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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2019

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A For the 2019 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2019, and ending 06-30-2020

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

C Name of organization: MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP. Doing business as: 141 CORBIN HALL. City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: MISSOULA, MT 59812

D Employer identification number: 81-0405836. E Telephone number: (406) 243-2908. G Gross receipts \$ 336,121

F Name and address of principal officer: LIZ ALBERS, 141 CORBIN HALL, MISSOULA, MT 59812

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) [checked], 501(c)(4) [unchecked], 4947(a)(1) [unchecked], 527 [unchecked]

J Website: WWW.MTPIRG.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation [checked], Trust [unchecked], Association [unchecked], Other [unchecked]

L Year of formation: 1981. M State of legal domicile: MT

Part I Summary

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows include: 1. Mission statement, 2-7. Governance, 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.

Sign Here: Signature of officer LIZ ALBERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Date 2020-12-15

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, PTIN P01372762, Firm's name, Firm's EIN, Firm's address, Phone no.

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

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:

THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (MONTPIRG) IS A STUDENT DIRECTED AND FUNDED NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO AFFECTING TANGIBLE, POSITIVE CHANGE THROUGH EDUCATING AND EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS.

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 \$ 232,143 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

MONTPIRG IS DEDICATED TO TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS THROUGH HANDS-ON ADVOCACY. WE TAKE ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING MONTANA BY PUSHING WORK TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT AND ADVANCE CLEAN ENERGY, EMPOWER YOUNG VOTERS, AND DEFEND CONSUMER RIGHTS. THIS YEAR, IN ADDITION TO TAKING ON A NUMBER OF EXCITING CAMPAIGNS, IN THE SPRING OF 2020 MONTPIRG HAD TO ADJUST AND ADAPT TO THE HURDLES CREATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. REGARDLESS OF WHAT THE REST OF 2020 AND 2021 HOLD, MONTPIRG WILL WORK TIRELESSLY TO ADVANCE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND TRAIN YOUNG LEADERS. BELOW ARE SOME OF OUR IMPORTANT EFFORTS. -VOTER ENGAGEMENT: #APATHYISCANCELLED: IN THE FALL OF 2019 MONTPIRG LAUNCHED ITS APATHY IS CANCELLED PROGRAM. THE 2019-2020 APATHY IS CANCELLED CAMPAIGN IS ABOUT MORE THAN TURNING OUT YOUNG PEOPLE TO VOTE; IT'S ABOUT INSPIRING EACH INDIVIDUAL TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR DEMOCRACY IN ORDER TO MAKE POSITIVE, TANGIBLE CHANGE IN ASPECTS OF LIFE WHICH THEY CARE ABOUT. WHETHER VOTING TO ELECT LEADERS WHO WILL WORK ON SOLVING CLIMATE CHANGE OR VOTING TO PROTECT SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS, WE NEED ALL YOUNG PEOPLE TO SHOW UP AND VOTE IN EVERY ELECTION. APATHY IS CANCELLED IS THE THREAD THAT TIES ALL OF MONTPIRG'S WORK TOGETHER THROUGH THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTION. THROUGH OUR WORK INTERACTING WITH YOUNG VOTERS ACROSS COLLEGE CAMPUSES AND IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT MONTANA WE WILL SEEK TO UNDERSTAND AND EXPLORE THE PLETHORA OF REASONS YOUNG PEOPLE SHOW UP TO VOTE. THIS CAMPAIGN GIVES MONTPIRG A STRONGER KNOWLEDGE OF THE ISSUES THAT INSPIRE YOUNG PEOPLE TO TAKE ACTION WHILE SIMULTANEOUSLY ALLOWING THE VOTER TO THINK OUT THEIR REASONS TO PARTICIPATE WHICH WILL DRIVE THEM TO TURNOUT IN 2020. EMPOWERING YOUNG VOTERS: IN THE SPRING OF 2020, MONTPIRG LAUNCHED ITS ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION PORTAL, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN MONTANA. THE PROCESS MAKES IT SIMPLE FOR SOMEONE IN MONTANA TO REGISTER TO VOTE WITHOUT LEAVING HOME; SOMETHING THAT BECAME ESSENTIAL IN 2020. ALL ONE HAS TO DO IS VISIT MTPIRG.ORG/REGISTER, FILL OUT THE REQUISITE INFO AND HIT SUBMIT. SHORTLY THEREAFTER, THEY'LL GET THEIR VOTER REGISTRATION FORM IN THE MAIL. FROM THERE, THEY JUST HAVE TO FILL IN ONE BOX AND SIGN, PLACE IT IN THE PRE-ADDRESSED, PRE-STAMPED ENVELOPE AND SEND IT OFF TO THEIR COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE. MONTPIRG IS EXCITED TO UTILIZE THIS EXCITING NEW TOOL IN THE 2020 ELECTION AND BEYOND. IN 2019, MONTPIRG REGISTERED 1,153 VOTERS, 957 OF WHOM REGISTERED TO VOTE BY MAIL. AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020, MONTPIRG REGISTERED 5,350 MONTANANS TO VOTE FOR THE 2020 ELECTION. WE HAVE DONE SO THROUGH THE ABOVE MENTIONED ONLINE VOTER REGISTRATION PORTAL, EVENTS, OUR EFFORTS TO CERTIFY THE CI-118 AND I-190 BALLOT INITIATIVES, AND GOOD OLD FASHIONED TABLING ON MONTANA COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES. IN ADDITION TO REGISTERING YOUNG VOTERS, MONTPIRG KNOWS GETTING OUT THE VOTE IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT. IN ADDITION TO OBTAINING APPROXIMATELY 1,103 PLEDGES TO VOTE FROM YOUNG VOTERS, IN ANTICIPATION OF THE 2020 PRIMARY ELECTION (JUNE 2, 2020) THAT WAS CONDUCTED BY MAIL, MONTPIRG MADE 1,810 PHONE CALLS REMINDING PEOPLE TO GET THEIR BALLOTS IN. MONTPIRG ALSO PLANS TO MAKE 60,000 PHONE CALLS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION REMINDING PEOPLE TO MAIL THEIR BALLOTS BACK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SO THEY ARE RECEIVED BY THEIR LOCAL ELECTIONS OFFICE BY 8PM ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020; -DEFENDING OUR OUTDOORS: LAND WATER CONSERVATION FUND & BADGER-TWO MEDICINE: IN 2019, MONTPIRG ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED TWO STATEWIDE CANVASSES TO EDUCATE MONTANANS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING PUBLIC LANDS AND THE NEED FOR COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION FUNDING. FOR ITS 2019 SUMMER CANVASS, MONTPIRG KNOCKED ON APPROXIMATELY 16,667 DOORS, IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING THE BADGER-TWO MEDICINE AREA IN NORTHWEST MONTANA FROM GAS AND OIL DRILLING. MONTPIRG ALSO SUBMITTED EIGHT LETTERS TO THE EDITOR AND COLLECTED 3,064 COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING THIS TREASURED LANDMARK. IN 2019, MONTPIRG ALSO ADVOCATED FOR FULL FUNDING OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND (LWCF). IMPLEMENTED IN THE 1960S, THE LWCF TAKES REVENUE GENERATED FROM EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES AND USES IT TO CONSERVE AMERICA'S MOST VULNERABLE AND PRECIOUS OUTDOOR RESOURCES INCLUDING PARKS, WILDLIFE REFUGES, FORESTS, OPEN SPACES, TRAILS AND WILDLIFE HABITATS. FOR DECADES, CONSERVATIONISTS HAVE CALLED FOR THE LWCF TO BE MADE PERMANENT AND FULLY FUNDED. BEGINNING IN THE SUMMER OF 2019, MONTPIRG KNOCKED ON 5,354 DOORS AND COLLECTED 672 COMMENTS URGING MONTANA'S FEDERAL DELEGATION TO FULLY FUND THE LWCF. MONTPIRG CAPPED ITS LWCF WORK OFF WITH THE LARGEST MONTPIRG EVENT OF 2019: THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FEST IN BOZEMAN. THE RESULT WAS THREE BANDS, DONATED BEER, MANY SUPPORTIVE ORGANIZATIONS AND BUSINESSES, AND A HUGE TURNOUT. IN THE END, MONTPIRG ESTIMATES AROUND 300 PEOPLE CAME TO THE EVENT AND AROUND 100 TOOK THE TIME TO WRITE A COMMENT TO MONTANA SENATOR DAINES TO SUPPORT FULL FUNDING OF THE LWCF. IN JULY 2020 MONTPIRG WAS ABLE TO CELEBRATE ALL ITS HARD WORK WHEN THE GREAT AMERICAN OUTDOORS ACT PASSED BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS, WITH FULL, PERMANENT FUNDING OF THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND. MONTPIRG'S CAMPAIGN TO HOLD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE ON PROMISES TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION WAS A RESOUNDING SUCCESS AND SERVES AS A MODEL FOR HOW MONTPIRG CAN CONTINUE TO ENGAGE FEDERAL POLICYMAKERS TO STAND UP FOR THE PUBLIC INTEREST, NOTABLY THE ENVIRONMENT. CI-118 AND I-190 BALLOT INITIATIVES: IN MAY 2020, MONTPIRG BEGAN COLLECTING SIGNATURES TO CERTIFY CI-118 AND I-190 FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION BALLOT. IF PASSED BY MONTANA VOTERS IN NOVEMBER, CI-118 AND I-190 WOULD LEGALIZE, REGULATE AND TAX RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FOR INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF 21 IN MONTANA. MONTPIRG ENGAGED IN THESE SIGNATURE GATHERING EFFORTS BECAUSE CLOSE TO 50% OF LEGAL MARIJUANA'S TAX DOLLARS WOULD BE DIRECTED TOWARDS CONSERVATION FUNDING IN THE STATE. WITH LITTLE TIME TO MOBILIZE, MONTPIRG OBTAINED 15,695 SIGNATURES TOTAL FOR THE INITIATIVES AND REGISTERED CLOSE TO 600 VOTERS. MONTPIRG CONTINUED ITS WORK ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE THROUGH THE SUMMER OF 2020 WITH ITS ANNUAL SUMMER CANVASING, MAKING 8,584 PHONE CALLS TO LET MONTANA VOTERS KNOW ABOUT THE IMPACT LEGALIZED MARIJUANA WOULD HAVE ON CONSERVATION FUNDING IN THE STATE. THESE EFFORTS CONTINUED INTO THE FALL OF 2020 AND AS OF OCTOBER 10, 2020, MONTPIRG HAS MADE OVER 183,00 CALLS AND SENT 16,000 TEXTS SUPPORTING THESE INITIATIVES, IN ADDITION TO SUBMITTING THIRTEEN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR; -RENTERS RIGHTS: IN THE FALL OF 2019, MONTPIRG HOSTED ITS RENTERPALOOZA, ITS ANNUAL EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA TO ENSURE THAT STUDENTS KNOW THEIR RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES BEFORE ENTERING INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT. ATTENDEES OF RENTERPALOOZA COME AWAY WITH MORE CONFIDENCE ABOUT RENTING, AS WELL AS A WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THEIR RIGHTS AS A RENTER. THROUGH 2020, MONTPIRG ALSO CONTINUED ITS WORK TO RELAUNCH ITS ONLINE TENANT LANDLORD GUIDE AND HOTLINE. FOR CLOSE TO FORTY YEARS, THE MONTPIRG TENANT LANDLORD GUIDE AND HOTLINE HAVE GIVEN RENTERS THE TOOLS AND KNOWLEDGE ON WHAT TO DO WHEN THEIR LANDLORD KNOCKS. IN ANTICIPATION OF THE TENANT LANDLORD GUIDE AND HOTLINE RELAUNCH, 111 INDIVIDUALS FILLED OUT OUR ONLINE RENTER SURVEY. IN AUGUST 2020, THE TENANT LANDLORD GUIDE AND HOTLINE RELAUNCHED ON THE MONTPIRG WEBSITE WITH FAQs, THE AFOREMENTIONED LANDLORD REVIEWS AND A DOCUMENT LIBRARY WITH HELPFUL FORMS AND SAMPLE DOCUMENTS FOR TENANTS' USE; -LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT: TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS-NO MATTER WHAT: THE MOST IMPORTANT THING MONTPIRG DOES IS TRAIN NEW AND RISING LEADERS. BEYOND THE ISSUES WE ADVOCATE FOR, THIS WORK IS THE LONGEST LASTING AND MOST CRITICAL. EACH YEAR, MONTPIRG TRAINS THREE CLASSES (SPRING, SUMMER, FALL) OF INTERNS AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY BOZEMAN AND UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WHO LEARN LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO CREATE CHANGE IN THEIR COMMUNITY, STATE, NATION AND WORLD. WE WORK ON THE MAJOR ISSUES FACING MONTANA WHICH INCLUDES EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT, EXPAND VOTING RIGHTS, PROTECT CONSUMERS, AND MORE. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL, MONTPIRG HAS BUILT A ROBUST INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM. OUR WORK IS FOCUSED ON GIVING YOUNG MONTANANS THE GRASSROOTS ORGANIZING SKILLS TO STEP UP, TAKE CHARGE, AND LEAD ON THE ISSUES FACING OUR STATE. THESE TOOLS NOT ONLY HELP THEM ACHIEVE THEIR GOALS AS AN INTERN BUT ARE TRANSFERABLE TO THE WORK THEY WILL DO AS THEY CONTINUE TO ENGAGE IN OUR MOVEMENT FOR YEARS TO COME. SEE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WITHIN BELOW.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

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

4e Total program service expenses 232,143

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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 controlled entities.

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 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: TERRI ROBERTS 1600 SHERWOOD ST MISSOULA, MT 59802 (406) 396-5760

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) KELLY ARMINGTON CHAIR	4.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(2) JARED GIBBS VICE CHAIR	4.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) MADISON MORGAN SECRETARY	4.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) ANNA REELY TREASURER	4.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) KATJANA STUTZER DIRECTOR	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(6) JACK RINCK DIRECTOR	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) JOHN BAZANT DIRECTOR	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) ROSELYN DUNBAR DIRECTOR	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) LIZ ALBERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	22.00 18.00			X			0	0	0	
(10) BRENNIA SWINGER DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) MALLORY SCHARF DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(12) NICHOLAS SODERBURG DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(13) ALEX MITCHELL DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(14) DALTON JOHNSON DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(15) QUINN HUISMAN DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(16) MJ DESROIER DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X					0	0	0	
(17) JADYN EMERSON DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	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 for Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts. Includes rows 1a through 1h with sub-rows for various contribution types and a total line 1h.

Table for Program Service Revenue. Includes rows 2a through 2f and a total line 2g, with a Business Code column.

Table for Other Revenue. Includes rows 3 through 12, covering investment income, rental income, fundraising events, gaming activities, and sales of inventory.

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				
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	57,071	19,975	14,268	22,828
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	137,948	110,358	27,590	
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits				
10 Payroll taxes	66,619	59,957	3,331	3,331
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting				
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	18,912		18,912	
12 Advertising and promotion	284	227	20	37
13 Office expenses	16,262	14,636	1,626	
14 Information technology				
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	7,027	7,027		
17 Travel	9,501	9,501		
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	4,786	4,786		
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	1,519		1,519	
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 COMMUNICATIONS	4,534	4,307	227	
b BANK FEES	863	819	44	
c BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, R	550	550	0	
d				
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	325,876	232,143	67,537	26,196
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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash-non-interest-bearing	3,510	1	82,787
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	150,365	2	100,420
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	6,234	4	
	5 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b		10c
	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	500	15	500
16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	160,609	16	183,707	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	798	17	13,651
	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 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17 - 24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	798	26	13,651
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	159,811	27	170,056
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions		28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund		30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
	32 Total net assets or fund balances	159,811	32	170,056
	33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	160,609	33	183,707

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	336,121
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	325,876
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	10,245
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	159,811
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	10	170,056

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		No
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.		
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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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A ADDITIONAL PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:	LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONTINUED: INTERNS LEARN THESE SKILLS BY ENGAGING IN HANDS-ON WORK ON CAMPUS AND ACROSS THE STATE. DURING THEIR TIME WITH MONTPIRG, THEY WILL LEARN SKILLS SUCH AS STREET CANVASSING, DOOR KNOCKING, PHONE CALLING, EVENT ORGANIZING, AND CAMPAIGN PLANNING. IN ADDITION TO THE WORK THEY DO IN THE FIELD, THESE YOUNG LEADERS ARE TRAINED IN CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT, FUNDRAISING, COMMUNICATIONS, LOBBYING, RUNNING FOR OFFICE AND MUCH MORE THROUGH WEEKLY CLASSES. OUR CURRENT INTERNS DEDICATE AT LEAST 10 HOURS PER WEEK OVER A SEMESTER TO LEARNING NEW SKILLS WHICH THEY PUT TO USE ON REAL CAMPAIGNS TO MOVE MONTANA FORWARD. THEY IMMERSE THEMSELVES FULLY IN A CAMPAIGN AND ARE EACH ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL PROJECT IN WHICH THEY MUST USE THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED SKILLS TO COMPLETE. OUR METHODOICAL, TESTED, AND DETAILED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BUILDS NEW ORGANIZERS ANY CAMPAIGN, NON-PROFIT OR BUSINESS WOULD EAGERLY PURSUE. OUR INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE GONE ON TO BE ELECTED OFFICIALS, NON-PROFIT LEADERS, BUSINESS EXECUTIVES, AND SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN MANAGERS. IN THE SPRING OF 2020, MONTPIRG HAD TO ADAPT QUICKLY TO ADDRESS THE CONCERNS RELATED TO COVID-19. FOR ANY ORGANIZATION TOTALLY FOCUSED ON FACE-TO-FACE INTERACTION AND ADVOCACY, THE NEW PRECAUTIONS WERE GOING TO MEAN SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES IN CULTURE AND OUTREACH TECHNIQUES. MONTPIRG WAS NO DIFFERENT. WITH ALL IN PERSON EVENTS CANCELLED, MONTPIRG HAD TO THINK CREATIVELY OF WAYS TO CONNECT WITH PEOPLE ONLINE AND KEEP ITS INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS ACTIVE AND ENGAGED. THUS, WAS MONTPIRG'S CREATING CHANGE FROM HOME CAMPAIGN CREATED. INTERNS TRANSITIONED THEIR PROJECTS, CLASSES AND EVENTS ONLINE, AND UTILIZING THE CREATING CHANGE FROM HOME HASHTAG (#CCFH) LET THEIR FRIENDS AND MONTPIRG SUPPORTERS KNOW THERE WAS STILL WORK THAT COULD BE DONE FROM QUARANTINE. IN ADDITION TO PROMOTING THE MONTPIRG ONLINE VOTER PORTAL AND COLLECTING COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF MONTPIRG ISSUES SUCH AS PROTECTING OUR PUBLIC LANDS. MEASURING OUR IMPACT: MONTPIRG KNOWS THAT CREATING CHANGE IS ONLY POSSIBLE BY SETTING TANGIBLE GOALS AND MEASURING YOUR PROGRESS. BELOW YOU WILL SEE THE PROGRESS MONTPIRG HAS MADE SO FAR IN 2020 FOR OUR OUTDOORS, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN OUR DEMOCRACY, AND MUCH MORE. THESE REAL NUMBERS REPRESENT THE HARD WORK DONE BY INCREDIBLE MONTPIRG VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS, AND STAFF IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR: APATHY IS CANCELLED CAMPAIGN: -1,103 PLEDGES TO VOTE VOTER REGISTRATION AND ENGAGEMENT: -5,350 TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION -3,701 VOTER REGISTRATION - ABSENTEE -1,032 VOTER REGISTRATION DROP BOXES -1,810 GOTV PHONE CALLS (2020 PRIMARY ELECTION) LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND: -7 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED -5,354 DOORS KNOCKED -300+ LWCF FEST ATTENDEES -680 COMMENTS SUBMITTED BADGER TWO MEDICINE: -8 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED -1,667 DOORS KNOCKED -2,564 COMMENTS SUBMITTED CI-118 & I-190 MARIJUANA BALLOT: -15,695 SIGNATURES GATHERED -192,332 PHONES CALLS -16,024 TEXTS SENT -13 LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED RENTERS RIGHTS: -52 RENTERPALOOZA ATTENDEES -111 RENTER'S SURVEY PARTICIPANT INTERNS: -27 MISSOULA INTERNS -19 BOZEMAN INTERNS
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 6	THE MEMBERS OF THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP (MONTPIRG) ARE THE STUDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WHO PAY THE OPTIONAL MONTPIRG FEE.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION A, LINE 7A	ALL MEMBERS OF THE MONTPIRG BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE ELECTED TO ONE YEAR TERMS IN THE SPRING OF EACH YEAR BY ITS MEMBERS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B	THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS REVIEW THE 990 BEFORE IT IS FILED.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C	NEW BOARD MEMBERS, WHO ARE ELECTED EVERY YEAR, ARE REQUIRED TO UNDERSTAND AND COMPLY WITH THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOARD INTAKE PROCESS.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A	THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS USES PERFORMANCE REVIEWS, COMPARABLE SALARIES IN THE INDUSTRY, LONGEVITY, AND OTHER FACTORS WHEN DETERMINING THE COMPENSATION OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ONLY COMPENSATED OFFICER.
FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19	THE ORGANIZATION'S GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.

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**SCHEDULE R
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Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships

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Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1) MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION 141 CORBIN HALL MISSOULA, MT 59812 81-0486984	SUPPORTING THE MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP	MT	501(C)(3)	LINE 7			

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income(related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V-UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b) (13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.

Note. Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II-IV?

- a** Receipt of **(i)** interest, **(ii)** annuities, **(iii)** royalties, or **(iv)** rent from a controlled entity
- b** Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)
- c** Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)
- d** Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)
- e** Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)
- f** Dividends from related organization(s)
- g** Sale of assets to related organization(s)
- h** Purchase of assets from related organization(s)
- i** Exchange of assets with related organization(s)
- j** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)
- k** Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)
- l** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)
- m** Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)
- n** Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)
- o** Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)
- p** Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses
- q** Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses
- r** Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)
- s** Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)

	Yes	No
1a		No
1b		No
1c		No
1d		No
1e		No
1f		No
1g		No
1h		No
1i		No
1j		No
1k		No
1l		No
1m		No
1n		No
1o	Yes	
1p		No
1q	Yes	
1r		No
1s		No

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a-s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1) MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION	O	37,931	CASH
(2) MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION	Q	20,080	CASH

Part VII Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R. (see instructions).

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