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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-

0047 2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2024 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10-01-2024, and ending 09-30-2025

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

C Name of organization: NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC. Doing business as: Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address): 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE Room/suite: City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code: BOULDER, CO 803025821

D Employer identification number: 84-0611876 E Telephone number: (303) 447-8760 G Gross receipts \$ 37,529,320

F Name and address of principal officer: JOHN ECHOHAWK 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE BOULDER, CO 803025821

H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? H(b) Are all subordinates included? H(c) Group exemption number

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

J Website: WWW.NARF.ORG

K Form of organization: Corporation Trust Association Other

L Year of formation: 1970 M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Table with 3 main columns: Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, Net Assets or Fund Balances. Rows include mission statement, member counts, revenue breakdown (8-12), expense breakdown (13-19), and net assets (20-22).

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 MICHAEL KENNEDY CFO, Date 2026-03-27, Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer Use Only: Print/Type preparer's name, Preparer's signature, Date 2026-03-27, Check self-employed, PTIN P00958966, Firm's name Forvis Mazars LLP, Firm's EIN 44-0160260, Firm's address 111 South Tejon Suite 800, Colorado Springs, CO 809039848, Phone no. (719) 471-4290

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See Instructions. Yes No

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND HOLDS GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE. WE FIGHT TO PROTECT NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS, RESOURCES, AND LIFEWAYS THROUGH LITIGATION, LEGAL ADVOCACY, AND LEGAL EXPERTISE. AS ESTABLISHED BY NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND'S (NARF) FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS, (CONTINUED ON SCHEDULE O)

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 \$ 13,417,723 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 601,041) SEE SCHEDULE O.

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 668,470 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

National Indian Law Library In 1972, NARF founded the National Indian Law Library (NILL) to serve the research needs of NARF attorneys. NILL's resources are also available to the public however, and hundreds of research requests are received weekly. The library houses a unique and valuable collection of federal Indian and tribal law materials and provides specialized legal research assistance. It also provides online bulletins to keep advocates aware of the latest legal developments and most recent news in Indian law. Researchers around the world have access to the resources of the National Indian Law Library through online access to our library catalog (https://nill.softlinkliberty.net/liberty). The catalog contains information on over 18,000 titles held in the NILL collection. Copies of most resources can be delivered to researchers in a timely way and many catalog records provide links to free resources that are available on the internet. NILL's collection includes catalog records for approximately 7,000 articles, 4,500 books, and 1400 tribal law resources. Many of these items are freely available online and are easily accessed via a link in the catalog record. NILL is the only library serving the public with extensive expertise and resources relating to Indian law, providing services that other libraries are unable to provide. One critical resource provided during FY2025 was in the many public presentations and training NILL Staff provided to the public, librarians, judges, court employees, law students, and other researchers on how to conduct Federal Indian Law and Tribal Law research.

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 14,086,193

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|--|-----|----|
| 22 | 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> | | No |
| 23 | Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5, about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i> | Yes | |
| 24a | Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i> | | No |
| 24b | Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception? | | |
| 24c | Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds? | | No |
| 24d | Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year? | | No |
| 25a | Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. 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> | | No |
| 25b | 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> | | No |
| 26 | 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? | | No |
| 27 | 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> | | No |
| 28 | Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see the Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions): | | |
| 28a | A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 28b | A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 28c | A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i> | | No |
| 29 | Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i> | Yes | |
| 30 | Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? | | No |
| 31 | Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i> | | No |
| 32 | 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> | | No |
| 33 | Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? | | No |
| 34 | 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> | | No |
| 35a | Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? | | No |
| 35b | 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> | | No |
| 36 | Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i> | | No |
| 37 | Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i> | | No |
| 38 | Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O. | 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 |
|-----------|--|-----|----|
| 1a | Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1b | Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable | | |
| 1c | Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? | | |

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

Table with 17 main rows and multiple sub-rows (a-e). Columns include question text, sub-headers (e.g., 2a, 2b), and response areas (Yes/No). Row 2a contains the value '78'. Row 2b contains 'Yes'. Row 7c contains 'No'. Row 10a, 10b, 11a, 11b, 12a, 12b, 13a, 13b, 13c, 14a, 14b, 15, 16, and 17 are currently empty.

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? 3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? 4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? 7b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following: 8a The governing body? 8b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.

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? 11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11b Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. 12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done 13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision? 15a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15b Other officers or key employees of the organization If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process on Schedule O. See instructions. 16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?

Section C. Disclosure

Table with 2 columns: Question, Answer. Row 17: List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed. Answer: AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY. Row 18: Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Form 1023 (1024 or 1024-A, if applicable), 990, and 990-T (section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply. [X] Own website [] Another's website [X] Upon request [] Other (explain in Schedule O). Row 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. Row 20: State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE BOULDER, CO 803025821 (303) 447-8760

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 the 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, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) 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 the 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/1099-NEC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (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) KENNETH KAHN VICE-CHAIRMAN | 1.0 0.0 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (2) LACEY HORN CHAIRWOMAN | 1.0 0.0 | X | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (3) CAMILLE KALAMA BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (4) GAYLA HOSETH BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (5) GEOFFREY BLACKWELL BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (6) JAMIE AZURE BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (7) LORI STINSON BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (8) LOUIE UNGARO BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (9) MICHAEL PETOSKEY BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (10) REBECCA CROOKS-STRATTON BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (11) REBECCA MILES BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (12) RHONDA PITKA BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (13) ROBERT MIGUEL BOARD MEMBER | 1.0 0.0 | X | | | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (14) DONALD RAGONA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR | 40.0 0.0 | | | X | | | | 205,078 | 0 | 34,558 |
| (15) JOHN ECHOHAWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | 40.0 0.0 | | | X | | | | 309,749 | 0 | 35,061 |
| (16) Mary Miles Corporate Secretary (BEGIN 02/2025) | 40.0 0.0 | | | X | | | | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| (17) MATTHEW CAMPBELL DEPUTY DIRECTOR | 40.0 0.0 | | | X | | | | 271,273 | 0 | 40,527 |

Part VII Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees (continued)

| (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/1099-NEC) | (E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC) | (F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations |
|---|--|---|------------------------|---------|--------------|------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | Individual trustee or director | Institutional Trustee; | Officer | Key employee | Highest compensated employee | | | |
| (18) MICHAEL KENNEDY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | 40.00.0 | | | X | | | 222,618 | 0 | 44,475 |
| (19) SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS CORPORATE SECRETARY (END 02/2025) | 40.00.0 | | | X | | | 156,408 | 0 | 34,558 |
| (20) BRETT SHELTON ATTORNEY | 40.00.0 | | | | | X | 273,688 | 0 | 31,516 |
| (21) DAVID GOVER ATTORNEY | 40.00.0 | | | | | X | 267,046 | 0 | 32,416 |
| (22) MELODY MCCOY ATTORNEY | 40.00.0 | | | | | X | 258,728 | 0 | 62,772 |
| (23) SUSAN NOE ATTORNEY | 40.00.0 | | | | | X | 274,648 | 0 | 30,556 |
| (24) THOMAS MURPHY ATTORNEY | 40.00.0 | | | | | X | 273,089 | 0 | 24,618 |
| 1b Sub-Total | | | | | | | | | |
| c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A | | | | | | | | | |
| d Total (add lines 1b and 1c) | | | | | | 2,512,325 | 0 | 371,057 | |

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **46**

| | Yes | No |
|--|-----|----|
| 3 Did the organization list any former officer, director or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | | No |
| 4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual</i> | Yes | |
| 5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person</i> | | No |

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

| (A) Name and business address | (B) Description of services | (C) Compensation |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| CLASS EXPERTS GROUP 740 WEST GLEN OAKS LANE MILWAUKEE, WI 53092 | SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION | 715,472 |
| ENFRANCHISEMENT PRODUCTIONS LLC 1629 K ST NEW SUITE 300 WASHINGTON, DC 20006 | FILM PRODUCTION | 269,163 |
| JEMAL'S ATLANTIC LLC P O BOX 714435 CINCINNATI, OH 452714435 | RENT | 222,348 |
| SALT LLC 645 G STREET SUITE 301 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501 | PROJECT MANAGEMENT | 176,941 |
| OC COMMUNICATIONS PO BOX 242263 ANCHORAGE, AK 99524 | RENT | 107,286 |

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **8**

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 |
|---|----------------------|--|---|--|
| Contributions, Gifts, Grants, and Other Amt Similar Amounts | | | | |
| 1a Federated campaigns | | | 559 | |
| b Membership dues | | | | |
| c Fundraising events | | | | |
| d Related organizations | | | | |
| e Government grants (contributions) | | | 3,192,564 | |
| f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above | | | 16,921,413 | |
| g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a - 1f:\$ | | | 88,173 | |
| h Total. Add lines 1a-1f | | | | 20,114,536 |

| Program Service Revenue | | Business Code | | | | |
|---|--|---------------|---------|---------|---|---|
| | | | | | | |
| 2a LEGAL FEES | | 541110 | 531,103 | 531,103 | | |
| b | | | | | | |
| c | | | | | | |
| d | | | | | | |
| e | | | | | | |
| f All other program service revenue. | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| g Total. Add lines 2a-2f. | | | 531,103 | | | |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|-----------|------------|--|-----------|--|
| Other Revenue | 3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts) | | | 1,611,524 | | 1,611,524 | |
| | 4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds | | | | | | |
| | 5 Royalties | | | 305 | | 305 | |
| | 6a Gross rents | (i) Real | | | | | |
| | | (ii) Personal | | | | | |
| | | 6b Less: rental expenses | | | | | |
| | c Rental income or (loss) | | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | d Net rental income or (loss) | | | | | | |
| | 7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory | (i) Securities | | 15,201,914 | | | |
| | | (ii) Other | | | | | |
| | | 7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses | | 12,867,953 | | | |
| | c Gain or (loss) | | 2,333,961 | 0 | | | |
| | d Net gain or (loss) | | | 2,333,961 | | 2,333,961 | |
| | 8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18 | | | | | | |
| | b Less: direct expenses | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events | | | | | | | |
| 9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19 | | | | | | | |
| b Less: direct expenses | | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities | | | | | | | |
| 10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances | | | | | | | |
| b Less: cost of goods sold | | | | | | | |
| c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory | | | | | | | |

| Other Revenue Misc Amt | | Business Code | | | | |
|---|--|---------------|------------|---------|---|-----------|
| | | | | | | |
| 11a OTHER MISC REVENUE | | 900099 | 49,354 | 49,354 | | |
| b REIMBURSEMENTS | | 900099 | 15,434 | 15,434 | | |
| c HONORARIUMS | | 900099 | 5,150 | 5,150 | | |
| d All other revenue | | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| e Total. Add lines 11a-11d | | | 69,938 | | | |
| 12 Total revenue. See instructions | | | 24,661,367 | 601,041 | 0 | 3,945,790 |

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 | 1,369,736 | 598,980 | 463,043 | 307,713 |
| 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 | 9,557,103 | 7,980,932 | 961,940 | 614,231 |
| 8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions) | 444,524 | 361,913 | 54,773 | 27,838 |
| 9 Other employee benefits | 987,640 | 776,176 | 83,778 | 127,686 |
| 10 Payroll taxes | 709,781 | 514,195 | 119,612 | 75,974 |
| 11 Fees for services (non-employees): | | | | |
| a Management | | | | |
| b Legal | 16,391 | | 16,391 | |
| c Accounting | 45,603 | | 45,603 | |
| d Lobbying | | | | |
| e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17 | 37,400 | | | 37,400 |
| f Investment management fees | 442,788 | | 442,788 | |
| g Other (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O) | 1,316,503 | 1,316,503 | 0 | 0 |
| 12 Advertising and promotion | | | | |
| 13 Office expenses | 1,136,499 | 479,885 | 207,376 | 449,238 |
| 14 Information technology | 582,551 | 240,444 | 185,684 | 156,423 |
| 15 Royalties | | | | |
| 16 Occupancy | 782,772 | 688,847 | 63,638 | 30,287 |
| 17 Travel | 771,215 | 535,563 | 130,487 | 105,165 |
| 18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials | | | | |
| 19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings | 25,903 | 16,752 | | 9,151 |
| 20 Interest | 5,173 | | 5,173 | |
| 21 Payments to affiliates | | | | |
| 22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization | 474,292 | 319,691 | 54,469 | 100,132 |
| 23 Insurance | 56,874 | 49,762 | 4,843 | 2,269 |
| 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 MAILING, PRINTING & PRODUCTION EXPENSES | 2,361,352 | | | 2,361,352 |
| b LIBRARY | 195,428 | 185,070 | 3,201 | 7,157 |
| c CLIENT CASES LITIGATION EXPENSES | 21,480 | 21,480 | | |
| d 0 | | | | |
| e All other expenses | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e | 21,341,008 | 14,086,193 | 2,842,799 | 4,412,016 |
| 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 | 3,053,102 | 1 | 3,384,037 |
| | 2 Savings and temporary cash investments | 776,165 | 2 | 4,133,577 |
| | 3 Pledges and grants receivable, net | 7,478,868 | 3 | 7,232,886 |
| | 4 Accounts receivable, net | 258,665 | 4 | 170,806 |
| | 5 Loans and other receivables from 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 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| | 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) | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| | 7 Notes and loans receivable, net | | 7 | |
| | 8 Inventories for sale or use | | 8 | |
| | 9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges | 447,753 | 9 | 504,612 |
| | 10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D | 10a 13,453,523 | | |
| | b Less: accumulated depreciation | 10b 1,816,128 | 11,926,782 | 10c 11,637,395 |
| | 11 Investments—publicly traded securities | 51,333,988 | 11 | 55,581,678 |
| | 12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11 | 7,372,449 | 12 | 8,243,830 |
| | 13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11 | 0 | 13 | |
| | 14 Intangible assets | | 14 | |
| | 15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11 | 1,467,508 | 15 | 1,280,466 |
| 16 Total assets: Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33) | 84,115,280 | 16 | 92,169,287 | |
| Liabilities | 17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 1,640,908 | 17 | 1,403,269 |
| | 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 | 0 | 22 | 0 |
| | 23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties | 58,885 | 23 | 48,800 |
| | 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 | 1,828,535 | 25 | 1,691,323 |
| | 26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25 | 3,528,328 | 26 | 3,143,392 |
| 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 | 70,051,126 | 27 | 77,321,604 |
| | 28 Net assets with donor restrictions | 10,535,826 | 28 | 11,704,291 |
| | 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 | 80,586,952 | 32 | 89,025,895 |
| | 33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances | 84,115,280 | 33 | 92,169,287 |

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 | 24,661,367 |
| 2 | Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) | 2 | 21,341,008 |
| 3 | Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1 | 3 | 3,320,359 |
| 4 | Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) | 4 | 80,586,952 |
| 5 | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 5 | 5,118,584 |
| 6 | Donated services and use of facilities | 6 | |
| 7 | Investment expenses | 7 | |
| 8 | Prior period adjustments | 8 | |
| 9 | Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) | 9 | 0 |
| 10 | Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A)) | 10 | 89,025,895 |

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

| | | Yes | No |
|-----------|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on 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 |
| 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 | Yes | |
| c | If "Yes," to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in Schedule O. | Yes | |
| 3a | As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F? | | No |
| 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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Form 990, Special Condition Description:

Special Condition Description

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.
 Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.
 Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Name of the organization
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC

Employer identification number
84-0611876

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i)**.
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)**. (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**.
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii)**. Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:

- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v)**.
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)**. (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land grant college of agriculture. See instructions. Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions—subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2)**. (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2)**. See **section 509(a)(3)**. Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations _____
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

| (i) Name of supported organization | (ii) EIN | (iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1- 10 above (see instructions)) | (iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document? | | (v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions) | (vi) Amount of other support (see instructions) |
|------------------------------------|----------|--|---|----|---|---|
| | | | Yes | No | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | | |

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
 (Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization failed to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2020 | (b) 2021 | (c) 2022 | (d) 2023 | (e) 2024 | (f) Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grant.") . . . | 17,314,327 | 14,822,919 | 17,939,492 | 20,925,046 | 20,114,536 | 91,116,320 |
| 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf | | | | | | 0 |
| 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.. | | | | | | 0 |
| 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3 | 17,314,327 | 14,822,919 | 17,939,492 | 20,925,046 | 20,114,536 | 91,116,320 |
| 5 The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f) . . . | | | | | | 5,741,363 |
| 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4. | | | | | | 85,374,957 |

Section B. Total Support

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶ | (a) 2020 | (b) 2021 | (c) 2022 | (d) 2023 | (e) 2024 | (f) Total |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|
| 7 Amounts from line 4. | 17,314,327 | 14,822,919 | 17,939,492 | 20,925,046 | 20,114,536 | 91,116,320 |
| 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources | 1,537,528 | 1,132,902 | 1,274,389 | 1,596,737 | 1,611,829 | 7,153,385 |
| 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on. | | | | | | 0 |
| 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10 | | | | | | 98,269,705 |
| 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) | | | | | 12 | 0 |
| 13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here | | | | | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

| | | |
|--|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) | 14 | 86.878 % |
| 15 Public support percentage for 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 | 15 | 84.263 % |
| 16a 33 1/3% support test—2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| b 33 1/3% support test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization | | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions | | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons; 7b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b; 12 Other income; 13 Total support; 14 First 5 years.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 15: Public support percentage for 2024; Row 16: Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Description, Percentage. Row 17: Investment income percentage for 2024; Row 18: Investment income percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part III, line 17; Row 19a: 33 1/3% support tests-2024; Row 19b: 33 1/3% support tests-2023; Row 20: Private foundation.

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

| | | Yes | No |
|------------|---|-----|----|
| 1 | Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain. | | |
| 2 | Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2). | | |
| 3a | Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below. | | |
| b | Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination. | | |
| c | Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use. | | |
| 4a | Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below. | | |
| b | Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations. | | |
| c | Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes. | | |
| 5a | Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI , including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document). | | |
| b | Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document? | | |
| c | Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control? | | |
| 6 | Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| 7 | Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990). | | |
| 8 | Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990). | | |
| 9a | Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| b | Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| c | Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI . | | |
| 10a | Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer line 10b below. | | |
| b | Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings). | | |

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

- | | | Yes | No |
|--|--|-----|----|
| 11 Has the organization accepted a gift or contribution from any of the following persons? | | | |
| a A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described on lines 11b and 11c below, the governing body of a supported organization? | | | |
| b A family member of a person described on 11a above? | | | |
| c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i> | | | |

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| 1 Did the officers, directors, trustees, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's directors or trustees at all times during the tax year? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organization(s) effectively operated, supervised, or controlled the organization's activities. If the organization had more than one supported organization, describe how the powers to appoint and/or remove directors or trustees were allocated among the supported organizations and what conditions or restrictions, if any, applied to such powers during the tax year.</i> | | | |
| 2 Did the organization operate for the benefit of any supported organization other than the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised, or controlled the supporting organization? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how providing such benefit carried out the purposes of the supported organization(s) that operated, supervised or controlled the supporting organization.</i> | | | |

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

- | | | Yes | No |
|--|--|-----|----|
| 1 Were a majority of the organization's directors or trustees during the tax year also a majority of the directors or trustees of each of the organization's supported organization(s)? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how control or management of the supporting organization was vested in the same persons that controlled or managed the supported organization(s).</i> | | | |

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| 1 Did the organization provide to each of its supported organizations, by the last day of the fifth month of the organization's tax year, (i) a written notice describing the type and amount of support provided during the prior tax year, (ii) a copy of the Form 990 that was most recently filed as of the date of notification, and (iii) copies of the organization's governing documents in effect on the date of notification, to the extent not previously provided? | | | |
| 2 Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i> | | | |
| 3 By reason of the relationship described in line 2 above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i> | | | |

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (**see instructions**):

- a** The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete **line 2** below.
- b** The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete **line 3** below.
- c** The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in **Part VI** how you supported a government entity (see instructions)

- 2** Activities Test. **Answer lines 2a and 2b below.**

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i> | | | |
| b Did the activities described on line 2a, above constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i> | | | |

- 3** Parent of Supported Organizations. **Answer lines 3a and 3b below.**

- | | | Yes | No |
|---|--|-----|----|
| a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No", provide details in Part VI.</i> | | | |
| b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI. the role played by the organization in this regard.</i> | | | |

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

- 1** Check here if the organization satisfied the Integral Part Test as a qualifying trust on Nov. 20, 1970 (*explain in Part VI*). See instructions. All other Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations must complete Sections A through E.

Section A - Adjusted Net Income

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | | | |
|---|----------|--|--|
| 1 Net short-term capital gain | 1 | | |
| 2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 2 | | |
| 3 Other gross income (see instructions) | 3 | | |
| 4 Add lines 1 through 3 | 4 | | |
| 5 Depreciation and depletion | 5 | | |
| 6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions) | 6 | | |
| 7 Other expenses (see instructions) | 7 | | |
| 8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4) | 8 | | |

Section B - Minimum Asset Amount

(A) Prior Year

(B) Current Year
(optional)

- | | | | |
|--|-----------|--|--|
| 1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year): | 1 | | |
| a Average monthly value of securities | 1a | | |
| b Average monthly cash balances | 1b | | |
| c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets | 1c | | |
| d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c) | 1d | | |
| e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>): | | | |
| 2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt use assets | 2 | | |
| 3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d | 3 | | |
| 4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions). | 4 | | |
| 5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3) | 5 | | |
| 6 Multiply line 5 by 0.035 | 6 | | |
| 7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions | 7 | | |
| 8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6) | 8 | | |

Section C - Distributable Amount

Current Year

- | | | |
|--|----------|--|
| 1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A) | 1 | |
| 2 Enter 85% of line 1 | 2 | |
| 3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A) | 3 | |
| 4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3 | 4 | |
| 5 Income tax imposed in prior year | 5 | |
| 6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions) | 6 | |

- 7** Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions)

Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations

(continued)

| Section D - Distributions | | Current Year |
|--|-----------|--------------|
| 1 Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes | 1 | |
| 2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity | 2 | |
| 3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations | 3 | |
| 4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets | 4 | |
| 5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required - provide details in Part VI) | 5 | |
| 6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions | 6 | |
| 7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6. | 7 | |
| 8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions | 8 | |
| 9 Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6 | 9 | |
| 10 Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount | 10 | |

| Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions) | (i) Excess Distributions | (ii) Underdistributions Pre-2024 | (iii) Distributable Amount for 2024 |
|--|-----------------------------|--|---|
| 1 Distributable amount for 2024 from Section C, line 6 | | | |
| 2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2024 (reasonable cause required-- explain in Part VI). See instructions. | | | |
| 3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2024: | | | |
| a From 2019. | | | |
| b From 2020. | | | |
| c From 2021. | | | |
| d From 2022. | | | |
| e From 2023. | | | |
| f Total of lines 3a through e | | | |
| g Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| h Applied to 2024 distributable amount | | | |
| i Carryover from 2019 not applied (see instructions) | | | |
| j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f. | | | |
| 4 Distributions for 2024 from Section D, line 7: \$ | | | |
| a Applied to underdistributions of prior years | | | |
| b Applied to 2024 distributable amount | | | |
| c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4. | | | |
| 5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2024, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions. | | | |
| 6 Remaining underdistributions for 2024. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. If the amount is greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions. | | | |
| 7 Excess distributions carryover to 2025. Add lines 3j and 4c. | | | |
| 8 Breakdown of line 7: | | | |
| a Excess from 2020. | | | |
| b Excess from 2021. | | | |
| c Excess from 2022. | | | |
| d Excess from 2023. | | | |
| e Excess from 2024. | | | |

Part VI Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b; Part III, line 12; Part IV, Section A, lines 1, 2, 3b, 3c, 4b, 4c, 5a, 6, 9a, 9b, 9c, 11a, 11b, and 11c; Part IV, Section B, lines 1 and 2; Part IV, Section C, line 1; Part IV, Section D, lines 2 and 3; Part IV, Section E, lines 1c, 2a, 2b, 3a and 3b; Part V, line 1; Part V, Section B, line 1e; Part V Section D, lines 5, 6, and 8; and Part V, Section E, lines 2, 5, and 6. Also complete this part for any additional information. (See instructions).

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Schedule of Contributors

▶ Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
 ▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

| | |
|---|---|
| Name of the organization NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC | Employer identification number 84-0611876 |
|---|---|

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

- Form 990 or 990-EZ
 - 501(c)() (enter number) organization
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation
 - 527 political organization
- Form 990-PF
 - 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation
 - 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation
 - 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.
Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or other property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33¹/₃% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of (1) \$5,000 or (2) 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h, or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000 *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I, II, and III.
- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received *nonexclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year ▶ \$ _____

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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Part I

Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
|------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| RESTRICTED | | \$ RESTRICTED | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |
| (a) No. | (b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4 | (c) Total contributions | (d) Type of contribution |
| - | | \$ | <input type="checkbox"/> Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.) |

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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
|------------------------------|--|--|----------------------|
| - | _____ _____ _____ | _____ \$ | _____ |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
| - | _____ _____ _____ | _____ \$ | _____ |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
| - | _____ _____ _____ | _____ \$ | _____ |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
| - | _____ _____ _____ | _____ \$ | _____ |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
| - | _____ _____ _____ | _____ \$ | _____ |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Description of noncash property given | (c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions) | (d) Date received |
| - | _____ _____ _____ | _____ \$ | _____ |

| | |
|---|--|
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|---|--|

Part III Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c) (7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor. Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$1,000 or less for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ _____
Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
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| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| (a) No. from Part I | (b) Purpose of gift | (c) Use of gift | (d) Description of how gift is held |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| (e) Transfer of gift | | | |
| Transferee's name, address, and ZIP 4 | | Relationship of transferor to transferee | |
| _____ | | _____ | |
| _____ | | _____ | |

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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.**

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 NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC | Employer identification number 84-0611876 |
|---|---|

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? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4a | Was a correction made? | | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| b | If "Yes," describe in Part IV. | | |

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

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

| (a) Name | (b) Address | (c) EIN | (d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-. | (e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-. |
|----------|-------------|---------|---|--|
| 1 | | | | |
| 2 | | | | |
| 3 | | | | |
| 4 | | | | |
| 5 | | | | |
| 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.

| Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.) | (a) Filing organization's totals | (b) Affiliated group totals | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|---|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|---|-------------------|--------------|--|--|
| 1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying) | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) | 9,730 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b) | 9,730 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| d Other exempt purpose expenditures | 21,331,278 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d) | 21,341,008 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns. | 1,000,000 | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width:35%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th style="width:65%;">The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: | Not over \$500,000 | 20% of the amount on line 1e. | Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000. | Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000. | Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000. | Over \$17,000,000 | \$1,000,000. | | |
| If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is: | The lobbying nontaxable amount is: | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Not over \$500,000 | 20% of the amount on line 1e. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 | \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 | \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 | \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Over \$17,000,000 | \$1,000,000. | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f) | 250,000 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0- | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0- | 0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year? | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period

| Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) | (a) 2021 | (b) 2022 | (c) 2023 | (d) 2024 | (e) Total |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 2a Lobbying nontaxable amount | 877,081 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 | 3,877,081 |
| b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column(e)) | | | | | 5,815,622 |
| c Total lobbying expenditures | 139,660 | 56,540 | 17,104 | 9,730 | 223,034 |
| d Grassroots nontaxable amount | 219,270 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 250,000 | 969,270 |
| e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e)) | | | | | 1,453,905 |
| f Grassroots lobbying expenditures | 3,662 | 2,287 | 1,592 | 0 | 7,541 |

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

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SCHEDULE D
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Supplemental Financial Statements

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

| | (a) Donor advised funds | (b) Funds and other accounts |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Total number at end of year | | |
| 2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year) | | |
| 3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year) | | |
| 4 Aggregate value at end of year | | |

5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control? Yes No

6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit? Yes No

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply).
 Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) Preservation of an historically important land area
 Protection of natural habitat Preservation of a certified historic structure
 Preservation of open space

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

| | Held at the End of the Year |
|--|-----------------------------|
| a Total number of conservation easements | 2a |
| b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements | 2b |
| c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a) | 2c |
| d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after July 25, 2006, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register | 2d |

3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ _____

4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ _____

5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds? Yes No

6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year
▶ _____

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

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

9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.
Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

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

b If the organization elected, as permitted under FASB ASC 958, to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items:

(i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

(ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under FASB ASC 958 relating to these items:

a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ _____

b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$ _____

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

3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that are a significant use of its collection items (check all that apply):

- a** Public exhibition
- b** Scholarly research
- c** Preservation for future generations
- d** Loan or exchange programs
- e** Other ASSIST IN RESEARCH - CLIENT CASES

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

5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? . . . Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? . . . Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table:

| | Amount |
|--|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |

2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided in Part XIII

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

| | (a) Current year | (b) Prior year | (c) Two years back | (d) Three years back | (e) Four years back |
|---|------------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 1a Beginning of year balance | 31,175,807 | 31,068,058 | 31,061,234 | 26,053,835 | 26,041,891 |
| b Contributions | 11,224 | 107,749 | 6,824 | 5,007,399 | 11,944 |
| c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses | | | | | |
| d Grants or scholarships | | | | | |
| e Other expenditures for facilities and programs | | | | | |
| f Administrative expenses | | | | | |
| g End of year balance | 31,187,031 | 31,175,807 | 31,068,058 | 31,061,234 | 26,053,835 |

2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 96.19 %
- b** Permanent endowment ▶ 3.81 %
- c** Term endowment ▶ 0 %

The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.

3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:

- (i)** Unrelated organizations
- (ii)** Related organizations

| | Yes | No |
|---------------|-----|----|
| 3a(i) | | No |
| 3a(ii) | | No |
| 3b | | |

b If "Yes" on 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

4 Describe in Part XIII the intended uses of the organization's endowment funds.

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

| Description of property | (a) Cost or other basis (investment) | (b) Cost or other basis (other) | (c) Accumulated depreciation | (d) Book value |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| 1a Land | | 3,570,000 | | 3,570,000 |
| b Buildings | | 8,163,053 | 946,050 | 7,217,003 |
| c Leasehold improvements | | | | |
| d Equipment | | 1,639,586 | 832,855 | 806,731 |
| e Other | | 80,884 | 37,223 | 43,661 |
| Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10(c).) . . . ▶ | | | | 11,637,395 |

Part VII Investments - Other Securities.

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

| (a) Description of security or category (including name of security) | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|---|----------------|--|
| (1) Financial derivatives | | |
| (2) Closely-held equity interests | | |
| (3) Other _____ | | |
| (A) Closely-held equity interests | | |
| (B) Financial derivatives | | |
| (C) PRIVATE EQUITY | 8,243,830 | F |
| (C) | | |
| (D) | | |
| (E) | | |
| (F) | | |
| (G) | | |
| (H) | | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) | 8,243,830 | |

Part VIII Investments - Program Related.

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

| (a) Description of investment | (b) Book value | (c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value |
|--|----------------|--|
| (1) | | |
| (2) | | |
| (3) | | |
| (4) | | |
| (5) | | |
| (6) | | |
| (7) | | |
| (8) | | |
| (9) | | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 13.) | | |

Part IX Other Assets.

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

| (a) Description | (b) Book value |
|--|----------------|
| (1) | |
| (2) | |
| (3) | |
| (4) | |
| (5) | |
| (6) | |
| (7) | |
| (8) | |
| (9) | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 15.) | |

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

| 1. (a) Description of liability | (b) Book value |
|--|----------------|
| (1) Federal income taxes | |
| Federal Income Taxes | |
| OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY | 1,300,704 |
| RETIREMENT OBLIGATION | 390,619 |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| | |
| Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col.(B) line 25.) | 1,691,323 |

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

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

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

| | | | | |
|----------|--|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements | | 1 | 29,337,163 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12: | | | |
| a | Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments | 2a | 5,118,584 | |
| b | Donated services and use of facilities | 2b | | |
| c | Recoveries of prior year grants | 2c | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | 0 | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e | 5,118,584 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 | 24,218,579 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1: | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | 442,788 | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | 0 | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c | 442,788 |
| 5 | Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.) | | 5 | 24,661,367 |

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

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

| | | | | |
|----------|---|-----------|-----------|------------|
| 1 | Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements | | 1 | 20,898,220 |
| 2 | Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25: | | | |
| a | Donated services and use of facilities | 2a | | |
| b | Prior year adjustments | 2b | | |
| c | Other losses | 2c | | |
| d | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 2d | 0 | |
| e | Add lines 2a through 2d | | 2e | 0 |
| 3 | Subtract line 2e from line 1 | | 3 | 20,898,220 |
| 4 | Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1: | | | |
| a | Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b | 4a | 442,788 | |
| b | Other (Describe in Part XIII.) | 4b | 0 | |
| c | Add lines 4a and 4b | | 4c | 442,788 |
| 5 | Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.) | | 5 | 21,341,008 |

Part XIII

Supplemental Information

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

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|--|--|
| Schedule D, Part III, Line 1a Collections of art - financial statement footnote | IF ELECTED UNDER SFAS 116 PROVIDE FOOTNOTE FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS: COLLECTIONS OF WORKS OF ART, HISTORICAL TREASURES, AND SIMILAR ASSETS ARE NOT CAPITALIZED IN AS MUCH AS THE ITEMS ARE PRESERVED AND CARED FOR CONTINUOUSLY. PURCHASES OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED IN THE YEAR OF ACQUISITION AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, OR IN TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS IF THE ASSETS USED TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS WERE RESTRICTED TO THAT USE BY DONOR STIPULATION. CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT REPORTED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PROCEEDS FROM DISPOSAL OF AND INSURANCE RECOVERIES RELATED TO COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED AS INCREASES IN THE APPROPRIATE NET ASSET CLASSES. NARF'S COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO A POLICY THAT REQUIRES PROCEEDS FROM THE DISPOSITION OF COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE USED TO ACQUIRE OTHER COLLECTION ITEMS. NO COLLECTION ITEMS WERE SOLD OR REMOVED IN 2025 AND 2024. |
| Schedule D, Part III, Line 4 Collections of art - description of collections | DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS AND HOW THEY FURTHER THE EXEMPT PURPOSE: COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES, WHICH ARE USED IN TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS, AND ISSUES. |
| Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 Intended uses of endowment funds | DESCRIBE THE INTENDED USES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS: THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS INCLUDE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS HELD IN PERPETUITY OR FOR DONOR-SPECIFIED PERIODS AND A BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT, TITLED FUTURE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND, FOR FUTURE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPRESENTATION OF TRIBES AND NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PREPARING FOR PROTRACTED LITIGATION. RETURNS GENERATED BY THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE UNRESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DONOR STIPULATIONS AND ARE USED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING OPERATIONS. |

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Supplemental Information Regarding
Fundraising or Gaming Activities

Open to Public
Inspection

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC

Employer identification number
84-0611876

Part I Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 17.
Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this part.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a** Mail solicitations
 - b** Internet and email solicitations
 - c** Phone solicitations
 - d** In-person solicitations
 - e** Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f** Solicitation of government grants
 - g** Special fundraising events
- 2a** Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? **Yes** **No**
- b** If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

| (i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser) | (ii) Activity | (iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions? | | (iv) Gross receipts from activity | (v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i) | (vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization |
|--|---------------|--|----|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| | | Yes | No | | | |
| 1 INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC 2 EXECUTIVE CAMPUS SUITE 200 CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002 | DIRECT MAIL | | No | 3,696,525 | 37,400 | 3,659,125 |
| 2 | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | |
| 6 | | | | | | |
| 7 | | | | | | |
| 8 | | | | | | |
| 9 | | | | | | |
| 10 | | | | | | |
| Total | | | | 3,696,525 | 37,400 | 3,659,125 |

3 List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit contributions or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

AL, AK, AZ, AR, CA, CO, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IN, IA, KS, KY, LA, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MS, MO, MT, NE, NV, NH, NJ, NM, NY, NC, ND, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, SD, TN, TX, UT, VT, VA, WA, WV, WI, WY

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

| | | (a) Event #1 | (b) Event #2 | (c) Other events | (d) Total events |
|------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|------------------|---------------------------------|
| | | (event type) | (event type) | (total number) | (add col. (a) through col. (c)) |
| Revenue | 1 Gross receipts | | | | |
| | 2 Less: Contributions | | | | |
| | 3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2) | | | | |
| Direct Expenses | 4 Cash prizes | | | | |
| | 5 Noncash prizes | | | | |
| | 6 Rent/facility costs | | | | |
| | 7 Food and beverages | | | | |
| | 8 Entertainment | | | | |
| | 9 Other direct expenses | | | | |
| | 10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶ | | | | |
| | 11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶ | | | | |

Part III Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

| | | (a) Bingo | (b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo | (c) Other gaming | (d) Total gaming (add col.(a) through col.(c)) |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | 1 Gross revenue | | | |
| Direct Expenses | 2 Cash prizes | | | | |
| | 3 Noncash prizes | | | | |
| | 4 Rent/facility costs | | | | |
| | 5 Other direct expenses | | | | |
| | 6 Volunteer labor | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % .. <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % .. <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % .. <input type="checkbox"/> No | |
| 7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶ | | | | | |
| 8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶ | | | | | |

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities:

a Is the organization licensed to conduct gaming activities in each of these states? Yes No

b If "No," explain: _____

10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year? Yes No

b If "Yes," explain: _____

11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No

12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

| | | | |
|---|-----------------------------|-----|---|
| a | The organization's facility | 13a | % |
| b | An outside facility | 13b | % |

14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? Yes No

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ -----

Address ▶ -----

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ -----

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ -----

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? Yes No

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the explanations required by Part I, line 2b, columns (iii) and (v); and Part III, lines 9, 9b, 10b, 15b, 15c, 16, and 17b, as applicable. Also provide any additional information. See

| Return Reference | Explanation |
|---|---|
| Schedule G, Part I, Line 2b(v) payment of fees or payment of expenses | INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC-SCHEDULE G, PART I: PAYMENTS FOR PRODUCTION EXPENSES (SUCH AS PRINTING AND POSTAGE) TO INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS WERE MADE SEPARATELY FROM FUNDRAISING FEES. TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES AMOUNTED TO \$2,361,352 FOR THE YEAR.; |

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Compensation Information

For certain Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 23.**

▶ **Attach to Form 990.**

▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.**

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Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC

Employer identification number
84-0611876

Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

- 1a** Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.
- | | |
|--|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax idemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) |
|--|--|

b If any of the boxes on Line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on Line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |
|--|--|

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment?
- b** Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan?
- c** Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement?
If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
If "Yes," on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization?
- b** Any related organization?
If "Yes," on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described in lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?

| | Yes | No |
|-----------|-----|----|
| 1b | Yes | |
| 2 | Yes | |
| 4a | | No |
| 4b | Yes | |
| 4c | | No |
| 5a | | No |
| 5b | | No |
| 6a | | No |
| 6b | | No |
| 7 | | No |
| 8 | | No |
| 9 | | |

Part II Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees. Use duplicate copies if additional space is needed.

For each individual whose compensation must be reported on Schedule J, report compensation from the organization on row (i) and from related organizations, described in the instructions, on row (ii). Do not list any individuals that are not listed on Form 990, Part VII.

Note. The sum of columns (B)(i)-(iii) for each listed individual must equal the total amount of Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, applicable column (D) and (E) amounts for that individual.

| (A) Name and Title | | (B) Breakdown of W-2, 1099-MISC compensation, and/or 1099-NEC | | | (C) Retirement and other deferred compensation | (D) Nontaxable benefits | (E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D) | (F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990 |
|---|------|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| | | (i) Base compensation | (ii) Bonus & incentive compensation | (iii) Other reportable compensation | | | | |
| 1 DONALD RAGONA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR | (i) | 202,030 | 0 | 3,048 | 9,292 | 25,266 | 239,636 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 2 JOHN ECHOHAWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | (i) | 307,895 | 0 | 1,854 | 21,729 | 13,332 | 344,810 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 3 MATTHEW CAMPBELL DEPUTY DIRECTOR | (i) | 271,033 | 0 | 240 | 16,150 | 24,377 | 311,800 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 4 MICHAEL KENNEDY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER | (i) | 221,034 | 0 | 1,584 | 16,621 | 27,854 | 267,093 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 5 SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS CORPORATE SECRETARY (END 02/2025) | (i) | 156,408 | 0 | 0 | 9,292 | 25,266 | 190,966 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 6 THOMAS MURPHY ATTORNEY | (i) | 271,637 | 0 | 1,452 | 1,029 | 23,589 | 297,707 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 7 DAVID GOVER ATTORNEY | (i) | 266,494 | 0 | 552 | 15,820 | 16,596 | 299,462 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 8 MELODY MCCOY ATTORNEY | (i) | 257,144 | 0 | 1,584 | 19,710 | 43,062 | 321,500 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 9 BRETT SHELTON ATTORNEY | (i) | 272,104 | 0 | 1,584 | 16,120 | 15,396 | 305,204 | 0 |
| | (ii) | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 | ----- 0 |
| 10 SUSAN NOE ATTORNEY | (i) | 273,064 | 0 | 1,584 | 16,120 | 14,436 | 305,204 | 0 |
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Part III Supplemental Information

Provide the information, explanation, or descriptions required for Part I, lines 1a, 1b, 3, 4a, 4b, 4c, 5a, 5b, 6a, 6b, 7, and 8, and for Part II. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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| Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a First-class or charter travel | EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR NECESSITATED FIRST-CLASS TRAVEL TO A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN FAIRBANKS ALASKA SHORTLY AFTER A PROCEDURE |
| Schedule J, Part I, Line 1a Travel for companions | FAMILY MEMBER WHO ASSISTED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITH TRAVEL TO A BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING IN FAIRBANKS ALASKA |
| Schedule J, Part I, Line 4b Supplemental nonqualified retirement plan | AMOUNT OF AWARD UNDER THE ORGANIZATIONS NONQUALIFIED PLAN IS DETERMINED BY INCORPORATING YEARS OF SERVICE, AGE AND AVERAGE THREE-YEAR BASE SALARY. THE ONE-TIME CASH AWARD IS PAYABLE AT THE DATE OF RETIREMENT FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES. THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES ACCRUED DEFERRED RETIREMENT COMPENSATION UNDER THE PLAN: *JOHN ECHOHAWK - \$3,590 *MELODY MCCOY - \$3,590 *MICHAEL KENNEDY - \$3,510 *DONALD RAGONA - \$2,962 |

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Noncash Contributions

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- ▶ **Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.**
- ▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
- ▶ **Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization
NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND INC

Employer identification number

84-0611876

Part I Types of Property

| | (a) Check if applicable | (b) Number of contributions or items contributed | (c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g | (d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts |
|--|----------------------------|---|--|---|
| 1 Art—Works of art | | | | |
| 2 Art—Historical treasures | | | | |
| 3 Art—Fractional interests | | | | |
| 4 Books and publications | | | | |
| 5 Clothing and household goods | | | | |
| 6 Cars and other vehicles | | | | |
| 7 Boats and planes | | | | |
| 8 Intellectual property | | | | |
| 9 Securities—Publicly traded | | | 7 | 88,173 Market value |
| 10 Securities—Closely held stock | | | | |
| 11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests | | | | |
| 12 Securities—Miscellaneous | | | | |
| 13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures | | | | |
| 14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other | | | | |
| 15 Real estate—Residential | | | | |
| 16 Real estate—Commercial | | | | |
| 17 Real estate—Other | | | | |
| 18 Collectibles | | | | |
| 19 Food inventory | | | | |
| 20 Drugs and medical supplies | | | | |
| 21 Taxidermy | | | | |
| 22 Historical artifacts | | | | |
| 23 Scientific specimens | | | | |
| 24 Archeological artifacts | | | | |
| 25 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
| 26 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |
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| 28 Other ▶ (_____) | | | | |

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** 0

| | Yes | No |
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| 30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported in Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least three years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period? If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II. | | No |
| 31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions? | | No |
| 32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions? If "Yes," describe in Part II. | | No |
| 33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II. | | |

Part II Supplemental Information. Provide the information required by Part I, lines 30b, 32b, and 33, and whether the organization is reporting in Part I, column (b), the number of contributions, the number of items received, or a combination of both. Also complete this part for any additional information.

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| Schedule M, Part I Explanations of reporting method for number of contributions | Securities - Publicly traded - the organization is reporting the number of contributions on column b. |

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| Form 990, Part III, Line 1 | THE PRIORITIES THAT GUIDE NARF IN ITS MISSIONS STILL CONTINUE TO LEAD NARF TODAY: (1) THE PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE; (2) THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES; (3) THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS; (4) THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO NATIVE AMERICANS; AND (5) THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS AND ISSUES. |
| Form 990, Part III, Line 4a | <p>The Native American Rights Fund (NARF) continues to provide high-level legal advocacy and programs that serve tribal nations and their communities across the country. Our mission and work are to simply assist tribal nations in living according to their culture and identity through the assertion, defense, and evolution of tribal sovereignty and the protection of their treaty rights. NARF's casework and programming assist tribal communities in addressing ongoing adverse threats to tribal interests and their homelands. NARF is guided by five mission priorities, which include the preservation of tribal existence, the protection of tribal natural resources, the promotion of human rights, the accountability of governments to Native Americans, the development of Indian law and by extension, the education of the public about contemporary Indian rights, laws, and issues. A board of directors consisting of tribal and indigenous leaders from across the country guide the direction of NARF to the fulfillment of our mission in protecting tribal nations and their communities. Our litigation management committee and corporate officers ensure that the programs and cases NARF engages in under the umbrella of Federal Indian law for the benefit of tribal nations are effective, directly impact and advance tribal sovereignty and their interests. NARF's work is generally organized into two areas, casework/litigation and programs. Tribal nations and Native individuals approach NARF for legal assistance in a variety of areas under Federal Indian Law such as environmental/natural resource protection, water law, social justice, voting rights/election protection, treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, Indian child welfare, education, international indigenous rights policy, and peacemaking/mediation, among others. NARF provides high-level litigation support at no charge to tribal nations that have difficulty to pay, but thanks to our donors, we are able to provide the assistance they need, regardless of duration of litigation or cost. Our programs are meant to provide critical resources to tribal nations, their in-house counsels, and the public regarding legal information and resources they may need to most effectively understand tribal law and provide advocacy to their communities. Programs include the National Indian Law Library, the Homelands Coalition, the Native American Voting Rights Coalition, the Tribal Supreme Court Project, the Tribal Water Institute, and Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty, among others. FY2025 was a year of continued growth for our organization, and an opportunity to see many successful assertions of tribal sovereignty. The development of new coalitions of legal advocates, in-house tribal general counsels, and academics assure that NARF will continue to be agile and prepared to assist tribal nations with their ongoing legal needs and challenges. NARF Programs - Tribal Supreme Court Project The Tribal Supreme Court Project (TSCP) is currently in its 25th year of serving as a resource program that coordinates and focuses resources to improve advocacy and results in state and federal cases that may appear before the U.S. Supreme Court. Spearheaded by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) the TSCP consists of a coalition of over 200 attorneys, academics, Indian Law and US Supreme Court Practitioners, tribal In-House attorneys, and other legal organizations that support Federal Indian law cases that have the potential to reach the Supreme Court. The goal is to improve advocacy so that tribal interests and their cases are presented in the most favorable positions. The TSCP provides legal support, strategy, amicus drafting/presentation, moot court and practice of their oral arguments and various professional legal experience and opinions from relevant experts. - Judicial Selection Project The goal of the Judicial Selection Project is to increase the representation of Native Americans in the federal and state judiciaries. To that end, the Project helps recruit and support qualified Native candidates for federal and state judicial appointments. The Project works with the White House to promote better Native American representation in the federal judiciary and the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee to ensure that nominees are asked about their experience with Indian tribes and their understanding of federal Indian law during confirmation proceedings. Project staff also participate in several coalitions that work to increase demographic and professional diversity in the judiciary. The Project also evaluates the records of judicial nominees on their knowledge of Indian issues. The analysis and conclusions are shared with stakeholders and federal decision-makers in relation to their decision whether to support or oppose a particular nomination. The Project also seeks to educate the federal judiciary about tribal issues, educating tribal leaders about the federal judiciary and the judicial nomination process, and reaching out to elected officials and the public at large about the need for Native American federal judges and judges who understand the unique legal status of Indian tribes. - Homelands Coalition In 2025, NARF formalized our natural resource protection, environmental, and water work into one coalition named the Homelands Coalition. Protecting sacred places, lands, and water across the country has long been a pillar of NARF's work. Two of our five organizational priorities have been to Protect Tribal Natural Resources and to Preserve Tribal Existence, each dependent on tribes' ability to maintain strong relationships with their homelands. Our reputation, built on over 50 years of leadership supporting Tribal Nations, enables us to use existing relationships to find meaningful ways to bring people together to address these pressing issues. Recognizing the increased capacity and strength of our advocacy through partnerships and relationships with other organizations and experts, NARF established the coalition to broaden our capacity and address issues in Indian country with coalition partners that can strategize, participate in administrative actions, advise, litigate, collaborate, provide co-management policy, defend tribal lands, host convenings, and develop the next generation of advocates. Part of this work is through our Tribal Water Institute. - Tribal Water Institute NARF continues to build and expand the Tribal Water Institute (TWI), a project to address the unique and often technically challenging water law issues of tribal communities. Vital resources are needed to address climate change, environmental management frameworks, varying water and water priority issues, and under-representation in management discussions and agreements will be addressed by this innovative approach to tribal water issues. The TWI will address the shortage of water law expertise across Indian Country, bolster educational efforts, and provide thoughtful leadership in advocating for tribal water rights. NARF's senior water attorneys and four legal fellows address water issues in Indian country through taking on representation involving the Clean Water Act, hydropower licensing, water rights protection, fishery protection, general stream adjudications, and amicus briefing opportunities - increased its collaboration with other partners, and launched "The Headwaters Report," a Tribal water law and policy informational blog site. NARF's TWI meets the water priorities of Tribal Nations through: (1) capacity building, increasing the number of Tribal water lawyers by training early-career attorneys so they can support Tribal Nations when their two-year fellowships conclude, (2) educating Indian Country and the public on</p> |

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| | Tribal water law and policy; and (3) develop water policy and legal reform concepts by collaborating with Tribal Nations, academic institutions, non-governmental organizations (NGO), federal and state governments, and other entities, and (4) through direct legal representation. The Headwaters Report can be found here: Headwaters Report - Native American Rights Fund (https://narf.org/headwaters-report/) |
| Form 990, Part III, Line 4a | <p>- Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty NARF is a member and assists in leading the Coalition for Tribal Sovereignty (CTS). Consisting of 26 member organizations and coordinated at the Executive Director level, the coalition has biweekly meetings, regular email coordination, and are making strategy calls, drafting work product and position papers, and making sign-on decisions. Staff and designated representatives coordinate meetings, talking points, resource development and template materials. NARF co-leads the efforts and contributes to the coordination, letter drafting, template materials, and consults on legal strategy. Recently, we were coordinating the response to eight announced Department of Interior tribal consultations. NARF expects to have attorneys present at each in-person consultation and will be sharing talking points and monitoring current political climate, policy changes, and adverse attacks on tribal interests. As this new political landscape develops, NARF is strategizing appropriate responses and actions. https://coalitionfortribalsovereignty.org/ - The Implementation Project The Implementation Project is a joint initiative of NARF and the University of Colorado Law School ("Colorado Law"). Founded in 2018, the Project seeks to advance education and advocacy regarding the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples ("Declaration") as a means of supporting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian organizations, especially in law and policy matters, through the implementation of the Declaration. The Project works with Indigenous Peoples in tribal, national, and international forums. Engaging with community partners, we produce educational materials on the Declaration; conduct interactive workshops and other events with tribal governments and in Indigenous communities; and support Indigenous leaders in their diplomatic meetings with federal agencies, the United Nations, and otherwise. Guided by Indigenous values, contemporary challenges, and the needs of future generations, the Project works to achieve the aims of the Declaration both at home and around the world. Guided by traditional Indigenous lifeways, values, and knowledge, the challenges of contemporary life in Indian Country, and the needs of future generations, the Project works to realize the promises of the Declaration in the U.S. toward the true flourishing of Indigenous Peoples, and healing and justice for all. The aim of the Project is to support Indigenous Peoples' own goals through education and advocacy embracing the Declaration. Implementation of the Declaration will advance justice in Indian Country and empower tribal communities by bringing Federal Indian Law into compliance with international human rights standards. https://www.un-declaration.narf.org NARF Casework - Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, et al. v. Jaeger The Turtle Mountain case challenges the state of North Dakota's legislative redistricting plan which would have diluted the Native American Vote and subsequent representation in violation of the Voting Rights Act (VRA). We represent the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, the Spirit Lake Nation, and individual native voters in the districts. We successfully defeated a motion to dismiss filed by the State. Early in the case, the federal court held that the Tribes have standing to sue the State and that our Voting Rights Act challenge can continue. The State filed a motion for summary judgment, which the court denied. The trial took place during the week of June 12, 2023. On November 17, 2023, the court issued a favorable trial order, finding a violation of the Voting Rights Act and provided the state until December 22, 2023 to submit a remedial redistricting map. The state requested stays of the trial decision to the district court and the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals respectively, which we opposed and were denied. Once the state failed to submit a remedial map, the court granted our request that the Tribes' proposed map be implemented, which is the same map the Tribes submitted to the state legislature during the 2021 redistricting process. This resulted in a Voting Rights Act compliant map being in place during the 2024 elections in North Dakota. The State appealed to the Eighth Circuit. A panel of the Eighth Circuit reversed and, in an unprecedented decision, held that private parties cannot sue to enforce the Voting Rights Act under Section 1983 which is the statute used to enforce civil actions. The 8th circuit denied our petition for en banc review and then we were granted an emergency stay by the U.S. Supreme Court in July of 2025. Certiorari has been requested and the petition was granted for conference in November 2025. We are awaiting action on the petition. - Walen v. Burgum On March 30, 2022, the Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation (MHA) and individual Native American voters filed a motion with the United States District Court for the District of North Dakota to intervene in Walen et al. v. Burgum et al. This is a lawsuit brought by two individuals seeking to eliminate the majority-Native state legislative subdistrict encompassing the Fort Berthold reservation in North Dakota. The tribal government and Native voters seek to defend the subdistrict, which ensures MHA tribal members have an equal opportunity to elect a candidate that represents their interests to the North Dakota State House. The plaintiffs moved for a preliminary injunction last year, and the State of North Dakota and MHA Nation opposed. The three-judge panel denied the motion, and the election was allowed to proceed, which resulted in the MHA Nation's district for the first time being represented by an MHA tribal member. On November 2, 2023, the three-judge panel granted MHA Nation's motion for summary judgment, dismissing the case and vacating the trial. The plaintiffs appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but the tribal government and Native voters have moved to dismiss the appeal. On January 13, 2025, the Supreme Court ruled summarily in our favor. This is a significant victory that ensures that their tribal community is represented by appropriate representatives. - Bay Mills Indian Community and Enbridge Line 5 expansion NARF and Earthjustice jointly represent the Bay Mills Indian Community to fight a proposed oil pipeline tunnel, which threatens the Community's treaty rights, tribal fisheries, and the environment. The proposed tunnel would encapsulate oil giant Enbridge's Line 5 pipeline under the Straits of Mackinac. Bay Mills has a long-standing and critical interest in the waters of the Great Lakes, the Straits of Mackinac, and the surrounding region. As one of the signatories to the 1836 Treaty of Washington, which ceded nearly 14 million acres to the United States for the creation of the State of Michigan, Bay Mills reserved the right to fish, hunt, and gather throughout the territory - including in the Great Lakes and the Straits of Mackinac. Furthermore, the area has deep cultural, religious, and economic significance to the Community. After many years of litigation and multiple hearings, on December 1, 2023, the MPSC issued an order approving Enbridge's permit application. Bay Mills, along with other Tribal intervenors, appealed the decision to the Michigan Court of Appeals. Briefing is complete and oral argument took place on January 13, 2025. On February 19, 2025, the Michigan Court of Appeals affirmed the MPSC decision. Bay Mills applied for leave to appeal to the Michigan Supreme Court, which the Court granted on September 19, 2025. The case will be fully briefed by late January with a hearing before the Michigan Supreme Court scheduled for March 2026.</p> |
| Form 990, Part III, Line 4a | <p>- Winnebago Repatriation Case NARF continues to seek the return of two Winnebago children, Edward Hensley, and Samuel Gilbert, from the Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery (Carlisle). Following the success of repatriating children from the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate and Spirit Lake Nation, NARF is partnering with Big Fire Law & Policy Center to represent the Winnebago tribe. In October 2023, the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska requested the repatriation of Samuel's and Edward's remains pursuant to NAGPRA. On December 7, 2023, the Army refused to comply with the law and denied Winnebago's request. On January 17, 2024, NARF, its co-counsel at Cultural Heritage Partners, and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's general counsel, Danelle Smith, filed a federal lawsuit against the United States Army ("Army") in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia seeking the repatriation of the remains of Samuel Gilbert and Edward Hensley from the Carlisle Cemetery pursuant to NAGPRA. Through its lawsuit, Winnebago seeks to enforce its plainly apparent rights under NAGPRA. However, the battle to enforce NAGPRA repatriation at Carlisle also symbolizes a broader effort to obtain justice and healing for all Tribal Nations</p> |

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| | <p>impacted by the cultural and literal genocide carried out by federal Indian boarding schools. On August 20, 2024, the Court granted the Army's motion to dismiss. On October 21, 2024, Winnebago filed its notice of appeal with the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Winnebago filed its opening brief on January 22nd, 2025. The Army filed its response brief on April 23, 2025. Winnebago filed its reply brief on May 27, 2025. On September 10, 2025, NARF argued the appeal of the EDVA's grant of the Army's motion to dismiss at the Fourth Circuit and we are awaiting the decision. - Tule River Tribal Water Adjudication Since 1971, the Tule River Tribe has sought to secure its federally reserved water rights on the South Fork of the Tule River in California through a storage project on its Reservation. Eighty-five percent of the South Fork watershed is contained within the Tribe's 48,000-acre Tule River Reservation. In 2007, after almost 30 years of advocacy, the Tule River Indian Tribe, represented by NARF, successfully settled its water rights claims with the affected state-based parties. The Settlement Agreement secures a domestic, municipal, industrial, and commercial water supply for the Tribe. To fully settle the terms of the Agreement, Congress must ratify it, bind the U.S., and make its terms federal law. Since reaching the 2007 Agreement, the Tribe has sought federal legislation to ratify the agreement and authorize appropriations to develop the water rights through the creation of water storage and delivery infrastructure on the Reservation. From the Fall of 2021 through the Spring of 2022 the Tule River Tribe, through NARF, negotiated with the Federal Team to obtain their tentative support for proposed legislation that would include ratification of the 2007 Agreement and associated 5,828 acre-feet per year Tribal water right, \$568 million in mandatory funding for the construction of the reservoir and delivery system, and a land exchange of ~9,000 acres of federal lands. After failed attempts to pass the legislation in 2022, 2023, and 2024, in February 2025, Sen. Padilla (D-CA), with co-sponsor Sen. Schatz (D-HI), reintroduced the bill (S.689) in the U.S. Senate. On March 5, 2025, the committee ordered the bill reported out of committee without amendment favorably. Discussions with Rep. Fong (R-CA) in the U.S. House of Representatives remain ongoing, with an upcoming trip to D.C. planned for January of 2026. It is estimated that at any given time, NARF has almost 60 cases and programs that serve underrepresented tribal nations and their communities. NARF's work to preserve tribal sovereignty, enforce treaty rights, and provide much needed legal resources to Tribal Nations has been increasingly important over the last 55 years.</p> |
| Form 990, Part VI, Line 15 Line 15a & 15b | <p>REVIEW OF CEO AND TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL COMPENSATION: AN EXTENSIVE SALARY SURVEY IS PERFORMED FOR ALL POSITIONS IN THE SUMMER OF EVERY EVEN YEAR IN WHICH CURRENT SALARIES ARE COMPARED TO MARKET SURVEY DATA OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEY SOURCES. THIS INFORMATION IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND THEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED DURING AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAKEN FOR SUBSTANTIATION OF THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION. THIS PROCEDURE WAS LAST PERFORMED IN 2024.</p> |
| Form 990, Part VI, Line 11b Review of form 990 by governing body | <p>PROCESS TO REVIEW THE FORM 990: THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THIRD PARTY PREPARERS. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THOROUGHLY REVIEWS THE FORM 990 AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.</p> |
| Form 990, Part VI, Line 12c Conflict of interest policy | <p>PROCESS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY: BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ANUALLY (BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR). DISCLOSURE AND DETERMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (PCI) AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEVEL IS DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD CHAIR (IF THE BOARD CHAIR IS THE ONE WITH PCI, THEN TO THE VICE-CHAIR), WHICH IS THEN BROUGHT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION. BOARD MEMBERS WITH PCI SHALL BE ABSENT FROM THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION AND DECISION. EMPLOYEES WITH PCI SHALL GO TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) (IF ED HAS A PCI, THEN TO THE BOARD CHAIR). THE MATTER WILL THEN GO TO CORPORATE OFFICERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION.</p> |
| Form 990, Part VI, Line 19 Required documents available to the public | <p>EXPLAIN WHY 1023/1024, 990, OR 990-T IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FORM 1023 WAS FILED BEFORE JULY 15, 1987 AND A COPY WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT THAT TIME. DESCRIBE HOW DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST. REQUESTS (WITH A VALID BUSINESS PURPOSE) FOR THE MANAGING DOCUMENTS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED.</p> |
| Form 990, Part VIII, Line 1e | <p>GOVERNMENT GRANTS: THE AMOUNT SHOWN AS GOVERNMENT GRANTS ON LINE 1(E) INCLUDES \$3,192,564 OF CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE FROM APPROXIMATELY 20 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.</p> |

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