

990

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2020

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Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundation): Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 01-01-2020, and ending 12-31-2020

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

C Name of organization CONSERVATION COLORADO, Doing business as, Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite, City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

D Employer identification number 30-0037131, E Telephone number (303) 534-7066, G Gross receipts \$ 3,787,198

F Name and address of principal officer: HELEN GEMMIL, 1536 WYNKOOP STREET 510, DENVER, CO 80202

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? No, H(b) Are all subordinates included? No, H(c) Group exemption number

I Tax-exempt status: 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4) (insert no.), 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: CONSERVATIONCO.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation, Trust, Association, Other

L Year of formation: 2001, M State of legal domicile: CO

Part I Summary

Table with 4 main sections: 1. Briefly describe the organization's mission... TO PROTECT COLORADO'S CLIMATE... 2. Check this box if the organization discontinued its operations... 3-7. Activities & Governance metrics. 8-12. Revenue. 13-19. Expenses. 20-22. Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here: Signature of officer, Date 2021-10-29, Type or print name and title NIKKI RIEDT OPERATIONS & FINANCE DIRECTOR

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date 2021-10-29, Check if self-employed, PTIN P01485243, Firm's name CRADY PUCA & ASSOCIATES, Firm's EIN 27-1433452, Firm's address 12150 E BRIARWOOD AVE 201, CENTENNIAL, CO 80112, Phone no. (303) 771-9575

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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



1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

CONSERVATION COLORADO IS A GRASSROOTS STATEWIDE ORGANIZATION WORKING TO PROTECT COLORADO'S ENVIRONMENT AND QUALITY OF LIFE BY MOBILIZING PEOPLE AND ELECTING CONSERVATION-MINDED POLICYMAKERS. THE ORGANIZATION DOES THIS BY (A) BUILDING LONG-TERM CAPACITY AND POWER FOR COLORADO'S ENVIRONMENT THROUGH GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING;(B) ADVOCATING FOR LAWS THAT PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT; (C) BROADENING THE BASE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS BY ENGAGING A DIVERSE ARRAY OF COMMUNITIES, INCLUDING YOUNG VOTERS AND LATINOS; (D)WINNING STATE AND LOCAL ELECTIONS IN COLORADO'S CRITICAL RACES BY PROVIDING ENDORSEMENTS, VOLUNTEER SUPPORT AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES-BUILDING MOMENTUM FOR FUTURE POLICY AND POLITICAL VICTORIES;(E) HOLDING ELECTED LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH TARGETED MEDIA CAMPAIGNS AND ORGANIZATIONAL PUBLICATIONS LIKE OUR LEGISLATIVE CONSERVATION SCORECARD; AND(F) FOSTERING CONNECTIVITY WITH COLORADO'S HIGH-PROFILE LAWMAKERS, SUSTAINABILITY PIONEERS, OUTDOOR INDUSTRY LEADERS AND COMMUNITY ACTIVISTS.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? Yes No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.

4a (Code:) (Expenses \$ 2,679,675 including grants of \$ 1,274,353) (Revenue \$ 60,563) EDUCATED THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES GERMANE TO THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS BY INFORMING THEM ABOUT LEGISLATIVE CONSERVATION AGENDAS, SENDING INFORMATION AND FACT SHEETS TO OUR MEMBERS, BUILDING LONG-TERM CAPACITY AND POWER FOR COLORADO'S ENVIRONMENT THROUGH GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING, AND INFLUENCING PUBLIC OPINION ON A NON-PARTISAN BASIS ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES: PUBLIC LANDS & WILDERNESS, CUTTING CARBON POLLUTION, CLEAN ENERGY, WATER QUANTITY & QUALITY, AND OTHER CONSERVATION ISSUES AND BROADENING THE BASE OF CONSERVATION VOTERS BY ENGAGING HISTORICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES TO INVOLVE CITIZENS IN CONSERVATION ISSUES.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 537,292 including grants of \$ 415,355) (Revenue \$) EDUCATED AND LOBBIED COLORADO STATE LEGISLATURE AND OTHER STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS ON CONSERVATION ISSUES-REGULATING GREENHOUSE GASES AND CARBON POLLUTION; THWARTING DETRIMENTAL IMPACTS OF OIL AND GAS DRILLING; IMPROVING STANDARDS FOR CLEAR AIR AND WATER; MANAGING OUR WATER SUPPLY; AND LEADING THE NATION IN OUR USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY -- INCLUDING HOLDING ELECTED LEADERS ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH TARGETED MEDIA CAMPAIGNS AND PUBLICATIONS LIKE OUR LEGISLATIVE CONSERVATION SCORECARD.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 4,109 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$) WORKED TO ELECT PRO-CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS TO THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE AND LOCAL OFFICE THROUGH DOOR-TO-DOOR GOTV AND PERSUASION EFFORTS, ADS, DIRECT MAIL, AND OTHER OUTREACH EFFORTS.

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

4e Total program service expenses 3,221,076

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

Table with 3 columns: Question number, Question text, and Yes/No response columns. Rows include questions 1 through 21 regarding organizational requirements and reporting.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 22 through 38 regarding tax-exempt bond issues, excess benefit transactions, and related party transactions.

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include questions 1a, 1b, and 1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and gaming winnings.

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

Table with 16 main rows (2a-16) and sub-rows (a-e). Columns include question text, response boxes (e.g., 2a, 2b, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6a, 6b, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e, 7f, 7g, 7h, 8, 9a, 9b, 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 13a, 13b, 13c, 14a, 14b, 15, 16), and Yes/No/Amount columns.

If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year... 1b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent... 2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?...

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes?...

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Rows include: 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. 18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (or 1024-A if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. 19 Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year. 20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: THE ORGANIZATION 1536 WYNKOOP STREET 510 DENVER, CO 80202 (303) 534-7066

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional Trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) SUE ANDERSON VICE CHAIR/DIRECTOR	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) JOHN BACKLUND VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) DIANE CARMAN CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) MICHELE CHRISTIANSEN SECRETARY AND TREASURER	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) NING MOSBERGER-TANG DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(6) TAMARA DEBRADY DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(7) JW POSTAL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(8) SUZANNE JONES DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(9) NICOLE MELAKU DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(10) STEVEN KAPLAN DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(11) JOHN POWERS DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(12) HELEN GEMMIL DIRECTOR/CHAIRMAN	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(13) MARIA HANDLEY DIRECTOR/VICE CHAIR	1.00	X		X				0	0	0
(14) JIM PRYBIL DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(15) JAY FETCHER DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(16) HEIDI MCINTOSH DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0
(17) KARTHERINE ARCHELUTA DIRECTOR	1.00	X						0	0	0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

Table with columns: (A) Total revenue, (B) Related or exempt function revenue, (C) Unrelated business revenue, (D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 514. Rows include: Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts (1a-1e, 1f, 1g, 1h); Program Service Revenue (2a-2f, 2g); Other Revenue (3-12). Total revenue: 3,644,132.

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).
 Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part IX

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.	(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1 Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	1,689,708	1,689,708		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	138,981	44,717	40,795	53,469
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	796,561	629,191	39,008	128,362
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	19,963	15,689	811	3,463
9 Other employee benefits	57,328	45,054	2,456	9,818
10 Payroll taxes	69,879	50,559	5,880	13,440
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal	29,718	27,737	1,256	725
c Accounting	7,821	515	7,179	127
d Lobbying	72,000	72,000		
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	3,557			3,557
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	217,443	179,150	1,966	36,327
12 Advertising and promotion	359,593	349,690	53	9,850
13 Office expenses	80,736	29,156	11,999	39,581
14 Information technology	27,527	21,589	713	5,225
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	60,714	44,354	5,702	10,658
17 Travel	4,921	4,816	4	101
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,159	4,063		96
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	2,648		2,648	
23 Insurance	3,279	410	2,750	119
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a CATERING AND EVENT EXPE	24,034	5,112	0	18,922
b MISCELLANEOUS	8,494	7,566	454	474
c				
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	3,679,064	3,221,076	123,674	334,314
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720).				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

Table with columns (A) Beginning of year, (B) End of year, and rows for Assets (1-16), Liabilities (17-26), and Net Assets or Fund Balances (27-33). Includes sub-rows 10a and 10b for land/equipment and 10c for depreciation.

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	3,644,132
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	3,679,064
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	-34,932
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	1,698,545
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	71,167
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	10	1,734,780

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
2b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If 'Yes,' check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	Yes	
2c	If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O.	Yes	
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?		No
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.		

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SCHEDULE C (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

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

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

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

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

If the organization answered "Yes" on 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" on Form 990, Part IV, Line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

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

Name of the organization CONSERVATION COLORADO

Employer identification number

30-0037131

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 (see instructions for definition of "political campaign activities")
2 Political campaign activity expenditures (see instructions) \$ 535,019
3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions) 100

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

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

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

- 1 Enter the amount directly expended by the filing organization for section 527 exempt function activities \$ 75,183
2 Enter the amount of the filing organization's funds contributed to other organizations for section 527 exempt function activities \$ 415,356
3 Total exempt function expenditures. Add lines 1 and 2. Enter here and on Form 1120-POL, line 17b \$ 490,539
4 Did the filing organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? Yes No
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments. For each organization listed, enter the amount paid from the filing organization's funds. Also enter the amount of political contributions received that were promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization, such as a separate segregated fund or a political action committee (PAC). If additional space is needed, provide information in Part IV.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received. Rows include CONSERVATION COLORADO VICTORY FUND, FAIR LINES COLORADO, and PROGRESSNOW.

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 (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)														
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)														
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)														
d Other exempt purpose expenditures														
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)														
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.														
<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:													
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.													
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.													
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.													
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.													
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.													
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)														
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-														
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-														
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No													

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2017	(b) 2018	(c) 2019	(d) 2020	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount					
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e))					
c Total lobbying expenditures					
d Grassroots nontaxable amount					
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures					

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

For each "Yes" response on lines 1a through 1i below, provide in Part IV a detailed description of the lobbying activity.

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

Provide the descriptions required for Part I-A, line 1; Part I-B, line 4; Part I-C, line 5; Part II-A (affiliated group list); Part II-A, lines 1 and 2 (see instructions), and Part II-B, line 1. Also, complete this part for any additional information.

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PART I-A, LINE 1:	CONTRIBUTIONS TO ELECT PRO-CONSERVATION CHAMPIONS AND PROTECT COLORADO'S ENVIRONMENT.

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

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4: Total number at end of year, Aggregate value of contributions to (during year), Aggregate value of grants from (during year), 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?
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?

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Year. Rows 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d.

- 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

- 1a If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.
1b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:
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 FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

- 1a** Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:
- | | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a** Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

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

- 2** Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶
 - b** Permanent endowment ▶
 - c** Term endowment ▶
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

- 3a** Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations | 3a(i) | |
| (ii) Related organizations | 3a(ii) | |
| b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R? | 3b | |
- 4** Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11a. See Form 990, Part X, line 10.

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land				
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		5,816	3,767	2,049
e Other		33,107	30,905	2,202
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶				4,251

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11b. See Form 990, Part X, line 12.

(a) Description of security or category (including name of security)	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Financial derivatives		
(2) Closely-held equity interests		
(3) Other _____		
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
(I)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.)		

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11c. See Form 990, Part X, line 13.

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

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 11e or 11f. See Form 990, Part X, line 25.

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

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		1	3,711,742
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:			
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	71,167	
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b		
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	71,167
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	3,640,575
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	3,557	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	3,557
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)		5	3,644,132

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		1	3,675,507
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:			
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a		
b	Prior year adjustments	2b		
c	Other losses	2c		
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d		
e	Add lines 2a through 2d		2e	0
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1		3	3,675,507
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	3,557	
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b		
c	Add lines 4a and 4b		4c	3,557
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)		5	3,679,064

Part XIII

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

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**Schedule I
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**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments and Individuals in the United States**
Complete if the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.
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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) CONSERVATION COLORADO VICTORY FUND 1536 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 510 DENVER, CO 80202	81-0903344	527	399,356				CONTRIBUTION TO SUPPORT PRO-ENVIRONMENTAL PLATFORMS
(2) LEAGUE OF OIL AND GAS IMPACTED COLORADANS 652 SUNDANCE CIRCLE ERIE, CO 80516	47-5054432	501(C)4	6,852				OIL AND GAS
(3) ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE ACTION FUND 257 PARK AVENUE S 17TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10010	90-0080500	501(C)4	40,000				WATER GRANTS
(4) PROGRESSNOW COLORADO 1536 WYNKOOP STREET SUITE 300 DENVER, CO 80202	65-1244918	501(C)4	10,000				PROGRESSIVE VOTER GUIDE DISTRIBUTION
(5) FAIR LINES COLORADO 1567 S UNIVERSITY BLVD DENVER, CO 80210	85-0836874	527	6,000				REDISTRICTING SUPPORT
(6) PROTECT COLORADO'S RECOVERY 656 ROCK RIDGE DRIVE LAFAYETTE, CO 80026	85-2837011		100,000				CONTRIBUTION TO NO ON 116/117 FISCAL MEASURES
(7) ROCKY MOUNTAIN VALUES 635 HILL AVENUE GRAND JUNCTION, CO 81501	84-1860320	501(C)4	1,020,000				CLIMATE ACCOUNTABILITY ADVERTISEMENTS
(8) WESTERN RESOURCE ADVOCATES 2260 BASELINE ROAD SUITE 200 BOULDER, CO 80302	84-1113831	501(C)3	30,000				WATER GRANTS
(9) YES ON 2A CLIMATE ACTION NOW 1275 S CORONA STREET DENVER, CO 80210		501(C)4	75,000				DENVER CLIMATE BALLOT MEASURE

- 2** Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table 1
- 3** Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 9

Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.

Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of noncash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of noncash assistance
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					
(7)					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2; Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	A DRAFT OF THE 990 IS REVIEWED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PRIOR TO FILING AND IS THEN EMAILED TO THE REMAINING OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THEIR REVIEW PRIOR TO FILING.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	BOARD MEMBERS ANNUALLY COMPLETE THE CONFLICT DISCLOSURE FORM, DISCLOSING THEIR INVOLVEMENTS AND INTERESTS THAT COULD GIVE RISE TO A CONFLICT OF INTEREST INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THEIR INVOLVEMENT OR THOSE OF FAMILY MEMBERS, AS DIRECTORS OR OFFICERS OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS. BOARD MEMBERS WILL PROMPTLY UPDATE THEIR DISCLOSURES IF, DURING THE YEAR, A MATERIAL CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD OCCUR.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15	THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE (WHICH CONSISTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) MEETS AND DISCUSSES EXISTING COMPENSATION, COMPARES COMPENSATION TO THAT OF COMPARABLE NOT-FOR-PROFIT EXECUTIVES IN COLORADO AND FOR COMPARABLE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS, AND REACHES A CONSENSUS PROPOSAL FOR THE NEXT YEAR'S COMPENSATION. COMPENSATION IS VOTED UPON BY THE COMMITTEE ANNUALLY. THE DELIBERATIONS ARE REFLECTED IN EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS AMONG COMMITTEE MEMBERS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18	DOCUMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION MAKES ITS GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.
PART XIII 2C	THERE WERE NO CHANGES TO THE AUDIT SELECTION OR OVERSIGHT PROCESS.

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