

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

2008**Open to Public Inspection****A** For the 2008 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)

312 Montezuma, Ste A

Room/suite

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4

Santa Fe**NM 87501-2627****F** Name and address of principal officer:**D** Employer identification number**85-0406306****E** Telephone number**505-988-9126****G** Gross receipts \$ **1,653,846****H(a)** Is this a group return for

affiliates?

☐ Yes☒ No**H(b)** Are all affiliates

included?

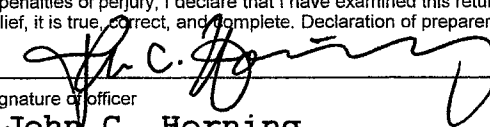
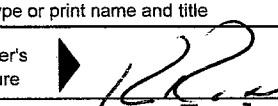
☐ Yes☐ No

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 assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	8
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	24
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	300
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	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)	930,113	1,460,201
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	27,565	600
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	4,800	7,870
	12 Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	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)		
	b 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
Net Assets or Fund Balances	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
	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	877,695	838,990
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	39,358	34,248
		838,337	804,742

Part II Signature Block

Sign Here	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.			
	 John C. Horning Signature of officer		8-6-2009 Date	
	Executive Director			
Paid Preparer's Use Only	 Preparer's signature		7/24/09 Date	<input type="checkbox"/> Check if self-employed
	Taylor Roth and Company Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4		20-3746583 Preparer's identifying number (see instructions)	
	800 Grant St Ste 310 Denver, CO 80203-2944		303-830-8109 Phone no.	

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

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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	1b	
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	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	24
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 this return. (see instructions)	2b	X
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	3a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	3b	
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)?	4a	X
b	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?	5a	X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	X
c	If "Yes," to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction?	5c	
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible?	6a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b	
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75?	7a	X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b	
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c	X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year	7d	
e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?	7e	X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	X
g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g	X
h	For contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required?	7h	X
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?	8	X
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a	X
b	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b	X
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	

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	1a	8
b	Enter the number of voting members that are independent	1b	
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?	2	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?	3	X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?	4	X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?	5	X
6	Does the organization have members or stockholders?	6	X
7a	Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?	7a	X
b	Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?	7b	X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a	The governing body?	8a	X
b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	8b	X
9a	Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?	9a	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?	9b	
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	10	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	11	X

Section B. Policies

		Yes	No
12a	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	12a	X
b	Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	12b	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	12c	X
13	Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	13	X
14	Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	14	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?	15a	X
b	Other officers or key employees of the organization?	15b	X
	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?	16a	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?	16b	

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.
☐ 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 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		
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	45,489		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	35,172	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 Reporting1 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)Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Application for Extension of Time To File an
Exempt Organization Return**

OMB No. 1545-1709

▶ **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 File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization WILDEARTH GUARDIANS	Employer identification number 85-0406306
	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 **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)

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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

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.

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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] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] [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] [REDACTED] [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

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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**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?

☐ Yes ☐ No

4a Was a correction made?

☐ Yes ☐ 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?

☐ Yes ☐ 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)**c** Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)**d** Other exempt purpose expenditures**e** Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)**f** Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:
Not over \$500,000The lobbying nontaxable amount is:
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)**h** Subtract line 1g from line 1a. Enter -0- if line g is more than line a**i** Subtract line 1f from line 1c. Enter -0- if line f is more than line c**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?☐ Yes ☐ 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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Name of the organization

Employer identification number

WILDEARTH GUARDIANS**85-0406306****Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.** Complete if
the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

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

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or pleasure)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of an historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	2d

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?

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)?

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.

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

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Internal Revenue Service

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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**

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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 root coal 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.