

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 pendingPlease  
use IRS  
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tions.**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 Avenue**

Room/suite

**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****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 ☐ 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**

Activities &amp; Governance

Revenue

Expenses

Net Assets or  
Fund Balances**8** Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)

Prior Year

**1,460,201**

Current Year

**1,799,043****9** Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)**600****94,361****10** Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)**7,870****1,273****11** Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)**185,175****30,176****12** Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)**1,653,846****1,924,853****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****20** Total assets (Part X, line 16)

Beginning of Current Year

**838,990**

End of Year

**1,180,453****21** Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)**34,248****135,130****22** Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20**804,742****1,045,323****Part II Signature Block**Sign  
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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.

Signature of officer

**John C. Horning**

Date

**8-6-2010**

Type or print name and title

**Executive Director**Paid  
Preparer's  
Use OnlyPreparer'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

For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990** (2009)

**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**

	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	<b>X</b>	
2 Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors?	<b>X</b>	
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		<b>X</b>
4 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II	<b>X</b>	
5 <b>Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations.</b> 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		<b>X</b>
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		<b>X</b>
8 Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III		<b>X</b>
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		<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>	
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	<b>X</b>	
• 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.	<b>X</b>	
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.	<b>X</b>	
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E		<b>X</b>
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		<b>X</b>
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, Part I		<b>X</b>
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		<b>X</b>
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		<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>	
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	<b>X</b>	
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		<b>X</b>
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If "Yes," complete Schedule H		<b>X</b>

**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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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 <b>Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	25a	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV	28b	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	29	<b>X</b>
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? If "Yes," complete Schedule M	30	<b>X</b>
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I	31	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
36 <b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2	36	<b>X</b>
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	<b>X</b>
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11 and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	38	<b>X</b>

**Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance**

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

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

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

	Yes	No
<b>10a</b> Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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?		
<b>11</b> Has the organization provided a copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form?	<b>X</b>	
<b>11a</b> Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
<b>12a</b> Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	<b>X</b>	
<b>c</b> Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this is done	<b>X</b>	
<b>13</b> Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>14</b> Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?		<b>X</b>
<b>15</b> 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?		
<b>a</b> The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official	<b>X</b>	
<b>b</b> Other officers or key employees of the organization	<b>X</b>	
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O. (See instructions.)		
<b>16a</b> Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</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 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

(F)  
Estimated  
amount of  
other  
compensation  
from the  
organization  
and related  
organizations



**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
<b>Contributions, gifts, grants and other similar amounts</b>	<b>1a</b> Federated campaigns	<b>1a</b>				
	<b>b</b> Membership dues	<b>1b</b>				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events	<b>1c</b> 16,100				
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>				
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b> 583,496				
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b> 1,199,447				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	42,031				
	<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f		1,799,043			
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b> Legal fees	<b>Busn. Code</b> 541900	94,361	94,361		
	<b>b</b>					
	<b>c</b>					
	<b>d</b>					
	<b>e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other program service revenue					
	<b>g Total.</b> Add lines 2a-2f		94,361			
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		1,273			1,273
	<b>4</b> Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	<b>5</b> Royalties					
	<b>6a</b> Gross Rents	(i) Real (ii) Personal				
	<b>b</b> Less: rental exps.					
	<b>c</b> Rental inc. or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net rental income or (loss)					
	<b>7a</b> Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities (ii) Other				
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis & sales exps.					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss)					
	<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 16,100 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	<b>a</b> 127,845				
	<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b> 102,068				
	<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		25,777	25,777		
	<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	<b>a</b>				
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	<b>a</b>					
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
<b>Miscellaneous Revenue</b>		<b>Busn. Code</b>				
<b>11a</b> Miscellaneous income	900099	1,942	1,942			
<b>b</b> Legal expense reimbursement	900099	1,907	1,907			
<b>c</b> Parking reimbursements	900099	550	550			
<b>d</b> All other revenue						
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d		4,399				
<b>12 Total Revenue.</b> 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
<b>Assets</b>	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 <b>Total assets.</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	838,990	16	1,180,453	
<b>Liabilities</b>	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 <b>Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25	34,248	26	135,130
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	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 <b>Total net assets or fund balances</b>	804,742	33	1,045,323
34 <b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b>	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
<b>2a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>2b</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>2c</b>	<b>X</b>	
<b>3a</b>		<b>X</b>
<b>3b</b>		

Form **990** (2009)

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 ☒ **X**
- 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](http://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  <b>WILDEARTH GUARDIANS</b>	Employer identification number  <b>85-0406306</b>
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. <b>312 Montezuma, Ste A</b>	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. <b>Sante Fe NM 87501-2627</b>	

**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	\$
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 <b>Balance Due.</b> 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
<b>1</b> 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
<b>2</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>3</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>4 Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 3	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	5,800,374
<b>5</b> 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
<b>6 Public support.</b> 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
<b>7</b> Amounts from line 4	729,392	881,625	930,113	1,460,201	1,799,043	5,800,374
<b>8</b> 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
<b>9</b> Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on					0	
<b>10</b> 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
<b>11 Total support.</b> Add lines 7 through 10						5,836,991
<b>12</b> Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	561,680
<b>13 First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> ► <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>14</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	<b>14</b>	91.66%
<b>15</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	<b>15</b>	92.31%
<b>16a 33 1/3 % support test—2009.</b> If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3 % or more, check this box and <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b 33 1/3 % support test—2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ► <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here.</b> 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>18 Private foundation.</b> 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
<b>1</b> Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
<b>2</b> 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						
<b>3</b> Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
<b>4</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
<b>5</b> The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
<b>6</b> <b>Total.</b> Add lines 1 through 5						
<b>7a</b> Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
<b>b</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						
<b>c</b> Add lines 7a and 7b						
<b>8</b> <b>Public support</b> (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
<b>9</b> Amounts from line 6						
<b>10a</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
<b>b</b> Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
<b>c</b> Add lines 10a and 10b						
<b>11</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
<b>12</b> Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)						
<b>13</b> <b>Total support.</b> (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
<b>14</b> <b>First five years.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> <input type="checkbox"/>						

**Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage**

<b>15</b> Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>15</b>	%
<b>16</b> Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	<b>16</b>	%

**Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage**

<b>17</b> Investment income percentage for <b>2009</b> (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	<b>17</b>	%
<b>18</b> Investment income percentage from <b>2008</b> Schedule A, Part III, line 17	<b>18</b>	%
<b>19a</b> <b>33 1/3 % support tests—2009.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>b</b> <b>33 1/3 % support tests—2008.</b> 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 <b>stop here</b> . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
<b>20</b> <b>Private foundation.</b> If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		



**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 foundationCheck 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**

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- 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

Employer identification number

WildEarth Guardians

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.

Name of organization

**WildEarth Guardians**

Employer identification number

**85-0406306****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 ☐ No4a 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 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-.

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

Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

**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:

Not over \$500,000

The 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) .....

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? .....☐ 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 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
<b>2a</b> Lobbying non-taxable amount	135,352	135,352	196,343	238,805	705,852
<b>b</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					1,058,778
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures	1,000	1,000	9,817	1,208	13,025
<b>d</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount	33,838	33,838	49,086	59,701	176,463
<b>e</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					264,695
<b>f</b> 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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

**2009**Open to Public  
Inspection

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 can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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

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

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06	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, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? ☐ Yes ☐ No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9 In Part 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 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

d ☐ Loan or exchange programs

b ☐ Scholarly research

e ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

c ☐ Preservation for future generations

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

(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		

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
<b>Total.</b> Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).)				57,006

**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 .....		
Closely-held equity interests .....		
Other .....		
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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.[illegible]

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
Assets held by others - permanently	228,492
Assets held by others - unrestricted	199,068
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 15.)	<b>427,560</b>

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

1.	(a) Description of liability	(b) Amount
	Federal income taxes	
<b>Total.</b> (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)		

2. FIN 48 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.

**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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Name of the organization

**WildEarth Guardians**

Employer identification number

**85-0406306****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 e ☒ Solicitation of non-government grants  
b ☒ Internet and email solicitations f ☒ Solicitation of government grants  
c ☒ Phone solicitations g ☒ Special fundraising events  
d ☒ In-person solicitations

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 ☐ Nob 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			
<b>Custom Mailing Solutions</b>	<b>Mailings</b>		<b>X</b>	<b>128,132</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>111,672</b>
<b>Total</b>				<b>128,132</b>	<b>16,460</b>	<b>111,672</b>

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 (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		<u>Santa Fe Gala</u> (event type)	<u>Denver Gala</u> (event type)	<u>3</u> (total number)	
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)				76,707
	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**13a** %**b** An outside facility**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?**15a****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?**17a****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 ▶ \$

**SCHEDULE L**  
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**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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**85-0406306****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	
<b>Total</b>				▶ \$ 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)**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Noncash Contributions**

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

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**85-0406306****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?

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.

	Yes	No
30a		X
31	X	
32a		X



**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service**Supplemental Information to Form 990**Complete 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.