

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2023

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning, 2023, and ending, 20

Form header section containing: B Check if applicable (Address change, Name change, etc.), C Organization name and address (BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.), D Employer identification number (81-0488863), E Telephone number ((406) 793-3900), F Name and address of principal officer (SETH WILSON), G Gross receipts (\$ 2,271,096), H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates?, H(b) Are all subordinates included?, I Tax-exempt status, J Website (WWW.BLACKFOOTCHALLENGE.ORG), K Form of organization (Corporation), L Year of formation (1993), M State of legal domicile (MT)

Part I Summary

Table with 22 rows detailing financial and operational data. Rows include: 1. Mission statement; 2. Discontinued operations; 3-7. Governance and staffing; 7a-7b. Revenue and expenses; 8-12. Revenue breakdown; 13-19. Expense breakdown; 20-22. Net assets or fund balances. Columns include: Description, Prior Year, Current Year, Beginning of Current Year, End of Year.

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.

Signature and preparer information section. Includes: Sign Here (Signature of officer: SETH WILSON, Title: EXECUTIVE DIR.), Preparer's signature (BRIAN E VAN CAMP, CPA MTAX), Firm's name (LINKED ACCOUNTING, LLP), Firm's address (612 N KAYS DR, STE 150, KAYSVILLE, UT 84037), Firm's EIN (46-1211349), and Phone no. (385-262-2310).

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions. [X] 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 MISSION OF THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE IS TO COORDINATE EFFORTS THAT WILL CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL WAY OF LIFE IN THE BLACKFOOT WATERSHED FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.

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 \$ 1,275,768. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

FORMED IN 1993, THE MISSION OF THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE IS "TO COORDINATE EFFORTS THAT CONSERVE AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL RESOURCES AND RURAL WAY OF LIFE IN THE BLACKFOOT WATERSHED FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE GENERATIONS." OUR SUCCESS IS ROOTED IN OUR APPROACH. THROUGH A COMMUNITY-BASED AND COLLABORATIVE PROCESS, WE BRING PEOPLE TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY SHARED VALUES AROUND COMMUNITY NEEDS, WE FACILITATE RESPECTFUL CONVERSATIONS AND INFORMATION SHARING, AND WE BUILD PARTNERSHIPS BASED IN TRUST. THE RESULTS ARE HOMEGROWN CONSERVATION SOLUTIONS THAT STAND THE TEST OF TIME.

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

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

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.)

(Expenses \$ including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

4e Total program service expenses 1,275,768.

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules

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

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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?.....		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?.....		
d Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?.....		
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>		X
b Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I.</i>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II.</i>		X
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>		X
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).		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
b A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c 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>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M.</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
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>		X
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? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
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>		X
35a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?.....		X
b If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		
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>		X
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>		X
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.	X	

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.....		
c 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)

		Yes	No
2a	Enter the number of employees reported on Form W-3, Transmittal of Wage and Tax Statements, filed for the calendar year ending with or within the year covered by this return.		
	2a 18		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O.		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year?		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		X
c	If "Yes," to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor?		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year.		
	7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12.		
	10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities.		
	10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders.		
	11a		
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		
	11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041?		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year.		
	12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state?		
	13a		
	Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans.		
	13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand		
	13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O.		
	14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.		X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O.		X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person, engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? If "Yes," complete Form 6069.		
	17		

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

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part VI. X

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year.		
	If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.		
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on 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?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
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?		X
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	a The governing body?		X
8b	b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?		X
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 on Schedule O.		X

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

		Yes	No
10a	Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
10b	b 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?	X	
11b	Describe on Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990. SEE SCHEDULE O		
12a	Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13.	X	
12b	Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?	X	
12c	c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe on Schedule O how this was done. SEE SCHEDULE O	X	
13	Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14	Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
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	a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official. SEE SCHEDULE O	X	
15b	b Other officers or key employees of the organization.		X
	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?		X
16b	b 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

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed NONE
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 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.
 Own website Another's website Upon request Other (explain on Schedule O)
- 19** Describe on 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. SEE SCHEDULE O
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records.
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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, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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) SETH WILSON EXECUTIVE DIR.	40 0			X			100,546.	0.	0.	
(2) JIM STONE CHAIRMAN	1 0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(3) RANDY GAZDA VICE CHAIR	1 0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(4) JENNIFER WILLIAMSON TREASURER	1 0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(5) DENNY IVERSON SECRETARY	1 0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(6) DAVID MANNIX BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X		X			0.	0.	0.	
(7) RANDY ARNOLD BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(8) PATTI BARLETT BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(9) CHRIS BRYANT BOARD MEMBER	0 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(10) STONEY BURKE BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(11) BILL CYR BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(12) AMY GROEN BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(13) KARL HAUSMANN BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(14) JASON JEWETT BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	

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	Former			
(15) TODD JOHNSON BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(16) PATRICK KANE BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(17) LEIGH KELLEY BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(18) FRANK MAUS BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(19) JACK MULCARE BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(20) MIKE O'HERRON BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(21) MAGEE PAYNE BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(22) ROBERT RAY BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(23) RYAN THOMPSON BOARD MEMBER	1 0	X					0.	0.	0.	
(24)										
(25)										

1b Subtotal	100,546.	0.	0.
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A	0.	0.	0.
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)	100,546.	0.	0.

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 **1**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual.</i>	3	X
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>	4	X
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>	5	X

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
EVERGREEN FOREST MANAGEMENT LLC PO BOX 146 OVANDO, MT 59854	FOREST MASTICATION	141,040.

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 **1**

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 Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a				
	b Membership dues	1b				
	c Fundraising events	1c				
	d Related organizations	1d				
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e 1,059,219.				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 1,075,589.				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f	2,134,808.				
	Program Service Revenue	2a Business Code				
b -----						
c -----						
d -----						
e -----						
f All other program service revenue						
g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		118,740.		118,740.	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds					
	5 Royalties					
	6a Gross rents	(i) Real				
		(ii) Personal				
		6b Less: rental expenses	6c Rental income or (loss)			
	d Net rental income or (loss)					
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities				
		(ii) Other				
		7b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	7c Gain or (loss)			
	d Net gain or (loss)					
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a 17,548.				
		8b Less: direct expenses				
		8b 21,012.				
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-3,464.			
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a					
	9b Less: direct expenses					
	9b					
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities						
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a					
	10b Less: cost of goods sold.					
	10b					
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory						
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a Business Code					
	b -----					
	c -----					
	d All other revenue					
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d					
12 Total revenue. See instructions		2,250,084.	0.	0.	118,740.	

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. X

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	100,546.	62,214.	21,180.	17,152.
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0.	0.	0.	0.
7 Other salaries and wages	654,324.	405,292.	137,831.	111,201.
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)				
9 Other employee benefits	89,385.	55,332.	18,843.	15,210.
10 Payroll taxes	72,827.	45,101.	15,342.	12,384.
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal	2,922.	2,922.		
c Accounting	12,504.	12,504.		
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees	10,885.	10,245.	640.	
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	746,603.	456,489.	160,533.	129,581.
12 Advertising and promotion	1,305.	808.	275.	222.
13 Office expenses	3,669.	2,272.	773.	624.
14 Information technology	14,852.	9,197.	3,129.	2,526.
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	11,608.	7,189.	2,445.	1,974.
17 Travel	30,289.	18,758.	6,381.	5,150.
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	11,267.	6,977.	2,374.	1,916.
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization				
23 Insurance	9,404.	5,824.	3,580.	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>PROJECT COSTS</u>	126,203.	126,203.		
b <u>MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES</u>	29,528.	13,653.	12,302.	3,573.
c <u>SUPPLIES</u>	12,576.	9,927.	2,649.	
d <u>EQUIPMENT EXPENSE</u>	9,779.	6,056.	2,060.	1,663.
e All other expenses	30,275.	18,805.	7,932.	3,538.
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,980,751.	1,275,768.	398,269.	306,714.
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 X.

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
Assets	1 Cash – non-interest-bearing	108,339.	1	69,433.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,190,756.	2	1,607,336.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net		3	
	4 Accounts receivable, net	200,392.	4	241,306.
	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		5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8 Inventories for sale or use		8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges		9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 1,891,284.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b	1,891,284.	10c 1,891,284.
	11 Investments – publicly traded securities	427,002.	11	467,744.
	12 Investments – other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13 Investments – program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14 Intangible assets		14	
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,328,978.	15	1,462,471.
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	5,146,751.	16	5,739,574.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	145,818.	17	246,898.
	18 Grants payable		18	
	19 Deferred revenue		19	
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25 Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D		25	
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	145,818.	26	246,898.
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	4,677,014.	27	4,860,186.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	323,919.	28	632,490.
	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	5,000,933.	32	5,492,676.	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	5,146,751.	33	5,739,574.	

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	2,250,084.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,980,751.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	269,333.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	5,000,933.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	201,399.
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	21,012.
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O) SEE SCHEDULE O	9	-1.
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	5,492,676.

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?		X
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			
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?	X	
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both.			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis			
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?	X	
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.			
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		X
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 on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

Name of the organization BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.	Employer identification number 81-0488863
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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 **section 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		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
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 fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	1,201,808.	1,612,114.	1,603,003.	2,257,094.	2,134,808.	8,808,827.
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.	1,201,808.	1,612,114.	1,603,003.	2,257,094.	2,134,808.	8,808,827.
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).						707,720.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						8,101,107.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4.	1,201,808.	1,612,114.	1,603,003.	2,257,094.	2,134,808.	8,808,827.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources.	39,490.	34,077.	39,110.	54,398.	118,740.	285,815.
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.) SEE PART VI	610.	20.				630.
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10.						9,095,272.
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 2023 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)).	14	89.07 %
15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14.	15	92.84 %

16a **33-1/3% support test—2023.** 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.

b **33-1/3% support test—2022.** 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.

17a **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023.** 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.

b **10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2022.** 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.

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.

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

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose.						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513.						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf.						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge.						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5.						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons.						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year.						
c Add lines 7a and 7b.						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6.						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources.						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975.						
c Add lines 10a and 10b.						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on.						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						

14 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**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)).	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2023 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)).	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.	18	%

19a 33-1/3% support tests—2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33-1/3% support tests—2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33-1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33-1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 of Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, 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? <i>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.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
3c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes" and if you checked box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>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.</i>		
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)? <i>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.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>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).</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as 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? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
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))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
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)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

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?	11a	
b A family member of a person described on line 11a above?	11b	
c A 35% controlled entity of a person described on line 11a or 11b above? <i>If "Yes" to line 11a, 11b, or 11c, provide detail in Part VI.</i>	11c	

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Did the governing body, members of the governing body, officers acting in their official capacity, or membership of one or more supported organizations have the power to regularly appoint or elect at least a majority of the organization's officers, 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 officers, 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>	1	
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>	2	

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>	1	

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?	1	
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>	2	
3 By reason of the relationship described on 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>	3	

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 <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.			
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>	2a		
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>	2b		
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
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>	3a		
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>	3b		

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):		
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 (explain in detail in Part VI):		
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 0.85 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 2023 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-2023	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2023
1 Distributable amount for 2023 from Section C, line 6			
2 Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2023 (reasonable cause required – explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3 Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2023			
a From 2018			
b From 2019			
c From 2020			
d From 2021			
e From 2022			
f Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
i Carryover from 2018 not applied (see instructions)			
j Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4 Distributions for 2023 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b Applied to 2023 distributable amount			
c Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5 Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2023, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
6 Remaining underdistributions for 2023. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI . See instructions.			
7 Excess distributions carryover to 2024. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8 Breakdown of line 7:			
a Excess from 2019			
b Excess from 2020			
c Excess from 2021			
d Excess from 2022			
e Excess from 2023			

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2023

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.)

PART II, LINE 10 - OTHER INCOME

NATURE AND SOURCE	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
OTHER INCOME				\$ 20.	\$ 610.
TOTAL	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 0.	\$ 20.	\$ 610.

Schedule B (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Name of the organization

BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.

Employer identification number

81-0488863

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

[] 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

[] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

[] 501(c)(3) taxable private 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 property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

[X] For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33-1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), 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 (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), 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), 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 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

Name of organization BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE, INC.	Employer identification number 81-0488863
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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
1	MT WATERSHED COORD, COUNCIL PO BOX 1416 HELENA, MT 59620	\$ 49,085.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	MONTANA FISH WILDLIFE & PARKS PO BOX 200701 HELENA, MT 59620	\$ 49,638.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	CHARLES & MARGARET BURBACK FOUND. 10580 N MCCARRAN BLVD. RENO, NV 89503	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	REGINA B FRANKENBERG FOUNDATION 390 MADISON AVE. 14TH FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10017	\$ 50,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	DUCKS UNLIMITED INC 3074 GOLD CANAL DRIVE RANCHO CORDOVA, CA 95670	\$ 57,949.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	THE NATURE CONSERVANCY 4245 NORTH FAIRFAX DRIVE ARLINGTON, VA 22203	\$ 61,912.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

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(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
7	THE KENDEDA FUND PO BOX 1280 LIVINGSTON, MT 59047	\$ 77,568.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
8	BUNTING FAMILY FOUNDATION 217 INTERNATIONAL CIRCLE HUNT VALLEY, MD 21030	\$ 80,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
9	LIZ CLAIBORNE ART ORTENBERG FOUND. 1385 BROADWAY - 23RD FLOOR NEW YORK, NY 10018	\$ 100,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
10	USDA FOREST SERVICE 101B SUN AVE NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87109	\$ 136,396.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
11	USDA NATURAL RESOURCE CONSERVATION 10 EAST BABCOCK STREET BOZEMAN, MT 59715	\$ 148,519.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>
12	MT DEPT. OF NATURAL RES. & CONSERV. 2705 SPURGIN ROAD MISSOULA, MT 59804	\$ 158,992.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> <small>(Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)</small>

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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
13	US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE ----- 196 UPSUTA LAKE-LOWER LAKESIDE ----- OVANDO, MT 59854 -----	\$ 160,279.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
14	BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ----- 3255 FORTH MISSOULA ROAD ----- MISSOULA, MT 59804 -----	\$ 190,065.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (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
-----	N/A ----- ----- -----	\$-----	-----
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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.)..... \$ *N/A*
 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
	<i>N/A</i>		

(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

(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

**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements
 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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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

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

Part II Conservation Easements

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

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (for example, recreation or education)	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area
<input type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure
<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	

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

	Held at the End of the Tax Year
a Total number of conservation easements	2a
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included on line 2a	2c
d Number of conservation easements included on line 2c 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 2d 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 make 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 program
- e Other _____

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1,328,978.	1,602,227.	1,423,150.	1,216,255.	1,055,302.
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	192,708.	-264,088.	188,864.	214,882.	197,078.
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs				0.	
f Administrative expenses	9,196.	9,161.	9,787.	7,987.	7,441.
g End of year balance	1,512,490.	1,328,978.	1,602,227.	1,423,150.	1,244,939.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment _____ %
- b Permanent endowment _____ %
- c Term endowment _____ %

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) Unrelated organizations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(ii) Related organizations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

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		1,891,284.		1,891,284.
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment				
e Other				

Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B)). 1,891,284.

Part VII Investments – Other Securities N/A
 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) -----		
(B) -----		
(C) -----		
(D) -----		
(E) -----		
(F) -----		
(G) -----		
(H) -----		
(I) -----		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 12, column (B))		

Part VIII Investments – Program Related N/A
 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)		
(10)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, column (B))		

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) ENDOWMENT	1,462,471.
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, column (B))	1,462,471.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2)	
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
(10)	
(11)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, column (B))	

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 FASB ASC 740. Check here if the text of the footnote has been provided in Part XIII. SEE 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	2,461,640.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	201,399.
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.) SEE PART XIII	2d	21,012.
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	222,411.
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	2,239,229.
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	10,855.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	10,855.
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	2,250,084.

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	1,969,896.
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	
c	Other losses	2c	
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	1,969,896.
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	10,855.
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	10,855.
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	1,980,751.

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.

PART V, LINE 4 - INTENDED USES OF ENDOWMENT FUND

THE STEWARDSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND IS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE PERPETUAL CARE OF THE CHALLENGE AS DESIGNED BY THE BOARD.

THE BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AREA (BCCA) ENDOWMENT FUND IS DESIGNATED BY THE BOARD FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AREA.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)**PART X - FASB ASC 740 FOOTNOTE**

BLACKFOOT IS A TAX-EXEMPT ORGANIZATION UNDER SECTION 501(C) (3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE. ACCORDINGLY, THE INCREASE IN NET ASSETS IS GENERALLY NOT SUBJECT TO TAXATION. BLACKFOOT IS REQUIRED TO FILE A RETURN OF ORGANIZATION EXEMPT FORM INCOME TAX RETURN (FORM 990) ANNUALLY. NO PROVISION FOR INCOME TAX HAS BEEN RECORDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BECAUSE MANAGEMENT BELIEVES THERE WAS NO UNRELATED BUSINESS INCOME.

**SCHEDULE D, PART XI, LINE 2D
OTHER REVENUE INCLUDED IN F/S BUT NOT INCLUDED ON FORM 990**

FUNDRAISING EXPENSES.....	\$	21,012.
	TOTAL	<u>\$ 21,012.</u>

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

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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 column (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total						0.

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.

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	
		ANNUAL FUNDRAISING (event type)	(event type)	NONE (total number)	(add column (a) through column (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	17,548.		17,548.	
	2	Less: Contributions				
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	17,548.		17,548.	
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes				
	5	Noncash prizes				
	6	Rent/facility costs				
	7	Food and beverages				
	8	Entertainment				
	9	Other direct expenses	21,012.		21,012.	
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				21,012.
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-3,464.

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 column (a) through column (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Noncash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8	Net gaming income summary. 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: _____

10 a 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	13 a	%
b An outside facility	13 b	%

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

Name -----

Address -----

15 a 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 to be 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 instructions.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

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FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - FORM 990 REVIEW PROCESS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE GENERALLY EMAILED A COPY OF THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO SUBMISSION TO REVIEW AND ASK QUESTIONS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - EXPLANATION OF MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS

ANY POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS ARE DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD AND RECORDED IN THE MINUTES. THE INTERESTED DIRECTOR ABSTAINS FROM VOTING ON THE MATTER.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION REVIEW & APPROVAL PROCESS - CEO & TOP MANAGEMENT

REGARDING COMPENSATION, THE BOARD SEEKS OUT COMPARABLE COMPENSATION INFORMATION WHERE IT IS AVAILABLE FOR COMPARABLE JOBS AND CONTACTS NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR POSITIONS SUCH AS PROGRAM COORDINATORS.

FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - OTHER ORGANIZATION DOCUMENTS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE

GOVERNING DOCUMENTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC UPON REQUEST.

**FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 11G
OTHER FEES FOR SERVICES**

	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	(D) FUND- RAISING
OUTSIDE SERVICES	746,603.	456,489.	160,533.	129,581.
TOTAL	<u>\$ 746,603.</u>	<u>\$ 456,489.</u>	<u>\$ 160,533.</u>	<u>\$ 129,581.</u>

**FORM 990, PART XI, LINE 9
OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES**

ROUNDING.....		\$ -1.
	TOTAL	<u>\$ -1.</u>

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

THE ORGANIZATION IS INCREASINGLY FOCUSED ON DIVERSIFYING INCOME STREAMS TO CARRY OUT OUR MISSION. IN 2023, 21% OF INCOME CAME FROM PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS; 13% FROM CORPORATIONS; 7% FROM INDIVIDUALS; AND 4% FROM EVENTS, TOURS, AND SPECIALTY LICENSE PLATES. ANOTHER 43% OF INCOME IS DERIVED FROM STATE AND FEDERAL AGREEMENTS, MUCH OF

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WHICH IS USED AS COST-SHARE IN LANDOWNER-INITIATED CONSERVATION PROJECTS. (IN 2023, INVESTMENTS WAS UNCHANGED AT 13%.)

BLACKFOOT COMMUNITY CONSERVATION AREA:

- IMPLEMENTED 60 ACRES OF FOREST TREATMENTS IN THE "LARCH UNIT" TO IMPROVE STAND RESILIENCE.
- RECEIVED A NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) EQIP CONTRACT AS PART OF THE NORTH OVANDO FUEL REDUCTION TARGETED IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 270 ACRES ALONG THE NORTH BOUNDARY OF THE BCCA CORE. DEVELOPED A DETAILED FORESTRY PRESCRIPTION, AIMING TO REDUCE THE RISK OF CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES WHILE ENHANCING WILDLIFE HABITAT.
- COORDINATED WITH MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS ON FUTURE CROSS-BOUNDARY FOREST MANAGEMENT/HABITAT PROJECTS.
- CONTROLLED INVASIVE WEEDS ON ROAD SYSTEMS, FOREST TREATMENT AREAS, AND NATIVE PRAIRIES THROUGH INTEGRATED APPROACHES ACROSS 150 ACRES INCLUDING BIOLOGICAL CONTROLS, CHEMICAL APPLICATION, AND HAND-PULLING.
- HOSTED MULTIPLE VOLUNTEER DAYS WITH UNIVERSITY AND HUNTER GROUPS (MORE THAN 80 VOLUNTEERS) TO REMOVE OLD FENCES AND PULL NOXIOUS WEEDS. PROJECTS IMPROVED CONDITIONS AND SAVED THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS.
- HOSTED MULTIPLE PRESENTATIONS ON AND ABOUT THE BCCA TO VISITING GROUPS INCLUDING LOCAL SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITY, AND INTERNATIONAL GROUPS.
- PROVIDED YEAR-ROUND PUBLIC ACCESS ON 5,600 ACRES, INCLUDING HIKING TRAILS, 8-WEEK MOTORIZED USE SEASON, AND HUNTING VIA THE BLOCK MANAGEMENT PROGRAM.
- MAINTAINED AND EXPANDED 3-MILE HIKING TRAIL SYSTEM.
- COMPLETED ROAD IMPROVEMENTS AND OPENED A SEASONAL, CROSS-BOUNDARY MOTORIZED LOOP IN 2023 IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION.
- IMPLEMENTED THE NRCS CONSERVATION STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM COMPLETING MULTIPLE

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CONSERVATION ENHANCEMENTS, INCLUDING WILDLIFE FRIENDLY FENCING, FOREST TREATMENTS, NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL, AND VEGETATION MONITORING.

- INSTALLED TWO BEAVER DAM ANALOGS AS A DEMONSTRATION TO ENHANCE WETLAND HABITAT, RECONNECT FLOOD PLAIN, AND IMPROVE LATE SEASON STOCK WATER.

EDUCATION:

- PROVIDED HANDS-ON, INVESTIGATIVE OUTDOOR SNOWPACK SCIENCE EXPERIENCES TO STUDENTS AT LINCOLN, HELMVILLE, AND OVANDO SCHOOLS.
- COORDINATED FORESTRY LESSONS FOR STUDENTS AT SUNSET SCHOOL.
- PRESENTED ON COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP TO HELENA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.
- DELIVERED BEAR EDUCATION ACTIVITIES TO YOUTH FISHING CAMP ATTENDEES AT NORTH FORK CROSSING LODGE.
- PROVIDED AQUATIC ECOLOGY ACTIVITIES WITH STUDENTS FROM SEELEY LAKE ELEMENTARY AND THE MONTANA OUTDOOR SCIENCE ACADEMY.
- HOSTED MORE THAN 100 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS FROM FIVE WATERSHED SCHOOLS DURING OUR ANNUAL YOUTH FIELD DAY ON THE ROLLING STONE RANCH NEAR OVANDO. BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE STAFF ALONG WITH LOCAL RANCHERS PROVIDED HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES ABOUT RANCHING AND STEWARDSHIP THAT MET SCIENCE STANDARDS AND MADE LEARNING FUN.
- ALONGSIDE MULTIPLE PROGRAM STAFF, PLANNED, COORDINATED, AND DIRECTED WEEKLONG FIELD COURSE ON COLLABORATIVE CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCE SCIENCE FOR STUDENTS FROM SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S SCHOOL IN MINNESOTA.
- USED THE DRONE TO DOCUMENT BCCA LARCH THINNING PROJECT, BIOCHAR APPLICATION ON RANCH LANDS, AND PRESCRIBED FIRE ON THE BLACKFOOT-CLEARWATER WMA.

FORESTRY:

- FACILITATED 169 ACRES OF PRESCRIBED BURNING ON PRIVATE LANDS AND SUPPORTED PUBLIC PARTNER BURNS ACROSS MORE THAN 1,400 ACRES.

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- COMPLETED 378 ACRES OF FOREST THINNING TO IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH AND REDUCE FIRE RISK.
- CONDUCTED SIX OUTREACH / EDUCATION TOURS OR EVENTS THROUGHOUT THE BLACKFOOT TO SHOWCASE PRESCRIBED FIRE EFFECTS AND EFFORTS.
- HOSTED THE ANNUAL FIRE LEARNING NETWORK WORKSHOP FOR DOZENS OF AGENCY AND NGO PARTNERS WHO WORK IN FIRE-PRONE LANDSCAPES.

LAND STEWARDSHIP:

- PARTNERED WITH NRCS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NEW FUEL REDUCTION INITIATIVE. THE PROPOSAL WAS FUNDED EARLY IN THE YEAR, WITH A GOAL TO REDUCE FUEL LOADS ON OVER 1,000 ACRES OF PRIVATE LAND TO MITIGATE CATASTROPHIC WILDFIRES AND INCREASE FOREST RESILIENCY.
- CONDUCTED LANDOWNER OUTREACH TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND PARTICIPATION IN THE PROGRAM. THREE CONTRACTS WERE FUNDED IN THE FIRST YEAR, TOTALING ABOUT 500 ACRES.
- COMPLETED PROJECT ON KLEINSCHMIDT CREEK INCLUDING RIPARIAN FENCING, STOCK WATER GAP, AND OFF-STREAM STOCK WATER IN PREPARATION FOR IMPLEMENTING AN INNOVATIVE GRAZING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM.
- ASSISTED BIG BLACKFOOT CHAPTER OF TROUT UNLIMITED (BBCTU), U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, AND LANDOWNERS WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF GRAZING MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE NEVADA CREEK STREAM RESTORATION PROJECT, INCLUDING MORE THAN 2 MILES OF RIPARIAN FENCING AND TWO STOCK WATER GAPS.
- CONTINUED TO IMPLEMENT COTTONWOOD CREEK RIPARIAN GRAZING MANAGEMENT PLAN WITH LANDOWNER AND LESSEE. ASSISTING WITH PLANNING OFF-STREAM STOCK WATER IN 2024.
- TOGETHER WITH THE NATURE CONSERVANCY, COORDINATED THE APPLICATION OF BIOCHAR ON PRIVATE AGRICULTURAL LANDS (INCLUDING 5 PLOTS, SOIL TESTING, BIOCHAR/COMPOST TRANSPORTATION, AND MIXING/SPREADING BY LANDOWNERS). COORDINATED THE BIOCHAR STEERING GROUP AND USED A BUDGET SURPLUS TOWARD PURCHASE, HAUL, AND APPLICATION OF

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ADDITIONAL BIOCHAR FOR 2024.

- TOGETHER WITH NRCS AND USFWS, CONTINUED TO PLAN AND COORDINATE CONIFER ENCROACHMENT REMOVAL PROJECTS IN THE HELMVILLE AREA TO CONSERVE GRASSLAND/SAGE HABITAT AND RANGELAND, BENEFITING RARE NATIVE BIRD SPECIES.
- CONDUCTED A JOINT RFP WITH PRIVATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS RESULTING IN COMPLETION OF CONIFER REMOVAL ACROSS MORE THAN 1,000 ACRES.
- ASSISTED BBCTU WITH MAINTENANCE AND LANDOWNER COMMUNICATIONS FOR 8 FISH SCREENS TO MITIGATE FISH ENTRAINMENT IN IRRIGATION DITCHES.
- PRESENTED INFORMATION ON SOIL HEALTH TO PARTNERSCAPES CONFERENCE TOUR GROUP, REACHING OVER 150 PARTICIPANTS FROM AROUND THE NATION.
- GAVE PRESENTATIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA WILDLIFE BIOLOGY CLASS ON CONIFER ENCROACHMENT, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO RANGE MANAGEMENT CLASS ON GRAZING MANAGEMENT, AND DRUMMOND STUDENTS ON STREAM RESTORATION.

TRUMPETER SWANS & NATIVE BIRDS:

- WROTE BLOG ON AVIAN FLU IN RELATION TO TRUMPETER SWANS AND OTHER SPECIES.
- MONITORED TRUMPETER SWAN NESTS IN WATERSHED AND BREWER'S SPARROW NUMBERS IN HELMVILLE-AREA CONIFER ENCROACHMENT PROJECT SITES.
- ENGAGED 10 WATERSHED RESIDENTS IN OUR COMMUNITY SCIENCE PROGRAM MONITORING POPULATIONS OF LONG-BILLED CURLEWS AND COMMON LOONS.
- PRESENTED TO U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE MIGRATORY BIRDS & SCIENCE PROGRAMS TOUR.
- CONTRIBUTED COLUMN ON TRUMPETER SWAN RECOVERY SUCCESS FOR PATHFINDER NEWSPAPER.
- PROVIDED RAPTOR EDUCATION LESSONS TO STUDENTS AT BONNER AND HELMVILLE SCHOOLS.

VEGETATION:

- OFFERED INTEGRATED NOXIOUS WEED MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS TO LANDOWNERS INCLUDING NATIVE AND EXOTIC PLANT IDENTIFICATION, HERBICIDE APPLICATION PRODUCTS AND RATES,

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BIOLOGICAL CONTROL WITH INSECTS, AND APPROPRIATE RESEEDING PRACTICES.

- HOSTED TWO WEED PULLS AT THE RUSSELL GATES FISHING ACCESS SITE FOR THE 25TH YEAR.
- COMPLETED WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT (WHIP) GRANT WITH NOXIOUS WEED TREATMENTS ON THE BCCA, INCLUDING SPOT SPRAY HERBICIDE APPLICATIONS ON 271 ACRES AND BIOLOGICAL CONTROL WITH INSECTS ON 135 ACRES.
- APPLIED FOR A CONTINUATION OF THE WHIP GRANT TO REVISIT TREATED AREAS AND INITIATE NOXIOUS WEED TREATMENT ON NEW AREAS WITHIN THE BCCA CORE.
- COVERED APPROXIMATELY 95 MILES OF THE BLACKFOOT RIVER CORRIDOR VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AREA IN POWELL AND MISSOULA COUNTIES AND TREATED ALMOST 40 ACRES OF NOXIOUS WEEDS THROUGH A MONTANA NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND GRANT.
- MET WITH LANDOWNERS IN THE NEVADA CREEK VEGETATION MANAGEMENT AREA AND APPLIED FOR A NOXIOUS WEED TRUST FUND COST-SHARE GRANT FOR THE 2024 FIELD SEASON.
- ASSISTED IN NATIVE PLANT AND NOXIOUS WEED EDUCATION, WEED PULLING, AND RESEEDING WORKSHOPS ON THE BCCA DURING STUDENT FIELD DAYS.

WATER:

- CONTINUED TO BUILD SHARED UNDERSTANDING, VISION, AND CAPACITY TO ADDRESS RIVER RECREATION PRESSURES IN THE WATERSHED THROUGH A STAKEHOLDER GROUP.
- ADDED CAPACITY TO THE RECREATION DISCUSSION BY BRINGING ON A VOLUNTEER RECREATION COORDINATOR AND PARTNERING WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA'S PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT TO COLLECT INFORMATION FOR IDENTIFIED DATA GAPS.
- COMPLETED THE 14TH YEAR OF OUR IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM, PROVIDING WEEKLY IRRIGATION INFORMATION, TIPS, DROUGHT STRATEGIES, AND SOIL HEALTH CONCERNS TO OVER 100 IRRIGATORS THROUGHOUT THE WATERSHED.
- CONTINUED IN OUR 4TH YEAR OF A SOIL MOISTURE MONITORING PROGRAM WITH 17 LOCATIONS WHERE IRRIGATORS TRACK DAILY SOIL MOISTURE INFORMATION, MANAGE THEIR IRRIGATION ACCORDINGLY, AND TEST DIFFERENT IRRIGATION OR CROPPING STRATEGIES.

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- COORDINATED AND SUPPORTED PARTNER EFFORTS TO COLLECT THE SECOND YEAR OF DATA ON TWO HYDROLOGIC STUDIES IN THE WATERSHED - ONE ON THE BLACKFOOT RIVER AND ONE IN THE NEVADA CREEK DRAINAGE.
- WORKED WITH MULTIPLE PARTNERS AND LANDOWNERS TO MONITOR STREAM FLOW AND COLLECT ASSESSMENT DATA ON THREE TRIBUTARY STREAMS IN ORDER TO INFORM RESTORATION DESIGNS THAT BENEFIT FISHERIES, IMPROVE DROUGHT RESILIENCY, AND INCREASE WETLAND HABITATS.
- WORKING WITH THE BLACKFOOT DROUGHT RESPONSE COMMITTEE, IMPLEMENTED DROUGHT RESPONSE IN LATE SUMMER AND COORDINATED WITH MORE THAN 80 DROUGHT RESPONSE PARTICIPANTS TO ENSURE SHARED WATER CONSERVATION.
- DEVELOPED PROTOCOLS FOR EVALUATING RESTORATION PROJECTS AND LONG-TERM WATER CONSERVATION ACTIONS TO INCORPORATE THESE PROJECTS INTO INDIVIDUAL DROUGHT PLANS.
- PARTICIPATED IN 6 OUTREACH EVENTS DELIVERING MESSAGES ON STREAM HEALTH, WATER CONSERVATION, AND COLLABORATIVE STEWARDSHIP TO OVER 400 STUDENTS, NATURAL RESOURCE PROFESSIONALS, AND LANDOWNERS.

FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4A - PROGRAM SERVICE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WILDLIFE

- EMPLOYED ELK HUNT COORDINATOR TO WORK WITH HUNTERS ON HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES AND SCHEDULED HUNTS ON PARTICIPATING RANCHES DURING THE ELK HUNT SHOULDER SEASONS.
- CONDUCTED WINTER SURVEYS IN THE SOUTHWEST CROWN OF THE CONTINENT FOR LYNX, WOLVERINE, WOLVES, MOUNTAIN LIONS, MARTEN AND BOBCAT.
- INSTALLED 6 NEW ELECTRIC FENCES AND 9 NEW DRIVE-OVER ELECTRIC MAT SYSTEMS (ADDED TO 21 EXISTING MATS) TO DETER GRIZZLY BEARS FROM HOME SITES AND PREVENT BEARS FROM GETTING INTO CONFLICT. ALSO PROVIDED FENCE MATERIALS TO PROTECT 3 BEE YARDS, 1 CHICKEN COOP, 1 GOAT PEN AND 1 HOBBY FARM.
- REMOVED 330 CARCASSES FROM BLACKFOOT-AREA RANCHES TO REDUCE ATTRACTANTS FOR BEARS AND WOLVES. EXPANDED THE PROGRAM TO TWO COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE WATERSHED. SINCE 2003, WE HAVE HAD MORE THAN 120 PARTICIPATING RANCHES AND LANDOWNERS, AND MORE THAN

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11,200 CARCASSES HAVE BEEN MOVED TO THE COMPOSTING SITE

- HOSTED INTERACTIVE "BE BEAR AWARE" PROGRAMS AT FIVE WATERSHED SCHOOLS; HOSTED A TRAINING FOR STAFF AT AN AREA GUEST RANCH; PRESENTED A LIVESTOCK GUARD DOG WORKSHOP TO SHARE HOW DOGS MAY BE USED TO PREVENT CONFLICTS WITH BEARS AND WOLVES.
- PROVIDED A TEAM OF STAFF AND BOARD TO CONSULT WITH COLORADO WILDLIFE MANAGERS AND LANDOWNERS AS THEY CONSIDER CONFLICT MANAGEMENT TOOLS FOR REINTRODUCED WOLVES.
- COMPLETED A FILM ABOUT THE BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE WILDLIFE PROGRAM, SHOWCASING THE CARNIVORE CONFLICT REDUCTION TOOLS THAT HAVE BEEN USED IN THE BLACKFOOT WATERSHED.
- EMPLOYED 2 RANGE RIDERS TO MONITOR LIVESTOCK AND WOLF/GRIZZLY MOVEMENT ACROSS 72,000 ACRES TO PREVENT CONFLICTS.
- PROVIDED 15 BEAR-RESISTANT GARBAGE BINS TO AREA RESIDENTS AND HELPED PURCHASE ANOTHER 35 BINS WITH STATE AND FEDERAL PARTNERS TO SUPPORT SEELEY LAKE'S CLEARWATER BEAR SMART EFFORTS.
- ASSISTED WITH A NEW BEAR-AWARE OPPORTUNITY AT THE OLD SALT FESTIVAL, HELPING EDUCATE HUNDREDS OF GUESTS ON CONTAINING ATTRACTANTS AND ENSURING NO CONFLICTS WITH BEARS.
- COLLECTED GRIZZLY BEAR HAIR SAMPLES THROUGHOUT THE WATERSHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS TO SUPPORT RESEARCH EFFORTS.

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	2023	2022	DIFF
REVENUE			
CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS.....	2,134,808	2,257,094	-122,286
INVESTMENT INCOME.....	118,740	54,398	64,342
OTHER REVENUE.....	-3,464	42,526	-45,990
TOTAL REVENUE.....	2,250,084	0	2,250,084
EXPENSES			
SALARIES, OTHER COMPEN., EMP. BENEFITS...	917,082	748,737	168,345
OTHER EXPENSES.....	1,063,669	886,384	177,285
TOTAL EXPENSES.....	1,980,751	0	1,980,751
NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES			
REVENUE LESS EXPENSES.....	269,333	0	269,333
TOTAL ASSETS AT END OF YEAR.....	5,739,574	0	5,739,574
TOTAL LIABILITIES AT END OF YEAR.....	246,898	0	246,898
NET ASSETS/FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR.	5,492,676	0	5,492,676

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FORMS NEEDED FOR THIS RETURN

FEDERAL: 990, SCH A, SCH B, SCH D, SCH G, SCH O

CARRYOVERS TO 2024

NONE

THE ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL TAX RETURN IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION OF THE RETURN

FORM 990

THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD REVIEW THEIR FEDERAL RETURN ALONG WITH ANY ACCOMPANYING SCHEDULES AND STATEMENTS.

PAPERLESS E-FILE

THE ORGANIZATION SHOULD READ, SIGN AND DATE THE FORM 8879-TE, IRS E-FILE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION.

EVEN RETURN

NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.

AFTER TRANSMISSION OF THE RETURN

RECEIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF YOUR E-FILE TRANSMISSION STATUS.

WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS, ACCESS THE PROGRAM AND GET YOUR FIRST ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (ACK) THAT THE PROGRAM HAS RECEIVED YOUR TRANSMISSION FILE.

ACCESS THE PROGRAM AGAIN AFTER 24 AND THEN 48 HOURS TO RECEIVE YOUR FEDERAL ACKS.

KEEP A SIGNED COPY OF FORM 8879-TE, IRS E-FILE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION IN YOUR FILES FOR 3 YEARS.

DO NOT MAIL:

FORM 8879-TE IRS E-FILE SIGNATURE AUTHORIZATION

THE ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL TAX RETURN IS NOT FINISHED UNTIL YOU COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS.

PRIOR TO TRANSMISSION OF THE RETURN

FORM 8868

NO SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED WITH FORM 8868.

EVEN RETURN

NO PAYMENT IS REQUIRED.

AFTER TRANSMISSION OF THE RETURN

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 4E
PROGRAM SERVICES TOTALS

	PROGRAM SERVICES TOTAL	FORM 990	SOURCE
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,275,768.	1,275,768.	PART IX, LINE 25, COL. B
GRANTS	0.	0.	PART IX, LINES 1-3, COL. B
REVENUE	0.	0.	PART VIII, LINE 2, COL. A

FORM 990, PART IX, LINE 24E
OTHER EXPENSES

	(A) TOTAL	(B) PROGRAM SERVICES	(C) MANAGEMENT & GENERAL	(D) FUNDRAISING
BANK FEES	446.		446.	
DUES & SUBSCRIPTIONS	6,386.	3,955.	1,345.	1,086.
POSTAGE AND SHIPPING	3,333.	2,064.	702.	567.
PRINTING AND PUBLICATIONS	9,512.	5,890.	2,004.	1,618.
PROPERTY TAXES	5,924.	5,924.		
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	1,570.	972.	331.	267.
TRAINING	3,104.		3,104.	
TOTAL	\$ 30,275.	\$ 18,805.	\$ 7,932.	\$ 3,538.

EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS
SCHEDULE A, PART II, LINE 5

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	TOTAL	2% AMT	EXCESS
THE KENDEDA FUND	40,000	45,000	192,500	40,000	77,568	395,068	181,905	213,163
BUNTING FAMILY FOUNDATION	38,000	38,000	45,256	70,000	80,000	271,256	181,905	89,351
US FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE	73,797	142,806	127,233	74,836	160,279	578,951	181,905	397,046
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT	0	0	0	0	190,065	190,065	181,905	8,160
	<u>151,797</u>	<u>225,806</u>	<u>364,989</u>	<u>184,836</u>	<u>507,912</u>	<u>1,435,340</u>	<u>727,620</u>	<u>707,720</u>