
5. Business Phone Number: **[Information redacted for privacy]**

Name/Organization: **James Jay Tutchton, WildEarth Guardians**

Title/Date of Hearing: **“The Endangered Species Act: How Litigation is Costing Jobs and Impeding True Recovery Efforts” • December 6, 2011**

a. Any training or educational certificates, diplomas or degrees or other educational experiences that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

University of Notre Dame (BBA Accounting, 1986)

University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) (JD, 1990), Order of the Coif, Class Rank 8/320

Law Clerk to the Honorable William D. Keller, U.S. District Judge for the Central District of California (1990-91)

b. Any professional licenses, certifications, or affiliations held that are relevant to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

Member of the Bar of the states of Colorado and California and admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of both states.

Member of the Bar and admitted to practice before the U.S. Courts of Appeal for Fifth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth circuits

Member of the Bar and admitted to practice before the U.S. District Courts for the District of Colorado, the Southern, Central, Eastern, and Northern District of California, and the District of Columbia.

c. Any employment, occupation, ownership in a firm or business, or work-related experiences that relate to your qualifications to testify on or knowledge of the subject matter of the hearing.

I engaged in the private practice of law with the Arnold & Porter law firm.

I have served as a staff attorney for the National Wildlife Federation, EarthJustice, and the Center for Biological Diversity.

I have also served as the Director of the Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Colorado Law School and Director of the Environmental Law Clinic at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.

I currently teach Federal Wildlife Law as an adjunct professor at the University of Denver, Sturm College of Law.

I also currently serve as the General Counsel for WildEarth Guardians.

In my past roles as a staff attorney with the conservation organizations listed above, my roles as the Director of the Environmental Law Clinics listed above, and in my current capacity as General Counsel for WildEarth Guardians, I have filed and served as lead counsel, or supervised and served as co-counsel on numerous cases on behalf of clients seeking to enforce the Endangered Species Act. I was also lead counsel for WildEarth Guardians in the In Re Endangered Species Section 4 Deadline Litigation proceeding before the Multi-District Litigation Panel and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, Misc. Action No. 10-377 (EGS).

d. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited) that you have received in the current year and previous four years, including the source and the amount of each grant or contract.

I have received no such grants.

e. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by you against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed.

I have not filed any such lawsuits or petitions in my personal capacity. As an attorney, I have represented various clients who have filed numerous such lawsuits or petitions. Those I have filed on behalf of WildEarth Guardians are detailed below.

f. Any other information you wish to convey that might aid the Members of the Committee to better understand the context of your testimony.

I have significant experience filing litigation pursuant to the citizen suit provision of the Endangered Species Act, and in particular lawsuits involving compliance with Section 4 of the Act.

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In addition, for witnesses representing organizations:

g. Any offices, elected positions, or representational capacity held in the organization(s) on whose behalf you are testifying.

General Counsel.

h. Any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) from the *Department of the Interior (and /or other agencies invited)* that were received in the current year and previous four years by the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract for each of the organization(s).

WildEarth Guardians has received grants from the Departments of the Interior and Agriculture totaling \$680,492.00 between 2007-2011. Copies of the grant awards are attached.

Agency	Grant Number	Project	Date	Amount
USDA	06-DG-11031000-032	CFRP Road Decommissioning	07/31/2006	\$360,000.00
USDO I	PLA 1448-20181-08-G528	La Jencia Creek Restoration	05/15/2008	\$24,200.00
USDO I	1448-20181-08-G590	San Marcos Creek Restoration	07/01/2008	\$19,200.00
USDO I	NM-N118	La Jencia Creek Restoration	10/23/2008	\$57,100.00
USDA	09-DG-11031000-010	CFRP Santa Fe River Canyon Conservation	08/10/2009	\$119,992.00
USDO I	F11 AC 00132	Ojo Caliente Habitat Restoration and Wildlife Conservation	01/12/2011	\$25,000.00
USDO I	NM-N21	Jemez Mountains Riparian and Wetland Restoration	07/19/2011	\$75,000.00
			Total	\$680,492.00

i. A list of all lawsuits or petitions filed by the organization(s) you represent at the hearing against the federal government in the current year and the previous four years, giving the name of the lawsuit or petition, the subject matter of the lawsuit or petition, and the federal statutes under which the lawsuits or petitions were filed for each of the organization(s).

WildEarth Guardians has filed numerous lawsuits against the federal government this year and in the past four years. The cases are listed below. We understand the use of the word “petition” to mean petitions to a court of law and not petitions filed under the Administrative Procedure Act requesting the issuance or modification of an administrative rule. WildEarth Guardians has also submitted many petitions to federal agencies under the Administrative Procedure Act, including petitions requesting listing of species under the Endangered Species Act.

2011

1. *WildEarth Guardians v. National Park Service*
Subject Matter: appealing lower court's affirmance of Rocky Mountain National Park Elk Plan. Guardians alleged failure to consider all reasonable alternatives based on the National Environmental Policy Act and violation of the National Park Service Organic Act by allowing hunting in the Park.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act and National Park Service Organic Act.
2. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: substantive challenge to negative finding on petition to list for Guadalupe Mountains violet.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
3. *Alliance for Wild Rockies et al. v. Salazar et al.*
Subject Matter: challenging lower court's decision that congressional budget rider delisting Rocky Mountain gray wolves in the Northern Rocky Mountains outside Wyoming was unconstitutional.
Federal Statute: United States Constitution.
4. *WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service*
Subject Matter: filed action under Freedom of Information Act to compel the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's to produce Airborne Hunting Act reports.
Federal Statute: Freedom of Information Act.
5. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: substantive challenge to negative finding on petition to list Porbeagle shark.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
6. *Sequoia Forestkeeper et al. v. Tidwell et al.*
Subject Matter: challenging two public notice, comment, and administrative appeal regulations that the U.S. Forest Service promulgated to implement the Appeals Reform Act.
Federal Statute: Administrative Procedure Act.
7. *WildEarth Guardians et al v. Salazar and Abbey*
Subject Matter: challenging the Bureau of Land Management's denial of Guardians' petition to recertify the Powder River Basin as a Coal Production Region as arbitrary and capricious.
Federal Statute: Administrative Procedure Act.

8. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenging failure of the Environmental Protection Agency to respond to Title V petition contesting issuance of permit for San Juan Generating Station within 60 days as required by Clean Air Act.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
9. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Bureau of Land Management*
Subject Matter: alleging Bureau of Land Management violated the multiple laws when it authorized Belle Ayre and Caballo coal leases in the Powder River Basin.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act, National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
10. *WildEarth Guardians v. Environmental Protection Agency and Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenging implementation of time frame for the Environmental Protection Agency's final rule requiring the San Juan Generating Station to install BART to reduce air pollution in Four Corners region.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
11. *WildEarth Guardians v. Environmental Protection Agency and Jackson*
Subject Matter: appealing Environmental Protection Agency's denial of Guardians' Title V petition objecting to air pollution permit issued by CDPHE for operation of Pawnee coal-fired power plant.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
12. *WildEarth Guardians v. Bureau of Land Management*
Subject Matter: challenging the Bureau of Land Management's failure to demonstrate conformity with the Colorado State Implementation Plan pursuant to the Clean Air Act with regards to the issuance of oil and gas leases in Weld County, Colorado.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act and National Environmental Policy Act.
13. *Montana Environmental Information Center, WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Bureau of Land Management*
Subject Matter: challenging Bureau of Land Management's failure to adequately analyze climate impacts of oil and gas drilling and consider alternatives before issuing oil and gas leases.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act.
14. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenging the Environmental Protection Agency's ruling on Title V Petition upholding state of Colorado's decision to not aggregate oil and gas emission sources under the Clean Air Act as arbitrary and capricious.
Federal Statute: Administrative Procedure Act.
15. *WildEarth Guardians and Sierra Club v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenging Environmental Protection Agency's failure to make a finding that states have failed to submit state implementation plan revisions to attain and

maintain 24-hour PM_{2.5} national ambient air quality standards and meet other requirements of Section 110(a) of the Clean Air Act.

Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

16. *WildEarth Guardians and NPCA v. Jackson*

Subject Matter: challenging Environmental Protection Agency's failure to approve/disapprove state implementation plans for several states within 12 months as required by Clean Air Act.

Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

17. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*

Subject Matter: challenging Environmental Protection Agency's failure to promulgate attainment and nonattainment designations for the 2008 ozone national ambient air quality standards by statutory deadline.

Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

18. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*

Subject Matter: challenging Environmental Protection Agency's failure to take action on Guardians' petition objecting to issuance of air pollution permit issued by CDPHE to EBRAZ Rocky Mountain Steel.

Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

19. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Jackson*

Subject Matter: challenging Environmental Protection Agency's failure to promulgate rules to prevent significant deterioration of air quality with regards to 2008 ozone ambient air quality standards and failure of EPA to make findings that states have failed to submit state implementation plans to meet requirements of Section 110(a)(1) and 110(a)(2) of the Clean Air Act.

Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

2010

1. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*

Legal Claims: substantive challenge to negative listing determination for Sacramento Mountains checkerspot butterfly.

Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

2. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*

Subject Matter: substantive challenge to negative finding on petition to list narrow-footed diving beetle.

Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

3. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*

Subject Matter: substantive challenge to negative finding on petition to list Scott's riffle beetle.

Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

4. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: substantive challenge to negative finding on petition to list many-flowered unicorn-plant.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
5. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge to “warranted, but precluded” determination for New Mexico meadow jumping mouse.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
6. *WildEarth Guardians v. Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service*
Subject Matter: filed action under Freedom of Information Act to compel USDA APHIS-Wildlife Services to produce requested records.
Federal Statute: Freedom of Information Act.
7. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge to “warranted, but precluded” determination for lesser prairie-chicken.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
8. *Western Watersheds Project, Center for Biological Diversity, and WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge to “warranted, but precluded” determination for greater sage-grouse and bi-state distinct population segment of greater sage-grouse.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
9. *Western Watersheds Project and WildEarth Guardians v. Bureau of Land Management*
Subject Matter: action objecting to the Bureau of Land Management’s decision to permit grazing on several allotments without considering effects on bi-state distinct population segment of greater sage-grouse in violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and the Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act and Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
10. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to timely respond to Guardian’s petition to designate critical habitat for the Kemp’s Ridley sea turtle.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
11. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of refusal to uplist Utah prairie dog.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

12. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's determination that montane Gunnison's prairie dogs warrant Endangered Species Act listing and not lower elevation populations.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
13. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for Platte River caddisfly.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
14. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for Pipe Springs cryptantha.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
15. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for northern leatherside chub.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
16. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for Yellowstone sand verbena.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
17. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for Pale blue-eyed grass.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
18. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for three Utah/Nevada snails.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
19. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for nine Texas mussels.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
20. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make finding on petition to list the Gila monster in Utah.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
21. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for Mexican wolf as a subspecies.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

22. *WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Forest Service*
Subject Matter: challenge of refusal by U.S. Forest Service to reinitiate consultation after failing to meet terms and conditions of 2005 Mexican spotted owl Biological Opinion and Incidental Take Statement.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
23. *WildEarth Guardians v. Federal Emergency Management Agency*
Subject Matter: challenge of Federal Emergency Management Agency's failure to consult with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service before issuing flood insurance policies where federally threatened/endangered species are present and failure to conserve such species.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
24. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Salazar et al.*
Subject Matter: challenge to Bureau of Land Management's failure to conduct adequate environmental analyses and consultation with U.S. Fish and Service prior to issuing West Antelope coal leases in the Powder River Basin.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act, Endangered Species Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act.
25. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenge to Environmental Protection Agency's failure to respond to Title V petition contesting permit for Xcel's Pawnee coal-fired power plant within 60 days as required by the Clean Air Act.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
26. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenge to Environmental Protection Agency's failure to respond to Title V petition contesting permit for Williams Four Corner's Sims Mesa gas compressor station within 60 days as required by Clean Air Act.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
27. *WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenge to Environmental Protection Agency's failure to issue or deny permit after state of Colorado failed to submit a revised permit within 90 days of objection.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
28. *Sierra Club & WildEarth Guardians v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenge to Environmental Protection Agency's failure to develop and implement plans to address the failure of certain states to submit complete ozone infrastructure SIPs, including New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Arizona, and to take action on SIP submissions related to attainment and maintenance of ozone NAAQS.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

29. *WildEarth Guardians and Elizabeth Crowe v. Jackson*
Subject Matter: challenge of Environmental Protection Agency's failure to make a finding that several states, including Arizona and Nevada, failed to submit nonattainment plans as required by the Clean Air Act.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

2009

1. *Alliance for Wild Rockies et al. v. Salazar et al.*
Subject Matter: Constitutional challenge to congressional budget rider delisting Rocky Mountain gray wolves throughout all of the Northern Rocky Mountains outside Wyoming.
Federal Statute: United States Constitution.
2. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for the Fremont County Rockcress.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
3. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make listing determination for mist forestfly.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
4. *Colorado Wild and WildEarth Guardians v. Vilsack et al.*
Subject Matter: Challenge of failure by Rio Grande National Forest to comply with National Environmental Policy Act and National Forest Management Act to prepare environmental analysis for Handkerchief Mesa timber sale in the headwaters of the Rio Grande River.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act and National Forest Management Act.
5. *WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Forest Service*
Subject Matter: appeal of district court ruling upholding categorical exclusion of grazing allotments in the Mexican wolf recovery area from environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act.
6. *WildEarth Guardians v. Federal Emergency Management Agency*
Subject Matter: challenge to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's failure to produce documents in response to Guardians' Freedom of Information Act request for records regarding the National Flood Insurance Program, including documents relating to FEMA's noncompliance with the settlement agreement in *Forest Guardians v. FEMA*, Civ. No. 01-0079-MCA-RLP.
Federal Statute: Freedom of Information Act.
7. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Bureau of Land Management et al.*
Subject Matter: challenge to the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Forest Service's failure to address increasing ozone air pollution in planning documents before approving oil and gas leases.

Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act, Federal Land Policy and Management Act, National Forest Management Act.

8. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge to failure to list low-elevation populations of Gunnison's Prairie dog.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

2008

1. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to render listing determination for frigid ambersnail.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
2. *WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Forest Service, Department of the Interior and Mountain Coal Company*
Subject Matter: challenge to Forest Service decision to authorize venting of 7 million cubic feet of methane per day for 12 years to allow expansion of West Elk coal mine in western Colorado.
Federal Statute: Administrative Procedure Act.
3. *Forest Guardians and Center for Biological Diversity v. Kempthorne*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make finding on petition to list the checkerspot butterfly.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
4. *WildEarth Guardians v. Kempthorne*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make finding on petition to list the black-tailed prairie dog.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
5. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make finding on a petition to list multiple species.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
6. *WildEarth Guardians v. National Park Service*
Subject Matter: petition for judicial review of final agency action on Rocky Mountain National Park Elk Plan: failure to consider all reasonable alternatives under the National Environmental Policy Act.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act.
7. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to designate critical habitat for Chiricahua leopard frog.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.

8. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Kempthorne*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to render finding on petition to list the Canada lynx.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
9. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service*
Subject Matter: action filed alleging U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service violated ESA § 10(j) and the U.S. Forest Service violated ESA § 7(a)(1) concerning management of listed Mexican wolves.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
10. *WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s rejection of petition to uplist the Utah prairie dog from “threatened” to “endangered” and the agency’s failure to respond to petition to withdraw the rule that allows for translocation and shooting of Utah prairie dogs.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
11. *WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Salazar*
Subject Matter: challenge of failure to make finding on petition to list Columbian sharp-tailed grouse.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
12. *Sierra Club et al v. Department of the Interior*
Subject Matter: challenge of agency failure to comply with Energy Policy Act requirement to study effects of coal bed natural gas production on surface and ground water resources.
Federal Statute: Administrative Procedure Act.
13. *WildEarth Guardians v. Bureau of Land Management*
Subject Matter: challenge to Bureau of Land Management’s failure conduct environmental analysis under the National Environmental Policy Act before exempting oil and gas drilling activities in New Mexico from timing restrictions required to protect wildlife.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act.
14. *Rocky Mountain Clean Air Action and WildEarth Guardians v. Johnson*
Subject Matter: challenge to Environmental Protection Agency’s failure to object to the issuance of the air pollution permit for the CEMEX cement plant.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.
15. *Montana Environmental Information Center, WildEarth Guardians et al. v. Bureau of Land Management*
Subject Matter: challenge to Bureau of Land Management’s failure to adequately analyze climate impacts of oil and gas drilling and consider alternatives before issuing oil and gas leases.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act.

16. *WildEarth Guardians v. Johnson*
Subject Matter: challenge to Environmental Protection Agency's failure to respond to petition object to permit issued to Anadarko Petroleum's Frederick Natural Gas Compressor Station.
Federal Statute: Clean Air Act.

2007

1. *Center for Biological Diversity et al v. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service et al.*
Subject Matter: challenge to "not warranted" listing decision for bi-state distinct population segment of greater sage-grouse.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
2. *Center for Native Ecosystems et al v. Kempthorne*
Subject Matter: challenge to negative finding on petition to list white-tailed prairie dog.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
3. *Forest Guardians, et al v. Kempthorne*
Subject Matter: challenge for failure to designate critical habitat for four endangered invertebrate species.
Federal Statute: Endangered Species Act.
4. *WildEarth Guardians v. U.S. Forest Service*
Subject Matter: challenge for failure to conduct adequate environmental analysis before issuing 26 grazing permits.
Federal Statute: National Environmental Policy Act.

j. A list of any countries from which the organization(s) you represent at the hearing have received foreign donations and the total amount of donations received from each country, for the current year and the previous four years, by each organization.

WildEarth Guardians receives less than \$500 annually from fewer than 15 individuals who live in foreign countries, including England, France, and Italy.

WildEarth Guardians receives no financial or other assistance from any foreign government.

k. For tax-exempt organizations and non-profit organizations, copies of the three most recent public IRS Form 990s (including Form 990-PF, Form 990-N, and Form 990-EZ) for each of the organization(s) you represent at the hearing (not including any contributor names and addresses or any information withheld from public inspection by the Secretary of the Treasury under 26 U.S.C. 6104)).

WildEarth Guardians' Internal Revenue Service Form 990 for 2008, 2009 and 2010 are attached.

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 black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010

Open to Public Inspection

A For the **2010** calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Terminated
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization: **WildEarth Guardians**
 Doing Business As _____
 Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite: **312 Montezuma Avenue, Ste A A**
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4: **Santa Fe NM 87501-2627**

D Employer identification number: **85-0406306**

E Telephone number: **505-988-9126**

F Name and address of principal officer:
John C. Horning
312 Montezuma Avenue, Suite A
Santa Fe NM 87501-2627

G Gross receipts \$: **1,680,852**

H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? Yes No
H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No
 If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

J Website: **www.wildearthguardians.org**

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: **1989**

M State of legal domicile: **NM**

H(c) Group exemption number

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.		
	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	12
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	11
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2010 (Part V, line 2a)	5	31
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	120
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	
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)	1,799,043	1,392,377
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	94,361	165,877
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	1,273	1,790
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	30,176	43,695
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	1,924,853	1,603,739
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	1,023,724	833,905
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	21,264	12,620
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶	136,286	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	687,917	701,432
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,732,905	1,547,957	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	191,948	55,782	
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)	1,180,453	1,463,787
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	135,130	332,121
		1,045,323	1,131,666

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: *John C. Horning*
John C. Horning Executive Director
 Date: **8.9.2011**
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only
 Print/Type preparer's name: **Ken Roth**
 Preparer's signature: *Ken Roth*
 Date: **08/05/11**
 Check if self-employed if PTIN **P01389203**
 Firm's name: **Taylor Roth and Company**
 Firm's EIN: **20-3746583**
 Firm's address: **800 Grant St Ste 310 Denver, CO 80203-2944**
 Phone no.: **303-830-8109**

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **470,725** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **2,841**)

Wild Rivers:

From the Rio Grande and her tributaries, such as the Rio Chama and the Pecos River, to the Colorado River and her tributaries, such as the Gila River and the San Juan River, western rivers are a cornerstone of our region's identity. WildEarth Guardians prioritizes the protection of rivers, large and small, because they are essential to life as we know it. Though streams and rivers represent a mere 1 percent of the landscape, these arteries of life are ecological backbones in the region's otherwise arid landscape. Western waterways provide habitat for approximately 75 percent of all native plants and animals, including literally hundreds of species threatened with extinction. Rivers not only sustain us with their

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **420,759** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **152,764**)

Wildlife:

The American West hosts a dazzling array of native wildlife and plants, from the mighty black bear and grey wolf, to minute caddisflies, springsnails, and irises. The diversity of life in the region is a product of varied topography and a multitude of ecological niches that these native species call home. WildEarth Guardians works to protect the vast spectrum of native species because they have an inherent right to exist, and because we, like most people, value wildlife, wildlands, and naturally functioning systems. With ecological function and biodiversity come amenities such as clean water, clean air, and natural landscapes to watch wildlife. From common species such as the coyote to rare creatures such as the black-

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **166,626** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **7,182**)

Wild Places Program:

The American West is a place set apart with abundant public lands and remnant ancient forests, pristine grasslands and wild headwaters and streams, which remind us of the spectacular richness that once epitomized this region. WildEarth Guardians' Wild Places Program protects public lands with a primary emphasis on National Forests and Bureau of Land Management lands. There are more than 300 million acres of public lands in the 17 western states and our goal is to prevent their capture and destruction by private, extractive interests. Sadly many of the diverse ecosystems in the West are in trouble. For example, the Southwestern ponderosa pine ecosystem, the Interior West's Sagebrush Sea, and fragile streams and

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ **263,220** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **3,090**)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ **1,321,330**

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	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors? (see instructions)	X	
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		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		X
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; 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	X	
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI	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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VII		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VIII		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part IX	X	
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		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)? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X		X
12a	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
b	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," and if the organization answered "No" to line 12a, then completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		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, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts I and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts II and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Parts III and IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I (see instructions)		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
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		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach its audited financial statements to this return? Note. Some Form 990 filers that operate one or more hospitals must attach audited financial statements (see instructions)		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants and other assistance to governments and organizations in the United States on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor, or a grant selection committee member, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1a	31		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1b	0		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
2a	31		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See instructions for filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7d			
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
7h			
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9a			
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
9b			
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12	10a	
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities	10b	
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders	11a	
b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)	11b	
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?	12a	
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year	12b	
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a	
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	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

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		
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?		X
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?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11a	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11b	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization	X	
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?		X
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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 **NM**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: **John C. Horning, Executive Director 312 Montezuma Avenue, Suite A**

Santa Fe

NM 87501-2627 505-988-9126

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 organizations compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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) John C. Horning Executive Director	40.00	X		X			62,000	0	7,798	
(2) Carol Norton Associate Director	40.00	X		X			52,000	0	5,706	
(3) Peter Schoenburg President	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) Robin Smith Vice President	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) William Symes Secretary	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(6) Shannon Larsen Treasurer	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(7) Todd Ringler Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) Jess Alford Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) Stephanie Forrest Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) Jon Spar Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) David Jones Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) Mark Rickman Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) Vanessa Scurci Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) Doug Erwin Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
(15)										
(16)										

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

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week (describe hours for related organizations in Schedule O)	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
(17)										
(18)										
(19)										
(20)										
(21)										
(22)										
(23)										
(24)										
(25)										
(26)										
(27)										
(28)										
1b Sub-total							114,000		13,504	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							114,000		13,504	

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person		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.

(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 in compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	487,748				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	904,629				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		11,412				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,392,377				
Program Service Revenue	2a Legal fees	Busn. Code 541900	163,036	163,036			
	b Riparian restoration services	811000	2,601	2,601			
	c Fees for service	811000	240	240			
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		165,877				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		904			904	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real	950				
		(ii) Personal					
	b Less: rental exps.						
	c Rental inc. or (loss)		950				
	d Net rental income or (loss)		950			950	
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	12,261				
		(ii) Other					
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.		11,375				
	c Gain or (loss)		886				
d Net gain or (loss)		886	886				
8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	108,432					
b Less: direct expenses	b	65,738					
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		42,694					
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a 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			Busn. Code				
11a Miscellaneous income		900099	51	51			
b							
c							
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			51				
12 Total revenue. See instructions.			1,603,739	166,814	0	1,854	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	127,504	68,527	18,836	40,141
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	560,858	470,630	46,864	43,364
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	68,551	57,760	6,270	4,521
10 Payroll taxes	76,992	63,435	6,336	7,221
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	50,665	50,550	33	82
c Accounting	7,454	6,411	581	462
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	12,620			12,620
f Investment management fees				
g Other	284,503	283,249		1,254
12 Advertising and promotion	26,959	26,834	73	52
13 Office expenses	114,611	102,032	2,773	9,806
14 Information technology	23,560	21,226	1,063	1,271
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	54,421	42,909	4,989	6,523
17 Travel	46,928	41,348	363	5,217
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	846	701	78	67
20 Interest	948	948		
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	10,244	9,516	312	416
23 Insurance	14,226	13,646	378	202
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24f. If line 24f amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24f expenses on Schedule O.)				
a Equipment leases	40,470	39,530	614	326
b River restoration	6,593	6,593		
c Staff dev and training	6,321	5,076	482	763
d Land leases	4,149	4,149		
e Research	3,625	3,122	296	207
f All other expenses	4,909	3,138		1,771
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,547,957	1,321,330	90,341	136,286
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720). Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	429,354	1	383,770
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	221,806	2	444,184
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	20,709	3	74,695
	4 Accounts receivable, net		4	9,989
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 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 instructions)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	24,018	9	43,062
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 105,772		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 55,905	57,006	10c 49,867
	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	427,560	15	458,220
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	1,180,453	16	1,463,787	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	68,225	17	49,193
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	269,213
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	5,000	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	18,782	23	13,715
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	43,123	24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	135,130	26	332,121
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	714,041	27	675,212
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	102,790	28	233,140
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	228,492	29	223,314
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, 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	1,045,323	33	1,131,666
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	1,180,453	34	1,463,787	

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	1,603,739
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,547,957
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	55,782
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	1,045,323
5	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	5	30,561
6	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3, 4, and 5 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	6	1,131,666

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

Check if Schedule O contains a response to any question 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? _____
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? _____
- 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.
- d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- 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		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010

Open to Public Inspection

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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization **WildEarth Guardians** Employer identification number **85-0406306**

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—Other
- 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?
 - (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?

	Yes	No
11g(i)		
11g(ii)		
11g(iii)		

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 support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
(A)									
(B)									
(C)									
(D)									
(E)									
Total									

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2010

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) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	1,392,377	6,463,359
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	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	1,392,377	6,463,359
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)						499,375
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,963,984

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	1,392,377	6,463,359
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,715	4,765	7,870	1,273	904	16,527
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.)	2,038		7,908	3,849	51	13,846
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						6,493,732
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	808,059
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 2010 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	91.84%
15 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	91.66%
16a 33 1/3% support test—2010. 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—2009. 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—2010. 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—2009. 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) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) 2010	(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 2010 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2010 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2009 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33 1/3% support tests—2010.** 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—2009.** 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 **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail

Miscellaneous income \$ 13,846

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010

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

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WildEarth Guardians

85-0406306

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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, aggregate 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 aggregate 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 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).

Name of organization
WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number
85-0406306

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	[REDACTED]	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	Wilburforce Foundation 3681 Fremont Ave N, #304 Seattle WA 98103-8753	\$ 85,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	Leonard X. Bosack & Bette M. Kruger Charitable Foundation, Inc. 501 Silverside Road, Suite 123 Wilmington DE 19809-1377	\$ 30,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	[REDACTED]	\$ 31,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	USDA Forest Service Santa Fe National Forest 11 Forest Lane Santa Fe NM 87508	\$ 143,300	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau PO Box 5469 Santa Fe NM 87502	\$ 297,949	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization
WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number
85-0406306

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	Sierra Club 85 Second St, 2nd Floor San Francisco CA 94105	\$ 40,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	[REDACTED]	\$ 69,000	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.)
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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.)

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2010

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527
 ▶ Complete if the organization is described below. ▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 ▶ See separate instructions.

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

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35a (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of organization WildEarth Guardians	Employer identification number 85-0406306
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

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

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

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

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

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

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	972													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	972													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	1,546,985													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	1,547,957													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	227,398													
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Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	56,850													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2007	(b) 2008	(c) 2009	(d) 2010	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	135,352	196,343	238,805	227,398	797,898
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,196,847
c Total lobbying expenditures	1,000	9,817	1,208	972	12,997
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	33,838	49,086	59,701	56,850	199,475
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					299,213
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule C, Part IV, Additional Information

Staff worked with Colorado, New Mexico, and federal representatives on various legislative initiatives.

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, 11, or 12.

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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...?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...?

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization, 2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution..., 3 Number of conservation easements modified..., 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located..., 5 Does the organization have a written policy..., 6 Staff and volunteer hours..., 7 Amount of expenses..., 8 Does each conservation easement..., 9 In Part XIV, describe how the organization reports...

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.

Table with 2 columns: \$, \$, \$, \$. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report..., 1b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report..., 2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain...

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 XIV.

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 XIV 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? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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	530,350	433,926	565,560		
b Contributions	402,600	481,750	540,100		
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	49,313	48,634	-124,134		
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	-290,903	-433,960	-547,600		
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	691,360	530,350	433,926		

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 33.98 %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 33.72 %
- c Term endowment ▶ 32.30 %

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)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		54,276	46,456	7,820
e Other		51,496	9,449	42,047
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				49,867

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. (Column (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. (Column (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) Assets held by others - unrestricted	234,906
(2) Assets held by others - permanently	223,314
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	458,220

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Amount	
(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 XIV, 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).

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,603,739
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,547,957
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	55,782
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	30,561
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	30,561
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	86,343

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,634,300
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	30,561
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	30,561
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,603,739
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 XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,603,739

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,547,957
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 XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,547,957
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 XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,547,957

Part XIV 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, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part IV, Line 1b - Explanation for Unreported Contributions or Assets

WildEarth Guardians and other environmental groups won a case in 2005 to protect the silvery minnow habitat in the Rio Grande River. The funds held in escrow are to be used to purchase water rights. The escrow agreement expires on January 18, 2012 and may be extended upon the approval of all parties.

Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses for Endowment Funds

Board-designated Endowment: Board reserve for contingencies.

Permanent Endowment: The principal amount of the fund is to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of WildEarth Guardians with annual distributions of investment income to the organization.

Term Endowment: Amounts are spent in accordance with donors' designations.

**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" to 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. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

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 ten 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			
1							
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							
9							
10							
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.

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Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		<u>Santa Fe Gala</u> (event type)	<u>Denver Gala</u> (event type)	<u>1</u> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	62,119	20,685	7,150	89,954
	2 Less: Charitable contributions				
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	62,119	20,685	7,150	89,954
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Noncash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses	32,299	14,304	6,808	53,411
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				53,411
	11 Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10				36,543

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	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. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7				

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____
 a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states? 9a Yes No
 b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? 10a Yes No
 b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization operate 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 operated in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 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 to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$

Part IV **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to 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 complete this part to provide any additional information (see instructions).

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZComplete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

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Form 990, Part I, Line 6

Volunteers assisted in Stream Team, an annual river restoration event held at different riparian locations, by helping to plant native trees and shrubs. Volunteers also assisted during fundraising events by checking attendees in, helping set up and clean up after events, and general office help such as copying, mailing, etc.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Achievement

abundant supplies of clean water but also with both their wonder and beauty.

--Planted 6,000 cottonwoods, 2,500 gooding willow, 500 pacific willow, more than 100,000 coyote willow, 100 boxelder maple, and 600 riparian forage species such as chokecherry, golden currant, netleaf hackberry, stretchberry, skunkbush sumac, bluestem willow, false indigo bush, and American plum.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Achievement

footed ferret and lesser prairie chicken, the fauna and flora of the West form the very threads in the vibrant tapestry of life. We work to preserve that tapestry, rather than let it unravel.

In 2010, WildEarth Guardians' Wildlife program celebrated the International Year of Biodiversity with an unprecedented scale of actions all year long. Our efforts were aimed at compelling the federal government to implement the U.S. Endangered Species Act as a contribution to the world's efforts to preserve biodiversity.

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As a result of our energetic campaign, a number of species have a renewed chance at survival.

--We secured court victories for the Gunnison's and Utah prairie dogs that require the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to review how to best protect these animals.

--The thick-billed parrot and jaguarondi have a chance at a bi-national recovery plan as a result of our court settlements.

--The sand dune lizard, for which we have steadily pressed for federal listing, was proposed for protection at long last.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Third Achievement

wetland habitats are all considered endangered ecosystems.

While advocating to end activities that threaten to destroy our public wildlands in the American West, we also work to ensure that they remain biologically intact and ecologically functional by actively restoring previously damaged lands, waters and ecosystems.

Our accomplishments mean not only greater protection for wild landscapes but also the wildlife, water and air that make them the treasures we cherish.

--Advocated greater restrictions on off-highway vehicles uses in Arizona and New Mexico national forests.

--Advocated for beaver re-establishment, river ecosystems, and road obliteration as part of an historic and collaborative effort with local communities in the Jemez Mountains in northern New Mexico.

--Advocated for strong protection of Utah's national forests from logging and oil and gas development.

--Fought forest biomass energy development in New Mexico.

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--Advocated for strong environmental analysis and public participation in the Obama Administration's national forests planning rule.

--Challenged numerous uranium prospecting projects in New Mexico.

--Removed miles of barbed wire fencing within the Valles Caldera National Preserve in northern New Mexico to reestablish wildlife migration corridors.

--Advocated for beaver re-establishment as a climate adaption strategy on federal lands.

--Created homes for more than 200 Gunnison's prairie dogs in New Mexico.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Achievements

Climate and Energy Program:

Our vision is simple: a future 100 percent powered by renewable energy by 2035. To get there, the goal of our Climate and Energy program is reform that prioritizes energy efficiency and conservation, phases out fossil fuels, and embraces environmentally appropriate clean power sources.

The tragedy of the Gulf oil spill this past year was a disturbing reminder of just how much we stand to lose by relying on fossil fuels. That's why WildEarth Guardians' goal has been and continues to be simple: To help clean energy take root by exposing the true cost of fossil fuels.

In 2010, our efforts set the stage for watershed gains toward clean energy.

--Filed lawsuits to overturn billions of tons of new coal mining in the nation's largest coal producing region, the Powder River Basin of Wyoming.

--Brought pressure to bear against the region's largest coal-fired power plants, including New Mexico's San Juan Generating Station and Four Corners Power Plant, two of the largest coal-fired power plants in the American West.

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--Helped to thwart 41,000 acres of oil and gas drilling in Montana.

--Applied pressure until Xcel Energy committed to retiring four coal-fired power plants in Colorado.

--Halted 41,000 acres of oil and gas drilling in Montana.

--Successfully pressured the Environmental Protection Agency to adopt the first-ever rules to limit greenhouse gas emissions from industrial sources of air pollution.

--Filed first-ever lawsuit challenging global warming impacts of coal mining in Wyoming's Powder River Basin.

--Put five coal-fired power plants on the road to retirement in Colorado.

Total 2010 expenditures = \$122,697

Total 2010 revenue = \$3,090

Publications and Outreach:

WildEarth Guardians' outreach includes publications and events. We publish a newsletter three times per year and an annual report which we distribute to members and over 20 outlets in the American West. WG also hosts many events including three Gala events (in Albuquerque, Denver, and Santa Fe), house parties throughout the West, program specific rallies, and workshops. We also sponsor an information table at concerts, festivals, and public events.

Total 2010 expenditures = \$140,523

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b - Organization's Process to Review Form 990
Approximately a week prior to filing the Form 990, a draft in PDF format is sent to all Board members along with an email calling their attention to portions of the forms. Comments and corrections are strongly encouraged.

Name of the organization

WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number

85-0406306

In addition, the Associate Director and Accountant discuss the entire draft form with the preparer in detail in advance of filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

In addition to requiring Board members, staff and regular contractors to proactively notify the full Board of any conflicts, all Board members, staff, and regular contractors must sign a annual form which a) affirms that they have received a copy of the policy; b) read and understood it; c) agreed to comply with the policy; d) understood that WildEarth Guardians is a charitable organization and must engage in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes; and e) list all relationships with WildEarth Guardians' vendors, service recipients, funders, employees and contractors. All potential conflicts are reviewed by the Board of Directors without the presence of the interested party.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The Board of Directors reviews and approves the Executive Director's annual salary, with no participation by the Executive Director or other interested persons.

The Executive Director's salary is established using comparable data for similarly qualified persons in functionally comparable positions at similar nonprofits; consideration of roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director; and cost of living data. Comparable market data is obtained from salary surveys and Form 990s filed by comparable not-for-profit organizations.

Discussions and decisions regarding the compensation are documented in Executive Committee meeting minutes.

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The Executive Director also receives reimbursements for routine, reasonable, and documented expenses incurred during the year under an accountable plan. The Executive Director travels throughout our service area. The Organization has a travel policy that caps reimbursement levels and requires low-budget travel.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

A line item budget is approved by the Board of Directors annually. The Board approves the overall salaries and benefits expenses. Discussions and decisions regarding the budget are documented in Board meeting minutes. The Executive Director reviews and approves the salaries of other officers or key employees, with no participation by the interested persons, in accordance with the annual budget approved by the Board of Directors. The Executive Director establishes salaries using comparable data for similarly qualified persons in functionally comparable positions at similar nonprofits; consideration of roles and responsibilities of the officer or key employee; and cost of living data. Comparable market data is obtained from salary surveys and Form 990s filed by comparable not-for-profit organizations.

Carol Norton is listed as an officer due to Form 990 definitions as the senior financial staff person; she is not an officer under state law.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

We consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

Form 990, Part XI - Additional Information

Part XI, Line 5:

Name of the organization

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Other changes in Net Assets = Net unrealized gains or losses on
investments = \$30,561

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 black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Termination
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.

C Name of organization
WildEarth Guardians

Doing Business As _____

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
312 Montezuma Avenue A

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Santa Fe NM 87501-2627

D Employer identification number
85-0406306

E Telephone number
505-988-9126

G Gross receipts \$ **2,026,921**

F Name and address of principal officer:
John C. Horning
312 Montezuma Avenue, Suite A
Santa Fe NM 87510-2627

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

H(b) Are all affiliates included? Yes No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

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

J Website: ▶ **www.wildearthguardians.org**

H(c) Group exemption number ▶ _____

K Type of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other ▶

L Year of formation: **1989** **M** State of legal domicile: **NM**

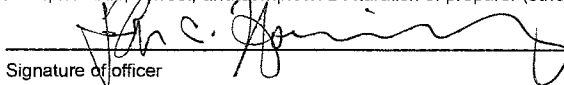
Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.		
	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	11
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	10
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	35
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	250
	7a Total gross 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)	1,460,201	1,799,043
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	600	94,361
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	7,870	1,273
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,653,846	1,924,853
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)		
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	841,895	1,023,724
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		21,264
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 134,441		
17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	721,892	687,917	
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,563,787	1,732,905	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	90,059	191,948	
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)	838,990	1,180,453
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	34,248	135,130
		804,742	1,045,323

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 

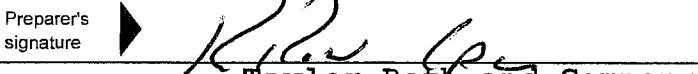
Date **8-6-2010**

John C. Horning

Executive Director

Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature 

Date **08/04/10**

Check if self-employed

Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4
Taylor Roth and Company
800 Grant St Ste 310
Denver, CO 80203-2944

EIN ▶ _____

Phone no. ▶ **303-830-8109**

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **664,503** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Wild Rivers:

Rivers across the Southwest continue to be threatened by development that has encroached on floodplains, depriving rivers of their banks, and endangering fish and wildlife habitat. To address this threat, we filed two separate lawsuits in 2009 that, as part of the National Flood Insurance Program, insures and promotes development along rivers. A host of endangered plants and animals along such rivers as the Rio Grande, the Pecos River, the San Pedro River, and the Verde River would benefit if our lawsuit succeeds. Our goal is to limit development and better protect endangered species that depend on river ecosystems throughout the Southwest.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **472,748** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **71,573**)

Wildlife:

WildEarth Guardians' Wildlife Program escalated its work on a multitude of species, from the most imperiled plants and animals on earth, such as the Sonoran desert tortoise and the Yellowstone sand verbenas, to wildlife in our midst, such as mountain lions and coyotes.

As a result of our tireless efforts, we obtained positive decisions from the federal government for 111 species for which we've pursued Endangered Species Act listing. Through our Prairie Dog Day celebration, Western Ark, Western Grouse, and Western Wolf campaigns, we raised public awareness, pressuring policymakers, and represented imperiled species in the courtroom.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **164,215** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Wild Places Program:

In 2009, WildEarth Guardians' Wild Places Program focused on protecting and restoring the Gila Bioregion, Chihuahuan Desert Bioregion, the Sagebrush Sea, and the Colorado Rockies.

Covering vast swaths of the West's special and most imperiled places, in 2009 WildEarth Guardians:

--Chipped away at the government's giveaway of federal lands to the livestock industry while commemorating the 110th anniversary of the Gila National Forest by advocating for permanent livestock elimination and a 2.2 million acre addition to the national forest;

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ **207,213** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ **22,787**)

4e Total program service expenses **1,508,679**

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	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
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		X
4	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5	Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any similar funds or accounts where 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		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9	Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; 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		X
10	Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11	Is the organization's answer to any of the following questions "Yes"? If so, complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did the organization report an amount for land, buildings, and equipment in Part X, line 10? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part VI. • 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. • 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. • Did the organization report an amount for other assets related 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. • Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. • 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X. 		
12	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII.	X	
12A	Was the organization included in consolidated, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," completing Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII is optional.		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
14b	Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the United States? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
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		X
20	Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

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

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 27		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1b 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	X	
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 35		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		X
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
5c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		X
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?	X	
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	X	
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	X	
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a donor advised fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

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.

Section A. Governing Body and Management

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

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

		Yes	No
10a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
11	Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	X	
11a	Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
12b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	X	
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
15a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	X	
15b	Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)	X	
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
16b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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 ► **NM**
- 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.
- 20 State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ► **Wildearth Guardians** **312 Montezuma, Suite A**

Santa Fe

NM 87501-2627 505-988-9126

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

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. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- 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. 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 the organization did not compensate any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
John C. Horning Executive Director	40.00	X		X			55,478	0	7,624	
Carol Norton Associate Director	40.00	X		X			47,322	0	5,622	
Peter Schoenburg President	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
Robin Smith Vice President	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
Thomas H. Noble Former Secretary	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
Bill Syme Secretary	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
Shannon Larsen Treasurer	2.00	X		X			0	0	0	
Jess Alford Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
Stephanie Forrest Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
Jon Spar Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
Dave Jones Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
Mark Rickman Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
Vanessa Scurci Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	
Doug Erwin Member	1.00	X					0	0	0	

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c	16,100				
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	583,496				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,199,447				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		42,031				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,799,043				
Program Service Revenue	2a Legal fees	Busn. Code 541900	94,361	94,361			
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		94,361				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,273			1,273	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
	b Less: rental exps.						
	c Rental inc. or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.						
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 16,100 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a	127,845				
	b Less: direct expenses	b	102,068				
c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		25,777	25,777				
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a 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							
11a Miscellaneous income	Busn. Code 900099	1,942	1,942				
b Legal expense reimbursement	900099	1,907	1,907				
c Parking reimbursements	900099	550	550				
d All other revenue							
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d		4,399					
12 Total Revenue. See instructions.		1,924,853	124,537	0	1,273		

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	116,046	56,516	21,070	38,460
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	749,567	661,706	50,657	37,204
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	77,939	68,732	6,038	3,169
10 Payroll taxes	80,172	72,369	547	7,256
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	20,268	20,100	113	55
c Accounting	7,064	5,822	625	617
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	21,264			21,264
f Investment management fees				
g Other	162,541	161,755	9	777
12 Advertising and promotion	57,290	54,758		2,532
13 Office expenses	99,032	86,217	4,366	8,449
14 Information technology	19,892	17,841	54	1,997
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	52,286	43,327	4,473	4,486
17 Travel	72,107	69,490	34	2,583
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest	1,191	1,181	6	4
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	11,006	9,397	1,000	609
23 Insurance	8,475	7,889	264	322
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Equipment leases	150,470	149,973	204	293
b Research	5,614	5,095	67	452
c River restoration	5,233	5,233		
d Event expenses	4,599	1,749		2,850
e Penalties	4,319	3,612	220	487
f All other expenses	6,530	5,917	38	575
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,732,905	1,508,679	89,785	134,441
26 Joint costs. Check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing	185,643	1	429,354
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	256,464	2	221,806
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	20,709
	4 Accounts receivable, net	6,832	4	
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	808	9	24,018
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 102,667		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 45,661	10c	57,006
	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	378,926	15	427,560
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	838,990	16	1,180,453	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	34,248	17	68,225
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L		22	5,000
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	18,782
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	43,123
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	34,248	26	135,130
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	548,269	27	714,041
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	55,000	28	102,790
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	201,473	29	228,492
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, 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	804,742	33	1,045,323
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	838,990	34	1,180,453	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

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?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

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.

d If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were issued on a consolidated basis, separate basis, or both:

Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis

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		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

Form **8868**
(Rev. April 2009)

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I and check this box
- If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II (on page 2 of this form).

Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization WILDEARTH GUARDIANS	Employer identification number 85-0406306
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 312 Montezuma, Ste A	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Sante Fe NM 87501-2627	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

● The books are in the care of ▶ **Wildearth Guardians**

Telephone No. ▶ **505-988-9126** FAX No. ▶

- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **08/15/10** to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
▶ calendar year **2009** or
▶ tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$
3b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$
3c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Form **8868** (Rev. 4-2009)

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	5,800,374
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	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	5,800,374
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)						450,040
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						5,350,334

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	5,800,374
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,100	1,715	4,765	7,870	1,273	16,723
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)	6,099	2,038		7,908	3,849	19,894
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						5,836,991
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	561,680
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 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	91.66%
15 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	92.31%
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009. 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—2008. 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—2009. 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—2008. 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(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 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%

19a **33 1/3 % support tests—2009.** 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—2008.** 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 **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; and Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. See instructions.

Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail

Miscellaneous income \$ 19,894

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WildEarth Guardians

85-0406306

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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, aggregate 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 aggregate 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 in the heading of its Form 990-EZ, or on 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).

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2009)

Name of organization **WildEarth Guardians** Employer identification number **85-0406306**

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	[REDACTED]	\$ 82,292	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	[REDACTED]	\$ 40,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	[REDACTED]	\$ 105,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	[REDACTED]	\$ 90,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	[REDACTED]	\$ 60,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	[REDACTED]	\$ 50,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

Name of organization
WildEarth Guardians

Employer identification number
85-0406306

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	[REDACTED]	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
8	[REDACTED]	\$ 37,685	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
9	USDA Forest Service Santa Fe National Forest 11 Forest Lane Santa Fe NM 87508	\$ 172,664	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
10	New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau PO Box 5469 Santa Fe NM 87502	\$ 167,389	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
11	National Fish and Wildlife Foundation 1133 15th Street, NW, Suite 1100 Washington DC 20005	\$ 91,200	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.)

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2009

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ Complete if the organization is described below.

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

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

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)		0	
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		1,208	
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		1,208	
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,774,887	
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,776,095	
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		238,805	
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:		
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.		
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.		
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.		
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.		
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		59,701	
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-		0	
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f on page 4.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2006	(b) 2007	(c) 2008	(d) 2009	(e) Total
2a Lobbying non-taxable amount	135,352	135,352	196,343	238,805	705,852
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,058,778
c Total lobbying expenditures	1,000	1,000	9,817	1,208	13,025
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	33,838	33,838	49,086	59,701	176,463
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					264,695
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule C, Part IV, Additional Information

Staff worked with Colorado, New Mexico, and federal representatives on various legislative initiatives.

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, 11, or 12.

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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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...?, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees...?

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

Form for Part II Conservation Easements. Includes questions 1-9 regarding purpose of easements, monitoring, and reporting. Includes a table for 'Held at the End of the Tax Year' with rows 2a-2d.

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.

Form for Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets. Includes questions 1a-1b and 2a-2b regarding reporting of art and assets.

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 XIV.
- 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 XIV 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 XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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	433,926	565,560			
b Contributions	481,750	540,100			
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	48,634	-124,134			
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	433,960	547,600			
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	530,350	433,926			

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 37.54 %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 43.08 %
- c Term endowment ▶ 19.38 %

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	X	
(ii) related organizations		X
b If "Yes" to 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?		

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

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		51,171	42,511	8,660
e Other		51,496	3,150	48,346
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				57,006

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Audited Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,924,853
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,732,905
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	191,948
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	48,633
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4 through 8	9	48,633
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per audited financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	240,581

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,977,706
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains on investments	2a	48,633
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	4,220
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	52,853
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,924,853
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 XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	1,924,853

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,737,125
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	4,220
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	4,220
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,732,905
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 XIV.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,732,905

Part XIV 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, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b. Also complete this part to provide any additional information.

Part V, Line 4 - Intended Uses for Endowment Funds

Board-designated funds are utilized for operating contingencies.

The principal amount of the permanent endowment is to be held in perpetuity for the benefit of the Organization with annual distributions of investment income to the Organization.

Temporarily restricted net assets are spent in accordance with the designations of the donors.

**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" to 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. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to 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.

- a Mail solicitations
- b Internet and email solicitations
- c Phone solicitations
- d In-person solicitations
- e Solicitation of non-government grants
- f Solicitation of government grants
- g Special fundraising events

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 ten 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 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			
Custom Mailing Solutions	Mailings		X	128,132	16,460	111,672
Total				128,132	16,460	111,672

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

New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Dist of Columbia

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events	
		<u>Santa Fe Gala</u> (event type)	<u>Denver Gala</u> (event type)	<u>3</u> (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	65,975	27,700	44,120	137,795
	2	Less: Charitable contributions			15,100	15,100
	3	Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	65,975	27,700	29,020	122,695
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	35,668	17,684	23,355	76,707
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				
11	Net income summary. Combine line 3, column (d), and line 10					45,988

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	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. Combine line 1, column d, and line 7				

	Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities:		
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	
b If "No," Explain:		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	
b If "Yes," Explain:		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	
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?	12	

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in:

- a The organization's facility
- b An outside facility

13a	%
13b	%

14 Provide 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?

- 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?
- 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 ▶ \$

	Yes	No
13a		
13b		
14		
15a		
15b		
15c		
16		
17a		
17b		

SCHEDULE L
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
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Transactions With Interested Persons

▶ Complete if the organization answered
"Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a, 25b, 26, 27, 28a, 28b, or 28c,
or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a or 40b.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Part I Excess Benefit Transactions (section 501(c)(3) and section 501(c)(4) organizations only).
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 25a or 25b, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 40b.

1	(a) Name of disqualified person	(b) Description of transaction	(c) Corrected?	
			Yes	No

2 Enter the amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under section 4958 ▶ \$ _____

3 Enter the amount of tax, if any, on line 2, above, reimbursed by the organization ▶ \$ _____

Part II Loans to and/or From Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 26, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 38a.

(a) Name of interested person and purpose	(b) Loan to or from the organization?		(c) Original principal amount	(d) Balance due	(e) In default?		(f) Approved by board or committee?		(g) Written agreement?	
	To	From			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
Peter Schoenburg Operating cash	X		5,000	5,000		X	X		X	
Total				▶ \$	5,000					

Part III Grants or Assistance Benefitting Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 27.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount and type of assistance

Part IV Business Transactions Involving Interested Persons.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 28a, 28b, or 28c.

(a) Name of interested person	(b) Relationship between interested person and the organization	(c) Amount of transaction	(d) Description of transaction	(e) Sharing of org. revenues?	
				Yes	No
Terry Flanagan	Exec Dir spouse	82,292	Contract work		X

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form
990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.
▶ Attach to Form 990.

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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of Contributions	(c) Revenues reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining revenues
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles	X	1	20,000	
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	X	2	6,031	
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ (Willows)	X	1	6,000	
26 Other ▶ (Willows)	X	1	10,000	
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement

29 1

30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1–28 that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which is not required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X

b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.

31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any non-standard contributions?

32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?

b If "Yes," describe in Part II.

33 If the organization did not report revenues in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.

SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

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

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Form 990, Part I, Line 6

Volunteers assisted in Stream Team, an annual river restoration event held at different riparian locations, by helping to plant native trees and shrubs. Volunteers also assisted during fundraising events by checking attendees in, helping set up and clean up after events, and general office help such as copying, mailing, etc.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Achievement

Complementing our legal and policy work is our hands-on river restoration program, which continues to be a powerful force to heal degraded streams in New Mexico. We planted more than 35,000 cottonwoods and willows. More than 250 volunteers in 2009 helped restore small streams such as La Jencia Creek, Bluewater Creek, the Rio Puerco and a handful of other streams as part of Stream Team. Each of these streams has been severely degraded by cattle grazing and our restoration work is bringing these vital ecosystems back to life. Our goal is to limit development in flood plains and better protect endangered species that depend on river ecosystems throughout the Southwest.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Achievement

To promote coexistence with wildlife, in 2009 WildEarth Guardians:

--Broadened efforts to safeguard mountain lions in Montana;

--Pushed for protection for a variety of mammals from trapping in New Mexico;

--Sought to outlaw the federal government's use of a variety of

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poisons, killing devices, and aerial gunning nationwide; and

--Led the charge to protect coyotes in the Denver metropolitan area from traps and guns.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Third Achievement

--Submitted a bid of \$50,000 to graze just a few bison on the Valles Caldera National Preserve and thereby protect the landscape from the ecological devastation of continued cattle grazing;

--Organized volunteers who succeeded in removing miles of historic barbed wire that impeded wildlife movement on the Valles Caldera National Preserve;

--Filed a lawsuit challenging logging in the Rio Grande National Forest in order to protect the Canada lynx and its forest home in southern Colorado;

--Successfully challenged a Bureau of Land Management proposal for 1.5 million acres of herbicide spraying in the Chihuahuan ecosystem of southern New Mexico;

--Saw our decade-long effort to protect the Sagebrush Sea pay off when the greater sage-grouse was listed as a "candidate" under the Endangered Species Act.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Achievements

Climate and Energy Program:

The Climate and Energy Program built unprecedented momentum in 2009, staking out WildEarth Guardians' leading role in confronting fossil fuels in the American West and accelerating our transition to clean energy.

Our accomplishments were many. In 2009, WildEarth Guardians:

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--Singlehandedly reformed the way the oil and gas industry is held accountable to clean air;

--Kickstarted the most significant overhaul ever of federal air quality regulations for oil and gas drilling;

--Secured commitments from the Environmental Protection Agency to ensure state air quality plans throughout the West protect public health and our treasured landscapes;

--Launched major legal challenges against the operation of coal-fired power plants throughout the region;

--Spurred the development of renewable energy off the coasts;

--Helped spark a renewable energy vision for the City of Santa Fe;

--And, most importantly, we managed to rally more people than ever before behind our vision of a future fueled entirely by clean energy.

Total 2009 expenditures = \$123,033

Total 2009 revenue = \$22,787

Publications and Outreach:

WildEarth Guardians outreach includes publications and events. We publish a newsletter three times per year and an annual report which we distribute to members and over 20 outlets in the American West. WG also hosts many events including three Gala events (in Albuquerque, Denver, and Santa Fe), house parties throughout the west, a HOWL art show, program specific rallies, and workshops. We also sponsor an information table at concerts, festivals, and public events.

Total 2009 expenditures = \$84,180

Form 990, Part VI, Line 11A - Organization's Process to Review Form 990

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Approximately a week prior to filing the Form 990, a draft in PDF format is sent to all Board members along with an email calling their attention to portions of the forms. Comments and corrections are strongly encouraged. In addition, the Associate Director and Accountant discuss the entire draft form with the preparer in detail in advance of filing.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c - Enforcement of Conflicts Policy

In addition to requiring Board members, staff and regular contractors to proactively notify the full Board of any conflicts, all Board members, staff, and regular contractors must sign a annual form which a) affirms that they have received a copy of the policy; b) read and understood it; c) agreed to comply with the policy; d) understood that WildEarth Guardians is a charitable organization and must engage in activities which accomplish one or more of its tax-exempt purposes; and e) list all relationships with WildEarth Guardians' vendors, service recipients, funders, employees and contractors. All potential conflicts are reviewed by the Board of Directors without the presence of the interested party.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15a - Compensation Process for Top Official

The Board of Directors reviews and approves the Executive Director's annual salary, with no participation by the Executive Director or other interested persons.

The Executive Director's salary is established using comparable data for similarly qualified persons in functionally comparable positions at similar nonprofits; consideration of roles and responsibilities of the Executive Director; and cost of living data. Comparable market data is obtained from salary surveys and Form 990s filed by comparable not-for-

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profit organizations.

Discussions and decisions regarding the compensation are documented in Executive Committee meeting minutes.

The Executive Director also receives reimbursements for routine, reasonable, and documented expenses incurred during the year under an accountable plan. The Executive Director travels throughout our service area. The Organization has a travel policy that caps reimbursement levels and requires low-budget travel.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 15b - Compensation Process for Officers

A line item budget is approved by the Board of Directors annually. The Board approves the overall salaries and benefits expenses. Discussions and decisions regarding the budget are documented in Board meeting minutes.

The Executive Director reviews and approves the salaries of other officers or key employees, with no participation by the interested persons, in accordance with the annual budget approved by the Board of Directors.

The Executive Director establishes salaries using comparable data for similarly qualified persons in functionally comparable positions at similar nonprofits; consideration of roles and responsibilities of the officer or key employee; and cost of living data. Comparable market data is obtained from salary surveys and Form 990s filed by comparable not-for-profit organizations.

Carol Norton is listed as an officer due to Form 990 definitions as the senior financial staff person; she is not an officer under state law.

Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 - Governing Documents Disclosure Explanation

We consider requests on a case-by-case basis.

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Schedule O - Additional Information

Schedule L, Part IV:

Terry Flanagan contracted WildEarth Guardians to perform restoration work. The source of these contract monies was federal funding.

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

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)

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

A For the **2008** calendar year, or tax year beginning _____, and ending _____

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization WILDEARTH GUARDIANS		D Employer identification number 85-0406306	
		Doing Business As		E Telephone number 505-988-9126	
		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	G Gross receipts \$ 1,653,846	
		312 Montezuma, Ste A		H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)	
		City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4 Santa Fe NM 87501-2627		F Name and address of principal officer:	

I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527	J Website: www.wildearthguardians.org	H(c) Group exemption number
K Type of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other	L Year of formation: 1989	M State of legal domicile: NM

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.	
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.	
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	8
	5	Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	24
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	300
	7a	Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	
7b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	0	
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year: 930,113 Current Year: 1,460,201
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	27,565 600
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	4,800 7,870
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	90,559 185,175
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1,053,037 1,653,846
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	473,176 841,895
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	
	16b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	107,735
17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	508,537 721,892	
18	Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	981,713 1,563,787	
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	71,324 90,059	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year: 877,695 End of Year: 838,990
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	39,358 34,248
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	838,337 804,742

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: *John C. Horning* Date: **8-6-2009**
John C. Horning **Executive Director**
 Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature: <i>Taylor Roth</i>	Date: 7/24/09	Check if self-employed: <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions): 20-3746583
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: Taylor Roth and Company 800 Grant St Ste 310 Denver, CO 80203-2944		EIN: 20-3746583	Phone no.: 303-830-8109

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Protect and restore wildlife, wild rivers, and wild places in the American West.

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 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.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ **432,973** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Southwest Rivers: After a decade of efforts to defend the Rio Grand's rights to its own waters, Forest Guardians entered into a historic settlement agreement with the City of Albuquerque in 2005, which began implementation in 2006. In addition to establishing funds for a pilot agricultural water leasing program and reserving city-owned reservoir water for the Rio Grande, the agreement gives residents the option to purchase water for this great river via their monthly water bills. Forest Guardians also continued to watchdog the pollution of rivers and took legal action over failures

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ **372,618** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Wildlife - WildEarth Guardians' campaign to provide wolves the freedom to roam in the American West made significant strides in 2008. In March, we legally challenged a Rocky Mountain National Park plan that failed to consider welcoming wolves back to the Park as the ecologically responsible means of managing the Park's burgeoning elk herd. Then, in April, we sued two federal agencies for pushing Mexican wolves closer to extinction in the wild. To protect wolves across the vast Rocky Mountain region, we filed a petition with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requesting the development of a recovery plan for

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ **249,559** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Wild Places - Throughout 2008, WildEarth Guardians fought abusive off-road vehicles on public lands in the West with public pressure and expert input. In September, we filed technical comments resulting in a two-thirds reduction of proposed roads and motorized trails in the Santa Fe National Forest. This victory protects wildlife, water quality, wild places and quiet recreation from the noise and pollution of off-road vehicles in the most fragmented forest in New Mexico. We also managed a road closure project in the Santa Fe National Forest in northern New

4d Other program services. (Describe in Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ **315,451** including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses ▶ \$ **1,370,601** (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

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	X	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	X	
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		X
4 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	X	
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where 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		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part II		X
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		X
9 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, line 21; 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		X
10 Did the organization hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V	X	
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	X	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		X
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the U.S.?		X
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part 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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part II		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part II		X
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If "Yes," complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If "Yes," complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? If "Yes," answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to question 25.		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? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
28	During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a	Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
b	Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
c	Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1		X
35	Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI		X

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable		
	1a 30		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return		
	2a 24		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? <i>Note.</i> If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file this return. (see instructions)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12		
10b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from members or shareholders		
11b	Gross income from other sources (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
12b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year		

Part VI Governance, Management, and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
For each "Yes" response to lines 2-7b below, and for a "No" response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.			
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	X	
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b	If "Yes," does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10	Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990		X
11	Is there any officer, director or 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		X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	X	
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c	Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done		X
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		X
15	Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a	The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?		X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization? Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)		X
16a	Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken 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	▶ NM	
18	Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply. <input type="checkbox"/> Own website <input type="checkbox"/> Another's website <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Upon request		
19	Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how), the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public.		
20	State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization: ▶ Wildearth Guardians 312 Montezuma, Suite A Santa Fe NM 87501-2627 505-988-9126		

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512, 513, or 514	
Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b					
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	319,796				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	1,140,405				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$		8,856				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,460,201				
Program Service Revenue	2a Fee for Service	Busn. Code	425	425			
	b Conference Income		175	175			
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f		600				
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		7,870			7,870	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross Rents	(i) Real					
		(ii) Personal					
	b Less: rental exps.						
	c Rental inc. or (loss)						
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities					
		(ii) Other					
	b Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.						
	c Gain or (loss)						
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a 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							
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a						
b Less: direct expenses	b						
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a 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		Busn. Code					
11a Gain on Sinapu Merger			116,985	116,985			
b Special Events			60,282			60,282	
c miscellaneous income			4,448	4,448			
d All other revenue			3,460	3,460			
e Total. Add lines 11a-11d			185,175				
12 Total Revenue. Add lines 1h, 2g, 3, 4, 5, 6d, 7d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e			1,653,846	125,493	0	68,152	

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) but are not required to complete columns (B), (C), and (D).

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 U.S. See Part IV, line 21				
2 Grants and other assistance to individuals in the U.S. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to governments, organizations, and individuals outside the U.S. 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)				
7 Other salaries and wages	702,193	613,979	30,607	57,607
8 Pension plan contributions (include section 401(k) and section 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	86,105	55,568	25,145	5,392
10 Payroll taxes	53,597	48,711	822	4,064
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	5,276	5,276		
c Accounting	43,657	38,483	1,951	3,223
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other				
12 Advertising and promotion				
13 Office expenses				
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	62,242	53,220	4,254	4,768
17 Travel	24,400	22,585	854	961
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	11,510	9,810	616	1,084
23 Insurance				
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (Expenses grouped together and labeled miscellaneous may not exceed 5% of total expenses shown on line 25 below.)				
a Contract labor	185,223	184,958	200	65
b River restoration	135,751	135,729	22	
c Printing	53,934	48,972	139	4,823
d Office expense	43,607	37,665	3,666	2,276
e Publications and media	36,426	29,959	4,580	1,887
f All other expenses	119,866	85,686	12,595	21,585
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24f	1,563,787	1,370,601	85,451	107,735
26 Joint Costs. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation				

Part X Balance Sheet

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash—non-interest bearing		1	100
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	119,517	2	185,682
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	31,990	3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	5,130	4	6,832
	5 Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, or other related parties. Complete Part II of Schedule L		5	
	6 Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B). Complete Part II of Schedule L		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	7,284	9	808
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost basis	10a 45,489		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10b 35,172		
		35,404	10c	10,317
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	175,310	11	256,325
	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	503,060	15	378,926	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	877,695	16	838,990	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	27,602	17	34,248
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue	384	19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 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		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable		24	
	25 Other liabilities. Complete Part X of Schedule D	11,372	25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	39,358	26	34,248
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	464,212	27	430,617
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	62,500	28	62,500
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	311,625	29	311,625
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, 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	838,337	33	804,742	
34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	877,695	34	838,990	

Part XI Financial Statements and Reporting

1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual Other

2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant?

b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?

c If "Yes" to lines 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?

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?

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

Form **8868**
(Rev. April 2009)

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

▶ **File a separate application for each return.**

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete **only Part I** and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete **only Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension—check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on e-file for Charities & Nonprofits.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization WILDEARTH GUARDIANS	Employer identification number 85-0406306
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 312 Montezuma, Ste A	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Sante Fe NM 87501-2627	

Check type of return to be filed (file a separate application for each return):

- | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

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- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until **8/17/09**, to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
 ▶ calendar year **2008** or
 ▶ tax year beginning _____ and ending _____

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see Instructions.

Form **8868** (Rev. 4-2009)

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Open to Public Inspection

To be completed by all section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS

Employer identification number 85-0406306

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: (Please check only one organization.)

- 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). (Attach Schedule H.)
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 X 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). (see instructions)
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—Other

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?

- (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?

Table with 3 rows (11g(i), 11g(ii), 11g(iii)) and 2 columns (Yes, No)

h Provide the following information about the organizations the organization supports.

Table with 7 main columns: (i) Name of supported organization, (ii) EIN, (iii) Type of organization, (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 support. Includes a Total row at the bottom.

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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	624,848	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	4,626,179
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 1-3	624,848	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	4,626,179
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)						329,258
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						4,296,921

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	624,848	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	4,626,179
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	487	1,205	1,715	4,765	7,870	16,042
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.)		6,099	2,038		4,448	12,585
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4,654,806
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	352,738
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 2008 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	92.3115 %
15 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 26f	15	97.5928 %
16a 33 1/3 % support test—2008. 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—2007. 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—2008. 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—2007. 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.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 1-5						
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 1% of the total of lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12 for the year or \$5,000						
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) 2004	(b) 2005	(c) 2006	(d) 2007	(e) 2008	(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 2008 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27g	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2008 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2007 Schedule A, Part IV-A, line 27h	18	%

19a 33 1/3 % support tests—2008. 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—2007. 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 **Supplemental Information.** Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

Part II, Line 10 - Other Income Detail

Miscellaneous income \$ 12,585

Schedule B

(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)
Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS

85-0406306

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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 organizations 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 Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/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 Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h or 2% of the amount on Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests 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 Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use exclusively for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate 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. Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2 of their Form 990, or check the box in the heading of their Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 990. These instructions will be issued separately.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2008)

Name of organization **WILDEARTH GUARDIANS** Employer identification number **85-0406306**

Part I Contributors (see instructions)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	[REDACTED]	\$ 35,650	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
2	[REDACTED]	\$ 55,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
3	[REDACTED]	\$ 40,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
4	[REDACTED]	\$ 75,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
5	[REDACTED]	\$ 100,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
6	[REDACTED]	\$ 115,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2008

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

▶ To be completed by organizations described below.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

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

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax), then

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

Name of organization WILDEARTH GUARDIANS	Employer identification number 85-0406306
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Part I-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c) and section 527 organizations.
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

Part I-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3).
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

Part I-C To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c), except section 501(c)(3).
See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

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

Part II-A To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

- A** Check if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group.
B Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		1,925												
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		1,925												
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures		1,561,862												
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		1,563,787												
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		228,189												
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Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
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Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		57,047												
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a		0												
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c		0												
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)
 (Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below. See the instructions for lines 2a through 2f of the instructions.)

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period						
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) Total	
2a	Lobbying non-taxable amount	125,370	135,352	196,343	228,189	685,254
b	Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,027,881
c	Total lobbying expenditures	250	1,000	9,817	1,925	12,992
d	Grassroots non-taxable amount	31,343	33,838	49,086	57,047	171,314
e	Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					256,971
f	Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

Part II-B To be completed by organizations exempt under section 501(c)(3) that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

Part III-A To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6). See the instructions for Schedule C for details.

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

Part III-B To be completed by all organizations exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) if BOTH Part III-A, questions 1 and 2 are answered "No" OR if Part III-A, question 3 is answered "Yes." See Schedule C instructions for details.

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Complete this part to provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1, Part I-B, line 4, Part I-C, line 5, and Part II-B, line 1i. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

Schedule C, Part I-A, Line 1

Lobby

Schedule C, Part IV, Additional Information

Worked with Governor of NM, state and federal legislators to pass legislation favorable to protecting streams in New Mexico.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations that answered "Yes," to Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, or 12.

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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... Yes/No, 6 Did the organization inform all grantees... Yes/No.

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

Table with 2 columns: Description, Held at the End of the Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements (check all that apply), 2 Complete lines 2a-2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution... 2a Total number of conservation easements, 2b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements, 2c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a), 2d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the taxable 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, violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes/No, 6 Staff or volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing 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 XIV, 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.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include: 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 XIV, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items. b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116, 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 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 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 XIV.

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 Trust, Escrow and Custodial Arrangements. Complete if 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 XIV 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? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIV.

Part V Endowment Funds. Complete if 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	503,060				
b Contributions					
c Investment earnings or losses	-124,134				
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance	378,926				

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the year end balance held as:

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 44.00 %
- b Permanent endowment ▶ 56.00 %
- c Term endowment ▶ %

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)		X
3a(ii)		X
3b		

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

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

Part VI Investments—Land, Buildings, and Equipment. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of investment	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other		45,489	35,172	10,317
Total. Add lines 1a–1e. (Column (d) should equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				10,317

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
Financial derivatives and other financial products		
Closely-held equity interests		
Other -----		

Total. (Column (b) should 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
Total. (Column (b) should 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
Assets held by others - permanently	201,473
Assets held by others - unrestricted	177,453
Assets held by others - unrestricted cash reserve	
Assets held by others - permanently	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.) ▶	378,926

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

(a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
Federal income taxes	
Total. (Column (b) should equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ▶	

In Part XIV, 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.

Part XI Reconciliation of Change in Net Assets from Form 990 to Financial Statements

1	Total revenue (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,653,846
2	Total expenses (Form 990, Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,563,787
3	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	90,059
4	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	4	
5	Donated services and use of facilities	5	
6	Investment expenses	6	
7	Prior period adjustments	7	
8	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	8	
9	Total adjustments (net). Add lines 4-8	9	
10	Excess or (deficit) for the year per financial statements. Combine lines 3 and 9	10	90,059

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	1,653,846
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	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,653,846
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 XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part 1, line 12.)	5	1,653,846

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	1,563,787
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	Losses reported on Form 990, Part IX, line 25	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIV)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,563,787
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 XIV)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This should equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,563,787

Part XIV 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; Part XI, line 8; Part XII, lines 2d and 4b; and Part XIII, lines 2d and 4b.

Part XI, Line 8 - Reconciliation of Changes - Other

Special events expenses	\$	0
Net unrealized losses on investments	\$	0
Special events expenses	\$	0

Part XII, Line 2d - Revenue Amounts Included in Financials - Other

Special events expenses	\$	0
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Part XIV Supplemental Information (continued)

Part XII, Line 4b - Revenue Amounts Included on Return - Other

Net unrealized losses on investments \$ 0

Part XIII, Line 2d - Expense Amounts Included in Financials - Other

Special events expenses \$ 0

SCHEDULE O

(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Supplemental Information to Form 990

▶ Attach to Form 990. To be completed by organizations to provide additional information for responses to specific questions for the Form 990 or to provide any additional information.

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Inspection**WILDEARTH GUARDIANS**

Employer identification number

85-0406306**Form 990, Part III, Line 4a - First Achievement**

at a sewage treatment plant in southern New Mexico that were degrading the Rio Ruidoso.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4b - Second Achievement

wolves in the Southern Rocky Mountains. We also petitioned for an urgent revision of the outdated 1982 Mexican Wolf Recovery Plan. Finally, in a long-awaited victory for wolves, a federal judge made clear that counties or local governments in New Mexico cannot pass laws allowing the trapping and killing of Mexican wolves in the wild.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4c - Third Achievement

Mexico which re-seeded and restored areas once cut by roads, restoring wildlife and water quality. Both campaigns accomplish our vision of minimizing human impacts and reestablishing wildlife corridors across the Southern Rockies.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d - All Other Achievements

Wild Rivers - WildEarth Guardians' river restoration program continued to grow by leaps and bounds in 2008. Last spring, we hosted four Stream Team events and helped more than 300 volunteers plant native cottonwood and willow trees along the banks of Southwestern waterways. WildEarth

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Guardians and Stream Team volunteers planted 4,000 cottonwoods; 30,000 willows; and 500 shrubs including three leaf sumac, chokecherry, western sand cherry and golden currant. These four events not only breathed new life back into degraded streams and rivers with native trees, they also brought local communities and volunteers together and heightened their awareness of our connection to southwestern rivers. Our program worked on restoring a total of fifteen stream miles and managed seven different restoration sites throughout the Southwest. In October, WildEarth Guardians was awarded two river restoration grants by Governor Bill Richardson to improve streamside habitat on the Rio Puerco and La Jencia Creek in central New Mexico.

Climate and Energy - WildEarth Guardians worked tirelessly for clean air and a safe climate as part of our Climate and Energy Program in 2008. In August, we filed a lawsuit over the Environmental Protection Agency's failure to curb harmful air pollution from the CEMEX cement plant located less than 20 miles from Rocky Mountain National Park. In the Denver metro area, we called on the Colorado Air Commission to strengthen plans to clean up the city's smog. In addition, WildEarth Guardians tackled global warming at its rootcoal mines. We sued federal agencies to withdraw a permit for the expansion of the West Elk Coal Mine and appealed the expansion of the Elk Creek Mine,

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both in Western Colorado. Not only is their coal burned,
they release methane, a potent greenhouse gas. In
December, WildEarth Guardians filed a groundbreaking
petition calling on the Environmental Protection Agency to
cut ozone in 16 Western States.