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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2020

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Form 990 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2020 calendar year, or tax year beginning 07-01-2020, and ending 06-30-2021

- 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 \$ 337,653

F Name and address of principal officer: HUNTER LOSING, 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) (insert no.), 4947(a)(1) or 527

J Website: WWW.MTPIRG.ORG

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

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

Part I Summary

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: 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.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows 2-7b: 2 Check this box, 3 Number of voting members (10), 4 Number of independent voting members (10), 5 Total number of individuals employed (55), 6 Total number of volunteers (43), 7a Total unrelated business revenue (0), 7b Net unrelated business taxable income (0)

Table with 3 columns: Description, Prior Year, Current Year. Rows 8-19: 8 Contributions and grants (336,067 / 335,571), 9 Program service revenue (0 / 0), 10 Investment income (54 / 47), 11 Other revenue (0 / 2,035), 12 Total revenue (336,121 / 337,653), 13 Grants and similar amounts paid (0 / 0), 14 Benefits paid (0 / 0), 15 Salaries, other compensation (261,638 / 354,956), 16a Professional fundraising fees (0 / 0), 16b Total fundraising expenses (31,413), 17 Other expenses (58,238 / 71,754), 18 Total expenses (319,876 / 426,710), 19 Revenue less expenses (16,245 / -89,057)

Table with 3 columns: Description, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year. Rows 20-22: 20 Total assets (189,707 / 92,586), 21 Total liabilities (13,651 / 5,587), 22 Net assets or fund balances (176,056 / 86,999)

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: HUNTER LOSING INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. Date: 2022-03-15

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, PTIN P01372762, Firm's name JUNKERMIERCLARKCAMPANELLASTEVENS PC, Firm's EIN 81-0348775, Firm's address PO BOX 16237, MISSOULA, MT 59808, Phone no. (406) 549-4148

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) Yes [checked] 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:

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 \$ 311,442 including grants of \$ ) (Revenue \$ 2,035 )

MONTPIRG IS DEDICATED TO TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS THROUGH HANDS-ON ADVOCACY. WE TAKE ON THE IMPORTANT ISSUES FACING MONTANA INCLUDING PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT, ADVANCING CLEAN ENERGY, EMPOWERING YOUNG VOTERS, AND DEFENDING CONSUMER RIGHTS. IN 2021, WHILE STILL FACING THE CHALLENGES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, MONTPIRG ADVOCATED FOR THE BLACKFOOT CLEARWATER STEWARDSHIP ACT (BCSA), STOOD UP FOR STUDENTS AT THE 2021 MONTANA LEGISLATURE AND OF COURSE, REGISTERED YOUNG VOTERS. WE DID SO WITH THE CARE AND CAUTION THAT IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE SAFE, EFFECTIVE FIELD WORK SO THAT WE CAN MEET YOUNG MONTANANS WHERE THEY ARE. -VOTER ENGAGEMENT & VOTER PROTECTION REGISTERING TO VOTE IS ONE OF THE FIRST STEPS TO BECOMING CIVICALLY ENGAGED AND ACCORDINGLY, ONE OF MONTPIRG'S MOST IMPORTANT GOALS IS ITS YEARLY VOTER REGISTRATION GOAL. EVERY SEMESTER, THOUSANDS OF STUDENTS MOVE TO THE MISSOULA AND BOZEMAN AREAS, EITHER NEEDING TO REGISTER TO VOTE OR UPDATE THEIR REGISTRATION. MONTPIRG IS THERE ON CAMPUS AND WITHIN THE COMMUNITY TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE GIVEN MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO SO BY ANOTHER YOUNG PERSON. THROUGH THE FALL OF 2020, MONTPIRG WORKED TO ENSURE THAT STUDENT VOICES WERE HEARD IN ONE OF THE BIGGEST ELECTIONS OF OUR LIFETIME. IN ADDITION TO REGISTERING 5,612 VOTERS FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION, MONTPIRG MADE 81,775 PHONE CALLS INCLUDING 34,607 "GET OUT THE VOTE" PHONE CALLS. IN 2021 MONTPIRG CONTINUED THIS TRADITION BY REGISTERING 1,026 VOTERS, 853 OF WHOM REGISTERED TO VOTE BY MAIL. FOR THE 2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS IN BOZEMAN AND MISSOULA, MONTPIRG MADE 2,169 PHONE CALLS AND KNOCKED 4,048 DOORS REMINDING PEOPLE TO GET THEIR BALLOTS IN. FOR FORTY YEARS, MONTPIRG HAS WORKED TO ENSURE THAT YOUNG PEOPLE'S VOICES ARE HEARD. THIS MEANS GUARANTEEING EVERYONE, REGARDLESS OF AGE, HAS EQUAL ACCESS TO THE BALLOT. IN THE 2021 MONTANA LEGISLATURE THERE WERE MULTIPLE ATTACKS ON VOTING RIGHTS, INCLUDING SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION AND VOTER IDENTIFICATION. MONTPIRG WAS PROUD TO STAND AGAINST BILLS THAT ENDED SAME DAY VOTER REGISTRATION, SEVERELY LIMITED THE USE OF STUDENT ID'S FOR VOTER IDENTIFICATION AND LIMITED BALLOT DISTRIBUTION TO NEWLY TURNED EIGHTEEN YEAR OLDS. WE WILL CONTINUE THIS WORK IN 2022 WITH OUR LAWSUIT AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF STATE, WHICH CHALLENGES THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF HB 176, SB 169 AND SB 506 AND THE COCKTAIL OF VOTER SUPPRESSION LAWS THEY CODIFY. - DEFENDING OUR OUTDOORS BLACKFOOT CLEARWATER STEWARDSHIP ACT: IN THE SUMMER OF 2021, MONTPIRG ORGANIZED AND EXECUTED A STATEWIDE CANVASS TO EDUCATE MONTANANS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF PASSING THE BLACKFOOT CLEARWATER STEWARDSHIP ACT (BCSA) WHICH WOULD EXPAND FEDERAL PROTECTION OF THE BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS AND THE SURROUNDING AREA TO FURTHER TIMBER, RECREATION, AND CONSERVATION GOALS. THE BILL ADDS AN ADDITIONAL 80,000 ACRES TO THE BOB MARSHALL, SCAPEGOAT, AND MISSION MOUNTAINS WILDERNESS AREAS; OPENS 2,013 ACRES FOR SNOWMOBILE ACCESS AND 3,800 ACRES FOR HIKER AND MOUNTAIN BIKE ACCESS; CALLS FOR AN UPDATED COMPREHENSIVE TRAIL PLAN FOR SNOWMOBILERS; ENHANCES TIMBER AND FOREST PROTECTION AROUND SEELEY LAKE; AND REQUESTS THAT THE NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE STUDY NEW RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES MADE AVAILABLE BY THESE PROTECTION EXPANSIONS. MONTPIRG HAS A STRONG HISTORY OF SUPPORTING POLICY THAT PROTECTS OUR WILD PLACES AND THE BCSA DOES JUST THAT. FOR THE CANVASS, MONTPIRG KNOCKED ON APPROXIMATELY 13,131 DOORS IN MISSOULA, BOZEMAN, HELENA, BILLINGS, KALISPELL AND WHITEFISH, TALKING WITH FOLKS ABOUT THE BCSA AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR MONTANA. MONTPIRG ALSO HAD SIXTEEN LETTERS TO THE EDITOR PUBLISHED IN VARIOUS MONTANA NEWSPAPERS AND COLLECTED 2,495 COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF PASSING THE BCSA. THESE COMMENTS WERE THEN DELIVERED TO SENATOR JOHN TESTER, TO SHOW MONTANANS SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION. MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE & CONSERVATION FUNDING: FOR THE 2020 ELECTION, MONTPIRG WORKED TIRELESSLY TO COLLECT SIGNATURES TO CERTIFY CI-118 AND I-190 FOR THE NOVEMBER ELECTION BALLOT. PASSED BY MONTANA VOTERS IN NOVEMBER 2020, CI-118 AND I-190 LEGALIZE, REGULATE AND TAX RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FOR INDIVIDUALS OVER THE AGE OF 21 IN MONTANA. AS OUTLINED IN THE I-190, NEARLY FIFTY PERCENT OF LEGAL MARIJUANA'S TAX DOLLARS ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS CONSERVATION FUNDING IN THE STATE, MAKING A FIRST OF ITS KIND STATEWIDE CONSERVATION FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE STATE OF MONTANA. IN THE SPRING OF 2021, MONTPIRG WORKED TO ENSURE THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE WOULD IN FACT DIRECT A LARGE PART OF THIS TAX REVENUE TO CONSERVATION, AS THE VOTERS OF MONTANA INTENDED. WE MADE 51,946 PHONE CALLS TO MONTANANS URGING THEM TO CONTACT THEIR LEGISLATORS AND ASK THAT THE MARIJUANA TAX REVENUE GO TO FUND MONTANA'S PUBLIC LANDS AND TRAILS. -LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DEVELOPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS: AT THE CORE OF EVERYTHING MONTPIRG DOES IS TRAIN THE NEXT GENERATION OF CIVIC LEADERS. EACH YEAR, MONTPIRG TRAINS THREE CLASSES (SPRING, SUMMER, FALL) OF INTERNS AT MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY (MSU) BOZEMAN AND UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA (UM) 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 RENTERS, AND MORE. MONTPIRG HAS BUILT A ROBUST INTERNSHIP AND VOLUNTEER PROGRAM AT UM AND MSU. 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. 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 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 A MINIMUM 10 HOURS PER WEEK OVER A SEMESTER TO LEARN NEW SKILLS THAT THEY PUT TO USE ON REAL CAMPAIGNS TO MOVE MONTANA FORWARD. THEY ARE EACH ASSIGNED AN INDIVIDUAL PROJECT AND TO COMPLETE IT, THEY MUST USE THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED SKILLS. OUR TIME TESTED INTERNSHIP PROGRAM BUILDS NEW ORGANIZERS THAT ANY CAMPAIGN, NON-PROFIT OR BUSINESS WOULD EAGERLY PURSUE. OUR INTERNS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE GONE ON TO BE ELECTED OFFICIALS, NON-PROFIT LEADERS, LAWYERS, AND SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN MANAGERS. -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 MADE IN LATE 2020 AND EARLY 2021 FOR OUTDOORS, YOUTH ENGAGEMENT IN OUR LEGISLATIVE PROCESS, AND MORE. THESE NUMBERS REPRESENT THE HARD WORK DONE BY MONTPIRG VOLUNTEERS, INTERNS, AND STAFF IN THE LAST FISCAL YEAR: VOTER REGISTRATION AND ENGAGEMENT: TOTAL VOTER REGISTRATION (2021) 1,026 VOTER REGISTRATION - ABSENTEE (2021) 853 VOTER REGISTRATION DROP BOXES (2021) 70 GOTV DOORS (2021) 4,048 GOTV PHONE CALLS (2020 GENERAL ELECTION) 81,775 GOTV PHONE CALLS (2021 MUNICIPAL ELECTION) 2,169 BCSA (2021): LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED 16 DOORS KNOCKED 13,131 COMMENTS SUBMITTED 2,495 LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY (MARIJUANA): PHONE CALLS 51,946 PATCH-THRU CALLS 376 LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR SUBMITTED 58 LEGISLATIVE COMMENTS SUBMITTED 1,026 RENTERS RIGHTS (2021): RENTER'S SURVEY PARTICIPANTS 263 INTERNS (FY 2020/2021): MISSOULA INTERNS 21 BOZEMAN INTERNS 20

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 311,442

**Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Is the organization described in section 501(c)(3) or 4947(a)(1) (other than a private foundation)? If "Yes," complete Schedule A . . . . .		No
<b>2</b>	Is the organization required to complete Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors (see instructions)? . . . . .		No
<b>3</b>	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
<b>4</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> 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 . . . . .		
<b>5</b>	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 . . . . .	Yes	
<b>6</b>	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
<b>7</b>	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
<b>8</b>	Did the organization maintain collections of works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part III . . . . .		No
<b>9</b>	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
<b>10</b>	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
<b>11</b>	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.		
<b>a</b>	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>b</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
<b>c</b>	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
<b>d</b>	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
<b>e</b>	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X . . . . .		No
<b>f</b>	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
<b>12a</b>	Did the organization obtain separate, independent audited financial statements for the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Parts XI and XII . . . . .		No
<b>b</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
<b>13</b>	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .		No
<b>14a</b>	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States? . . . . .		No
<b>b</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
<b>15</b>	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
<b>16</b>	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
<b>17</b>	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
<b>18</b>	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
<b>19</b>	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
<b>20a</b>	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? If "Yes," complete Schedule H . . . . .		No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
<b>21</b>	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)**

		Yes	No
<b>22</b>	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i> . . . . .	<b>22</b>	No
<b>23</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> . . . . .	<b>23</b>	No
<b>24a</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> . . . . .	<b>24a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? . . . . .	<b>24b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? . . . . .	<b>24c</b>	
<b>d</b>	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?	<b>24d</b>	
<b>25a</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations.</b> Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i> . . . . .	<b>25a</b>	No
<b>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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>	<b>25b</b>	No
<b>26</b>	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22 for receivables from or 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?	<b>26</b>	No
<b>27</b>	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i> . . . . .	<b>27</b>	No
<b>28</b>	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):		
<b>a</b>	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28b</b>	No
<b>c</b>	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in lines 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> . . . . .	<b>28c</b>	No
<b>29</b>	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> . . . . .	<b>29</b>	No
<b>30</b>	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions?	<b>30</b>	No
<b>31</b>	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>	<b>31</b>	No
<b>32</b>	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i> . . . . .	<b>32</b>	No
<b>33</b>	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3?	<b>33</b>	No
<b>34</b>	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i> . . . . .	<b>34</b>	Yes
<b>35a</b>	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?	<b>35a</b>	No
<b>b</b>	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>35b</b>	
<b>36</b>	<b>Section 501(c)(3) organizations.</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> . . . . .	<b>36</b>	
<b>37</b>	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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> . . . . .	<b>37</b>	No
<b>38</b>	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? <b>Note.</b> All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. . . . .	<b>38</b>	Yes

**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

		Yes	No
<b>1a</b>	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1a</b>	0
<b>b</b>	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	<b>1b</b>	0
<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>	

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

Main form area containing questions 2a through 16, with sub-questions (a, b, c, d, e, f, g, h) and corresponding answer boxes.

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: SALLY M HENSEL CPA PC 2825 STOCKYARD ROAD UNIT I-1 MISSOULA, MT 59808 (406) 542-7001

**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) ALEXA RUNNION CHAIR	4.00	X		X				0	0	0
(2) TOR GUDMUNDSSON VICE CHAIR	4.00	X		X				0	0	0
(3) ETHAN HANLEY TREASURER	4.00	X		X				0	0	0
(4) MADISON MORGAN SECRETARY	4.00	X		X				0	0	0
(5) ADRIAN COOK DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0	0	0
(6) LILLIAN KING DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0	0	0
(7) EMILY COOK DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0	0	0
(8) AUDREY DOZIER DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0	0	0
(9) KATE GOODWIN DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0	0	0
(10) LINDSEY ROOSA DIRECTOR	4.00	X						0	0	0
(11) JOHN BAZANT DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X						0	0	0
(12) JACK RINCK DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X						0	0	0
(13) ROSELYN DUNBAR DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X						0	0	0
(14) KELLY ARMINGTON DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X						0	0	0
(15) JARED GIBBS DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X						0	0	0
(16) ANNA REELY DIRECTOR (FORMER)	4.00	X						0	0	0
(17) ELIZABETH ALBERS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	22.00 18.00			X				42,895	0	0



**Part VIII Statement of Revenue**

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512 - 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>	55,910				
	<b>c</b> Fundraising events . . .	<b>1c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Related organizations	<b>1d</b>					
	<b>e</b> Government grants (contributions)	<b>1e</b>					
	<b>f</b> All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	<b>1f</b>	279,661				
	<b>g</b> Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$	<b>1g</b>					
<b>h Total.</b> Add lines 1a-1f . . . . .			335,571				
<b>Program Service Revenue</b>	<b>2a</b>	Business Code					
	<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. . . . .						
<b>Other Revenue</b>	<b>3</b> Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		47			47	
	<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>6a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: rental expenses	<b>6b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Rental income or (loss)	<b>6c</b>					
	<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>7a</b>					
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	<b>7b</b>					
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss)	<b>7c</b>					
	<b>d</b> Net gain or (loss) . . . . .						
<b>8a</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 . . . . .							
	<b>8a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>8b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . . . . .							
<b>9a</b> Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 . . . . .							
	<b>9a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: direct expenses	<b>9b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . . . .							
<b>10a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .							
	<b>10a</b>						
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold	<b>10b</b>						
<b>c</b> Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . . . .							
Miscellaneous Revenue	Business Code						
<b>11a</b> MISCELLANEOUS	900099	2,035	2,035				
<b>b</b>							
<b>c</b>							
<b>d</b> All other revenue . . . . .							
<b>e Total.</b> Add lines 11a-11d . . . . .			2,035				
<b>12 Total revenue.</b> See instructions . . . . .			337,653	2,035	0	47	

**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

<b>Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.</b>	<b>(A)</b> Total expenses	<b>(B)</b> Program service expenses	<b>(C)</b> Management and general expenses	<b>(D)</b> Fundraising expenses
<b>1</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21				
<b>2</b> Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
<b>3</b> Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16.				
<b>4</b> Benefits paid to or for members				
<b>5</b> Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	59,092	20,682	14,773	23,637
<b>6</b> Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
<b>7</b> Other salaries and wages	207,893	166,314	41,579	
<b>8</b> Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
<b>9</b> Other employee benefits	16,886		16,886	
<b>10</b> Payroll taxes	71,085	63,977	3,554	3,554
<b>11</b> Fees for services (non-employees):				
<b>a</b> Management				
<b>b</b> Legal				
<b>c</b> Accounting				
<b>d</b> Lobbying	10,000	10,000		
<b>e</b> Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
<b>f</b> Investment management fees				
<b>g</b> Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O)	1,740		1,740	
<b>12</b> Advertising and promotion	168	134	12	22
<b>13</b> Office expenses	12,713	10,170	1,358	1,185
<b>14</b> Information technology				
<b>15</b> Royalties				
<b>16</b> Occupancy	8,158	8,158		
<b>17</b> Travel	4,896	4,896		
<b>18</b> Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
<b>19</b> Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,186	1,711	1,186	289
<b>20</b> Interest				
<b>21</b> Payments to affiliates				
<b>22</b> Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
<b>23</b> Insurance	761		761	
<b>24</b> 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.)				
<b>a</b> COMMUNICATIONS	26,645	23,448	1,332	1,865
<b>b</b> BOOKS, SUBSCRIPTIONS, R	1,403	1,325	78	
<b>c</b> OTHER FUNDRAISING EXPEN	861			861
<b>d</b> MISCELLANEOUS	477	249	228	
<b>e</b> All other expenses	746	378	368	
<b>25</b> Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	426,710	311,442	83,855	31,413
<b>26</b> 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
<b>Assets</b>	<b>1</b> Cash-non-interest-bearing . . . . .	82,787	<b>1</b>	7,062
	<b>2</b> Savings and temporary cash investments	100,420	<b>2</b>	85,024
	<b>3</b> Pledges and grants receivable, net . . . . .		<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Accounts receivable, net . . . . .	6,000	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5</b> 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		<b>5</b>	
	<b>6</b> Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		<b>6</b>	
	<b>7</b> Notes and loans receivable, net . . . . .		<b>7</b>	
	<b>8</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>8</b>	
	<b>9</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>9</b>	
	<b>10a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	<b>10a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation	<b>10b</b>		<b>10c</b>
	<b>11</b> Investments—publicly traded securities . . . . .		<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 . . . . .		<b>13</b>	
	<b>14</b> Intangible assets . . . . .		<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	500	<b>15</b>	500
<b>16 Total assets:</b> Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) . . . . .	189,707	<b>16</b>	92,586	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>17</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .	13,651	<b>17</b>	5,587
	<b>18</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>18</b>	
	<b>19</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>19</b>	
	<b>20</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
	<b>21</b> Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		<b>21</b>	
	<b>22</b> 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		<b>22</b>	
	<b>23</b> Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>23</b>	
	<b>24</b> Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties . . . . .		<b>24</b>	
	<b>25</b> 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		<b>25</b>	
	<b>26 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 17 through 25 . . . . .	13,651	<b>26</b>	5,587
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.</b>			
	<b>27</b> Net assets without donor restrictions . . . . .	176,056	<b>27</b>	86,999
	<b>28</b> Net assets with donor restrictions		<b>28</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.</b>			
	<b>29</b> Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds . . . . .		<b>29</b>	
	<b>30</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building or equipment fund . . . . .		<b>30</b>	
	<b>31</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		<b>31</b>	
	<b>32</b> Total net assets or fund balances	176,056	<b>32</b>	86,999
<b>33</b> Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	189,707	<b>33</b>	92,586	

**Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets**

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

<b>1</b>	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<b>1</b>	337,653
<b>2</b>	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<b>2</b>	426,710
<b>3</b>	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	<b>3</b>	-89,057
<b>4</b>	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>4</b>	176,056
<b>5</b>	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Donated services and use of facilities	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	Investment expenses	<b>7</b>	
<b>8</b>	Prior period adjustments	<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b>	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	<b>9</b>	0
<b>10</b>	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	<b>10</b>	86,999

**Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting**

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

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	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.		
<b>2a</b>	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
<b>2b</b>	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
<b>2c</b>	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.		
<b>3a</b>	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
<b>3b</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.		

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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

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.

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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 MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

Employer identification number

81-0405836

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)
3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities (see instructions)

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?
4a Was a correction made?
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?
5 Enter the names, addresses and employer identification number (EIN) of all section 527 political organizations to which the filing organization made payments.

Table with 5 columns: (a) Name, (b) Address, (c) EIN, (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds, (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. Rows 1-6.

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

- A** Check  if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (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.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b> (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)	(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
<b>1a</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) .....														
<b>b</b> Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) .....														
<b>c</b> Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) .....														
<b>d</b> Other exempt purpose expenditures .....														
<b>e</b> Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) .....														
<b>f</b> 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.													
<b>g</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) .....														
<b>h</b> Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>i</b> Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- .....														
<b>j</b> 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.)

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

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
<b>1</b> 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:			
<b>a</b> Volunteers? .....			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (include compensation in expenses reported on lines 1c through 1i)? .....			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements? .....			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public? .....			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements? .....			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes? .....			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body? .....			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any similar means? .....			
<b>i</b> Other activities? .....			
<b>j</b> Total. Add lines 1c through 1i .....			
<b>2a</b> Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)? .....			
<b>b</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912 .....			
<b>c</b> If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912 .....			
<b>d</b> 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
<b>1</b> Were substantially all (90% or more) dues received nondeductible by members? .....	<b>1</b> Yes	No
<b>2</b> Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? .....	<b>2</b> Yes	No
<b>3</b> Did the organization agree to carry over lobbying and political expenditures from the prior year? .....	<b>3</b> Yes	No

**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."**

<b>1</b> Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members .....	<b>1</b>	
<b>2</b> Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures ( <b>do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid</b> ).		
<b>a</b> Current year .....	<b>2a</b>	
<b>b</b> Carryover from last year .....	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b> Total .....	<b>2c</b>	
<b>3</b> Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues .	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> 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? .....	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b> Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions) .....	<b>5</b>	

**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.

Return Reference	Explanation
SCHEDULE C, PART III-A	THE ORGANIZATION ENGAGED INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS TO MONITOR THE MONTANA LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND BILLS COMING UP FOR VOTE WITHIN THE LEGISLATIVE SESSION. AS PART OF THESE LOBBYING ACTIVITIES, THE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS ATTENDED HEARINGS AND SUBMITTED COMMENTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO INFLUENCE THE VOTE ON BILLS THAT PERTAIN TO THE ORGANIZATION'S MISSION.

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**SCHEDULE O**  
**(Form 990 or 990-**  
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**Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Department of the Treasury

Name of the organization

MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH GROUP

Employer identification number

81-0405836

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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  
(Form 990)**

**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

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- ▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.
- ▶ Attach to Form 990.
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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
<b>1a</b>		No
<b>1b</b>		No
<b>1c</b>		No
<b>1d</b>		No
<b>1e</b>		No
<b>1f</b>		No
<b>1g</b>		No
<b>1h</b>		No
<b>1i</b>		No
<b>1j</b>		No
<b>1k</b>		No
<b>1l</b>		No
<b>1m</b>		No
<b>1n</b>		No
<b>1o</b>	Yes	
<b>1p</b>		No
<b>1q</b>	Yes	
<b>1r</b>		No
<b>1s</b>		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
<b>(1)</b> MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION	O	70,299	CASH
<b>(2)</b> MONTANA PUBLIC INTEREST RESEARCH FOUNDATION	Q	23,123	CASH



**Part VII Supplemental Information**

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

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