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**Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

**2006**

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Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)

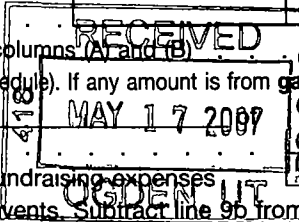
The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

**A For the 2006 calendar year** 200612 031730000 29 1B  
**B** Check if applicable:  Address change,  Name change,  Initial return,  Final return,  Amended return,  Application pending  
**C** **Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).**  
**D** Employer identification number: 84-1123481  
**E** Telephone number: (406) 252-9672  
**F** Accounting method:  Cash  Accrual  Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
**G** Website: \_\_\_\_\_  
**H** and **I** are not applicable to section 527 organizations  
**H(a)** Is this a group return for affiliates?  Yes  No  
**H(b)** If "Yes," enter number of affiliates: \_\_\_\_\_  
**H(c)** Are all affiliates included?  Yes  No (If "No," attach a list See instructions.)  
**H(d)** Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling?  Yes  No  
**I** Group Exemption Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
**J** Organization type (check only one)  501(c) (3) (insert no)  4947(a)(1) or  527  
**K** Check here  if the organization is not a 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.  
**L** Gross receipts: Add lines 6b, 8b, 9b, and 10b to line 12: \_\_\_\_\_  
**M** Check  if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)**

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:				
	a	Contributions to donor advised funds	1a	698,150		
	b	Direct public support (not included on line 1a)	1b			
	c	Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)	1c			
	d	Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)	1d			
	e	Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____)	1e		698,150	
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2			
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3			
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4		22,948	
	5	Dividends and interest from securities	5			
	6a	Gross rents	6a			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b			
c	Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a	6c				
7	Other investment income (describe _____)	7				
8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	8a			
		(B) Other	8b			
			8c			
			8d			
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses					
c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)					
d	Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B)					
9	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ contributions reported on line 1b)	9a		
		b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b		
		c	Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a	9c		
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances		10a			
			10b			
			10c			
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a					
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11				
12	Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11	12		721,098		
Expenses	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	782,900		
	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	281		
	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15	0		
	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16	0		
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 13 and 14, column (A)	17	783,181		
Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12	18	562,087		
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	524,158		
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20			
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20	21	462,075		

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**Part II Statement of Functional Expenses** All organizations must complete column (A). Columns (B), (C), and (D) are required for section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts but optional for others. (See the instructions.)

Do not include amounts reported on line 6b, 8b, 9b, 10b, or 16 of Part I.		(A) Total	(B) Program services	(C) Management and general	(D) Fundraising
<b>22a</b>	Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach schedule) (cash \$ _____ noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				
<b>22b</b>	Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>782,900</u> noncash \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>782,900</u>	<u>782,900</u>		
<b>23</b>	Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
<b>24</b>	Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
<b>25a</b>	Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A (attach schedule)				
<b>b</b>	Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B (attach schedule)				
<b>c</b>	Compensation and other distributions, not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule)				
<b>26</b>	Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c				
<b>27</b>	Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c				
<b>28</b>	Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27				
<b>29</b>	Payroll taxes				
<b>30</b>	Professional fundraising fees				
<b>31</b>	Accounting fees				
<b>32</b>	Legal fees				
<b>33</b>	Supplies				
<b>34</b>	Telephone				
<b>35</b>	Postage and shipping				
<b>36</b>	Occupancy				
<b>37</b>	Equipment rental and maintenance				
<b>38</b>	Printing and publications				
<b>39</b>	Travel				
<b>40</b>	Conferences, conventions, and meetings				
<b>41</b>	Interest				
<b>42</b>	Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)				
<b>43</b>	Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
<b>a</b>	<u>Adm.</u>	<u>280</u>		<u>280</u>	
<b>b</b>					
<b>c</b>					
<b>d</b>					
<b>e</b>					
<b>f</b>					
<b>g</b>					
<b>44</b>	<b>Total functional expenses.</b> Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	<u>783,180</u>	<u>782,900</u>	<u>280</u>	<u>0</u>

**Joint Costs.** Check  if you are following SOP 98-2.  
 Are any joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation reported in (B) Program services?  Yes  No  
 If "Yes," enter (i) the aggregate amount of these joint costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ \_\_\_\_\_; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments** (See the instructions.)

Form 990 is available for public inspection and, for some people, serves as the primary or sole source of information about a particular organization. How the public perceives an organization in such cases may be determined by the information presented on its return. Therefore, please make sure the return is complete and accurate and fully describes, in Part III, the organization's programs and accomplishments.

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? <i>public education &amp; research</i>	Program Service Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs, and 4947(a)(1) trusts, but optional for others)
<p>a. <i>Provided for the analysis and development of public education and advocacy on environmental, natural resource, energy, and family agriculture that were distributed to the general public (over 10,000 copies); conducted professional staff and leadership training programs.</i></p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ <i>613,400</i> ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<i>613,400</i>
<p>b. <i>Provided assistance to community grassroots organizations for membership development programs and policy work on genetically modified crops, clean renewable fuels, and civic engagement.</i></p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ <i>166,500</i> ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<i>166,500</i>
<p>c. <i>Cover costs for mining impacted community members to attend Protecting Mother Earth Conference.</i></p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ <i>3,000</i> ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<i>3,000</i>
<p>d.</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>e. Other program services (attach schedule)</p> <p>(Grants and allocations \$ ) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	
<p>f. <b>Total of Program Service Expenses</b> (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) . . . . .</p>	<i>782,900</i>

**Part IV Balance Sheets** (See the instructions.)

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year
<b>Note:</b> Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.				
<b>Assets</b>	<b>45</b> Cash—non-interest-bearing . . . . .	480	<b>45</b>	25,500
	<b>46</b> Savings and temporary cash investments . . . . .	523,678	<b>46</b>	436,575
	<b>47a</b> Accounts receivable . . . . .	<b>47a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>47b</b>		<b>47c</b>
	<b>48a</b> Pledges receivable . . . . .	<b>48a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>48b</b>		<b>48c</b>
	<b>49</b> Grants receivable . . . . .		<b>49</b>	
	<b>50a</b> Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>50a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B) (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>50b</b>	
	<b>51a</b> Other notes and loans receivable (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>51a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: allowance for doubtful accounts . . . . .	<b>51b</b>		<b>51c</b>
	<b>52</b> Inventories for sale or use . . . . .		<b>52</b>	
	<b>53</b> Prepaid expenses and deferred charges . . . . .		<b>53</b>	
	<b>54a</b> Investments—publicly-traded securities . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		<b>54a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Investments—other securities (attach schedule) . . . . . <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input type="checkbox"/> FMV		<b>54b</b>	
	<b>55a</b> Investments—land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	<b>55a</b>		
	<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>55b</b>		<b>55c</b>
	<b>56</b> Investments—other (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>56</b>	
	<b>57a</b> Land, buildings, and equipment: basis . . . . .	<b>57a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less: accumulated depreciation (attach schedule) . . . . .	<b>57b</b>		<b>57c</b>	
<b>58</b> Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ► . . . . .)		<b>58</b>		
<b>59 Total assets</b> (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58 . . . . .	524,158	<b>59</b>	462,075	
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>60</b> Accounts payable and accrued expenses . . . . .		<b>60</b>	
	<b>61</b> Grants payable . . . . .		<b>61</b>	
	<b>62</b> Deferred revenue . . . . .		<b>62</b>	
	<b>63</b> Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>63</b>	
	<b>64a</b> Tax-exempt bond liabilities (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>64a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule) . . . . .		<b>64b</b>	
	<b>65</b> Other liabilities (describe ► . . . . .)		<b>65</b>	
<b>66 Total liabilities.</b> Add lines 60 through 65 . . . . .	0	<b>66</b>	0	
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	<b>Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.			
	<b>67</b> Unrestricted . . . . .		<b>67</b>	
	<b>68</b> Temporarily restricted . . . . .		<b>68</b>	
	<b>69</b> Permanently restricted . . . . .		<b>69</b>	
	<b>Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here</b> <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.			
	<b>70</b> Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds . . . . .	489,150	<b>70</b>	422,252
	<b>71</b> Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund . . . . .		<b>71</b>	
	<b>72</b> Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds . . . . .	35,008	<b>72</b>	39,823
	<b>73 Total net assets or fund balances.</b> Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21) . . . . .	524,158	<b>73</b>	462,075
	<b>74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances.</b> Add lines 66 and 73 . . . . .	524,158	<b>74</b>	462,075

**Part IV-A Reconciliation of Revenue per Audited Financial Statements With Revenue per Return** (See the instructions.)

a	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements		a	
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12:			
1	Net unrealized gains on investments	b1		
2	Donated services and use of facilities	b2		
3	Recoveries of prior year grants	b3		
4	Other (specify):	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 12, but not on line a:			
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
2	Other (specify):	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	N/A
e	Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d		e	

**Part IV-B Reconciliation of Expenses per Audited Financial Statements With Expenses per Return**

a	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		a	
b	Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17:			
1	Donated services and use of facilities	b1		
2	Prior year adjustments reported on Part I, line 20	b2		
3	Losses reported on Part I, line 20	b3		
4	Other (specify):	b4		
	Add lines b1 through b4		b	
c	Subtract line b from line a		c	
d	Amounts included on Part I, line 17, but not on line a:			
1	Investment expenses not included on Part I, line 6b	d1		
2	Other (specify):	d2		
	Add lines d1 and d2		d	N/A
e	Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d		e	

**Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees** (List each person who was an officer, director, trustee, or key employee at any time during the year even if they were not compensated.) (See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
Patrick Sweeney, 220 S. 27th St Suite B, Billings, MT 59101	Director 50 hours	-0-	-0-	-0-
Mabel Dobbs, 957 Manns Creek Weiser, ID 83672	Chair - 1 hour -	-0-	-0-	-0-
Richard Parks, P.O. Box 196 Gardiner, MT 59030	Vice-Chair 1 hour	-0-	-0-	-0-
Nancy Spreenson, 7241 Highway 14-16 & Arvada, WY 82834	Sec. - Treasurer 1 hour	-0-	-0-	-0-
Kristiana Gehant, 190 77th Ave Astoria, SO 57213	Board Member 1 hour	-0-	-0-	-0-
Dean Hulse, 7437 East Gateway Circle, Fargo, ND 58103	Board member 1 hour	-0-	-0-	-0-
Peggy Rawlins, 519 Liberty Cap Court, Grand Junction, CO	Board member 1 hour	-0-	-0-	-0-
Randy Joseph, 37123 Hensen Lane Baker City, OR 97814	Board member 1 hour	-0-	-0-	-0-

**Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (continued)** Yes No

**75a** Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings . . . . . 7

**b** Are any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, related to each other through family or business relationships? If "Yes," attach a statement that identifies the individuals and explains the relationship(s) . . . . . **75b**  No

**c** Do any officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part V-A, or highest compensated employees listed in Schedule A, Part I, or highest compensated professional and other independent contractors listed in Schedule A, Part II-A or II-B, receive compensation from any other organizations, whether tax exempt or taxable, that are related to the organization? See the instructions for the definition of "related organization." . . . . . **75c**  No  
If "Yes," attach a statement that includes the information described in the instructions.

**d** Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? . . . . . **75d**  No

**Part V-B Former Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees That Received Compensation or Other Benefits** (If any former officer, director, trustee, or key employee received compensation or other benefits (described below) during the year, list that person below and enter the amount of compensation or other benefits in the appropriate column. See the instructions.)

(A) Name and address	(B) Loans and Advances	(C) Compensation (if not paid, enter -0-)	(D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation plans	(E) Expense account and other allowances
N/A				

**Part VI Other Information (See the instructions.)** Yes No

**76** Did the organization make a change in its activities or methods of conducting activities? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement of each change . . . . . **76**  No

**77** Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? . . . . . **77**  No  
If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.

**78a** Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? . . . . . **78a**  No  
**b** If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on **Form 990-T** for this year? . . . . . **78b**  No

**79** Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement . . . . . **79**  No

**80a** Is the organization related (other than by association with a statewide or nationwide organization) through common membership, governing bodies, trustees, officers, etc., to any other exempt or nonexempt organization? . . . . . **80a**  No

**b** If "Yes," enter the name of the organization Western Organization of Resource Councils and check whether it is  exempt or  nonexempt

**81a** Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. (See line 81 instructions.) . . . . . **81a**

**b** Did the organization file **Form 1120-POL** for this year? . . . . . **81b**  No

Part VI Other Information (continued)

		Yes	No
82a	Did the organization receive donated services or the use of materials, equipment, or facilities at no charge or at substantially less than fair rental value?		X
b If "Yes," you may indicate the value of these items here. Do not include this amount as revenue in Part I or as an expense in Part II. (See instructions in Part III.)		82b	
83a	Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications?	X	
83b	Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to <i>quid pro quo</i> contributions?	X	
84a	Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible?	X	
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?		84b X	
85	501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations. a Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members? <i>No dues.</i>	85a N/A	
b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? If "Yes" was answered to either 85a or 85b, do not complete 85c through 85h below unless the organization received a waiver for proxy tax owed for the prior year.		85b	
c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members		85c	
d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures		85d	
e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices		85e	
f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e)		85f	
g Does the organization elect to pay the section 6033(e) tax on the amount on line 85f?		85g N/A	
h If section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices were sent, does the organization agree to add the amount on line 85f to its reasonable estimate of dues allocable to nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures for the following tax year?		85h N/A	
86	501(c)(7) orgs. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12	86a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities		86b	
87	501(c)(12) orgs. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders	87a	
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.)		87b	
88a	At any time during the year, did the organization own a 50% or greater interest in a taxable corporation or partnership, or an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? If "Yes," complete Part IX		X
88b	At any time during the year, did the organization, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," complete Part XI		X
89a	501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955		
b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) orgs. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach a statement explaining each transaction		89b X	
c Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958			
d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization			
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?		89e X	
f All organizations. Did the organization acquire a direct or indirect interest in any applicable insurance contract?		89f X	
g For supporting organizations and sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year?		89g X	
90a	List the states with which a copy of this return is filed	None / N/A	
b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2006 (See instructions.)		90b 0	
91a	The books are in care of <i>Eileen Hanchett</i> Telephone no. <i>(406) 252-9672</i> Located at <i>220 S 27th St., Suite B Billings, MT</i> ZIP + 4 <i>59101</i>		
b 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)? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country		91b X	
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.			





**Part XI** Information Regarding Transfers To and From Controlled Entities. Complete only if the organization is a controlling organization as defined in section 512(b)(13).

**106** Did the reporting organization **make** any transfers to a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity.

Yes	No

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a	N/A			
b				
c				
<b>Totals</b>				

**107** Did the reporting organization **receive** any transfers from a controlled entity as defined in section 512(b)(13) of the Code? If "Yes," complete the schedule below for each controlled entity.

Yes	No

	(A) Name, address, of each controlled entity	(B) Employer Identification Number	(C) Description of transfer	(D) Amount of transfer
a				
b	N/A			
c				
<b>Totals</b>				

**108** Did the organization have a binding written contract in effect on August 17, 2006, covering the interest, rents, royalties, and annuities described in question 107 above?

Yes	No

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.

**Please Sign Here**

Signature of officer: *Patrick Sweeney* Date: 5/15/07

Type or print name and title: PATRICK SWEENEY

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**Paid Preparer's Use Only**

Preparer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Check if self-employed:

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4: \_\_\_\_\_ Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen Inst X): \_\_\_\_\_

EIN: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone no: \_\_\_\_\_

**SCHEDULE A**  
**(Form 990 or 990-EZ)**

Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

**Organization Exempt Under Section 501(c)(3)**

(Except Private Foundation) and Section 501(e), 501(f), 501(k), 501(n),  
or 4947(a)(1) Nonexempt Charitable Trust

**Supplementary Information—(See separate instructions.)**

▶ **MUST be completed by the above organizations and attached to their Form 990 or 990-EZ**

OMB No 1545-0047

**2006**

Name of the organization

*Western Organization of Resource Councils*

Employer identification number

*84-1123481*

**Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one. If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
<i>None</i>				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 . ▶

**Part II-A Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Professional Services**  
(See page 2 of the instructions. List each one (whether individuals or firms). If there are none, enter "None.")

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<i>None</i>		

Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services . . . . . ▶

**Part II-B Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Independent Contractors for Other Services**  
(List each contractor who performed services other than professional services, whether individuals or firms. If there are none, enter "None." See page 2 of the instructions.)

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
<i>None</i>		

Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services . . . . . ▶

**Part III Statements About Activities** (See page 2 of the instructions.)

Yes No

**1** During the year, has the organization attempted to influence national, state, or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum? If "Yes," enter the total expenses paid or incurred in connection with the lobbying activities ▶ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.)

1 X

Organizations that made an election under section 501(h) by filing Form 5768 must complete Part VI-A. Other organizations checking "Yes" must complete Part VI-B AND attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.

**2** During the year, has the organization, either directly or indirectly, engaged in any of the following acts with any substantial contributors, trustees, directors, officers, creators, key employees, or members of their families, or with any taxable organization with which any such person is affiliated as an officer, director, trustee, majority owner, or principal beneficiary? (If the answer to any question is "Yes," attach a detailed statement explaining the transactions.)

**a** Sale, exchange, or leasing of property?

2a X

**b** Lending of money or other extension of credit?

2b X

**c** Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?

2c X

**d** Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)?

2d X

**e** Transfer of any part of its income or assets?

2e X

**3a** Did the organization make grants for scholarships, fellowships, student loans, etc.? (If "Yes," attach an explanation of how the organization determines that recipients qualify to receive payments.)

3a X

**b** Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?

3b X

**c** Did the organization receive or hold an easement for conservation purposes, including easements to preserve open space, the environment, historic land areas or historic structures? If "Yes," attach a detailed statement

3c X

**d** Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?

3d X

**4a** Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g. If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g

4a X

**b** Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?

4b X

**c** Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?

4c X

**d** Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶

0

**e** Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year ▶

N/A

**f** Enter the total number of separate funds or accounts owned at the end of the tax year (excluding donor advised funds included on line 4d) where donors have the right to provide advice on the distribution or investment of amounts in such funds or accounts ▶

N/A

**g** Enter the aggregate value of assets held in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year ▶

N/A

**Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status** (See pages 4 through 7 of the instructions.)

I certify that the organization is not a private foundation because it is: (Please check only **ONE** applicable box.)

- 5  A church, convention of churches, or association of churches. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 6  A school. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Also complete Part V.)
- 7  A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 8  A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 9  A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). **Enter the hospital's name, city, and state** ▶ .....
- 10  An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11a  An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 11b  A community trust. Section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 12  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 charitable, etc., 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). (Also complete the **Support Schedule** in Part IV-A.)
- 13  An organization that is not controlled by any disqualified persons (other than foundation managers) and otherwise meets the requirements of section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization:
  - Type I
  - Type II
  - Type III-Functionally Integrated
  - Type III-Other

**Provide the following information about the supported organizations.** (See page 7 of the instructions.)

(a) Name(s) of supported organization(s)	(b) Employer identification number (EIN)	(c) Type of organization (described in lines 5 through 12 above or IRC section)	(d) Is the supported organization listed in the supporting organization's governing documents?		(e) Amount of support
			Yes	No	
Western Organization of Resource Councils	45-0356819	501 (c)(4)	X		613,400
<b>Total</b>					

- 14  An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 7 of the instructions.)

**Part IV-A Support Schedule** (Complete only if you checked a box on line 10, 11, or 12.) **Use cash method of accounting.**

**Note:** You may use the worksheet in the instructions for converting from the accrual to the cash method of accounting

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2004	(c) 2003	(d) 2002	(e) Total
<b>15</b> Gifts, grants, and contributions received (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.) . . . . .					
<b>16</b> Membership fees received . . . . .					
<b>17</b> Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or furnishing of facilities in any activity that is related to the organization's charitable, etc., purpose . . . . .					
<b>18</b> Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975 . . . . .					
<b>19</b> Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18. . . . .					
<b>20</b> Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf . . . . .					
<b>21</b> The value of services or facilities furnished to the organization by a governmental unit without charge. Do not include the value of services or facilities generally furnished to the public without charge . . . . .					
<b>22</b> Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets . . . . .					
<b>23</b> Total of lines 15 through 22 . . . . .					
<b>24</b> Line 23 minus line 17 . . . . .					
<b>25</b> Enter 1% of line 23 . . . . .					
<b>26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11:</b> a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24 . . . . . ▶					<b>26a</b>
b Prepare a list for your records to show the name of and amount contributed by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) whose total gifts for 2002 through 2005 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Enter the total of all these excess amounts ▶					<b>26b</b>
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e) . . . . . ▶					<b>26c</b>
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 _____ 19 _____ 22 _____ 26b _____ . . . . . ▶					<b>26d</b>
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total) . . . . . ▶					<b>26e</b>
f <b>Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))</b> . . . . . ▶					<b>26f</b> %
<b>27 Organizations described on line 12:</b> a For amounts included in lines 15, 16, and 17 that were received from a "disqualified person," prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and total amounts received in each year from, each "disqualified person." <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____ (2002) _____					
b For any amount included in line 17 that was received from each person (other than "disqualified persons"), prepare a list for your records to show the name of, and amount received for each year, that was more than the larger of (1) the amount on line 25 for the year or (2) \$5,000. (Include in the list organizations described in lines 5 through 11b, as well as individuals.) <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> After computing the difference between the amount received and the larger amount described in (1) or (2), enter the sum of these differences (the excess amounts) for each year: (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____ (2002) _____					
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____ 17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____ . . . . . ▶					<b>27c</b>
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____ . . . . . ▶					<b>27d</b>
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total) . . . . . ▶					<b>27e</b>
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount from line 23, column (e) . . . . . ▶					<b>27f</b>
g <b>Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))</b> . . . . . ▶					<b>27g</b> %
h <b>Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))</b> . ▶					<b>27h</b> %
<b>28 Unusual Grants:</b> For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2002 through 2005, prepare a list for your records to show, for each year, the name of the contributor, the date and amount of the grant, and a brief description of the nature of the grant. <b>Do not file this list with your return.</b> Do not include these grants in line 15.					

**Part V Private School Questionnaire** (See page 9 of the instructions.)  
**(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)**

- 29** Does the organization have a racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students by statement in its charter, bylaws, other governing instrument, or in a resolution of its governing body . . . . .
- 30** Does the organization include a statement of its racially nondiscriminatory policy toward students in all its brochures, catalogues, and other written communications with the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .
- 31** Has the organization publicized its racially nondiscriminatory policy through newspaper or broadcast media during the period of solicitation for students, or during the registration period if it has no solicitation program, in a way that makes the policy known to all parts of the general community it serves? . . . . .  
 If "Yes," please describe; if "No," please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)  
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- 32** Does the organization maintain the following:
- a** Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff? . . . . .
  - b** Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis? . . . . .
  - c** Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships? . . . . .
  - d** Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions? . . . . .
- If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)  
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- 33** Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:
- a** Students' rights or privileges? . . . . .
  - b** Admissions policies? . . . . .
  - c** Employment of faculty or administrative staff? . . . . .
  - d** Scholarships or other financial assistance? . . . . .
  - e** Educational policies? . . . . .
  - f** Use of facilities? . . . . .
  - g** Athletic programs? . . . . .
  - h** Other extracurricular activities? . . . . .
- If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)  
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- 34a** Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency? . . . . .
- b** Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended? . . . . .  
 If you answered "Yes" to either 34a or b, please explain using an attached statement.
- 35** Does the organization certify that it has complied with the applicable requirements of sections 4.01 through 4.05 of Rev. Proc. 75-50, 1975-2 C.B. 587, covering racial nondiscrimination? If "No," attach an explanation . . . . .

	Yes	No
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<b>31</b>		
<b>32a</b>		
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<b>33a</b>		
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<b>33e</b>		
<b>33f</b>		
<b>33g</b>		
<b>33h</b>		
<b>34a</b>		
<b>34b</b>		
<b>35</b>		

**Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities** (See page 10 of the instructions.)  
 (To be completed **ONLY** by an eligible organization that filed Form 5768)

Check **a**  if the organization belongs to an affiliated group. Check **b**  if you checked "a" and "limited control" provisions apply.

<b>Limits on Lobbying Expenditures</b>		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for all electing organizations
(The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)			
<b>36</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying) . . . . .	<b>36</b>	
<b>37</b>	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying) . . . . .	<b>37</b>	
<b>38</b>	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37) . . . . .	<b>38</b>	
<b>39</b>	Other exempt purpose expenditures . . . . .	<b>39</b>	
<b>40</b>	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39) . . . . .	<b>40</b>	
<b>41</b>	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table—		
	<b>If the amount on line 40 is—</b> <b>The lobbying nontaxable amount is—</b>		
	Not over \$500,000 . . . . . 20% of the amount on line 40 . . . . .		
	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000 . . . . . \$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000		
	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000 . . . . . \$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000	<b>41</b>	
	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000 . . . . . \$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000		
	Over \$17,000,000 . . . . . \$1,000,000 . . . . .		
<b>42</b>	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41) . . . . .	<b>42</b>	
<b>43</b>	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36. . . . .	<b>43</b>	
<b>44</b>	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38. . . . .	<b>44</b>	

**Caution:** If there is an amount on either line 43 or line 44, you must file Form 4720.

**4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)**

(Some organizations that made a section 501(h) election do not have to complete all of the five columns below.  
 See the instructions for lines 45 through 50 on page 13 of the instructions.)

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period				
	(a) 2006	(b) 2005	(c) 2004	(d) 2003	(e) Total
<b>45</b> Lobbying nontaxable amount . . . . .					
<b>46</b> Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 45(e))					
<b>47</b> Total lobbying expenditures . . . . .					
<b>48</b> Grassroots nontaxable amount . . . . .					
<b>49</b> Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 48(e))					
<b>50</b> Grassroots lobbying expenditures . . . . .					

**Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities**

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 13 of the instructions.)

During the year, did the organization attempt to influence national, state or local legislation, including any attempt to influence public opinion on a legislative matter or referendum, through the use of:	Yes	No	Amount
<b>a</b> Volunteers . . . . .			
<b>b</b> Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.) . . . . .			
<b>c</b> Media advertisements . . . . .			
<b>d</b> Mailings to members, legislators, or the public . . . . .			
<b>e</b> Publications, or published or broadcast statements . . . . .			
<b>f</b> Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes . . . . .			
<b>g</b> Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body . . . . .			
<b>h</b> Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means . . . . .			
<b>i</b> Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.) . . . . .			

If "Yes" to any of the above, also attach a statement giving a detailed description of the lobbying activities.





**Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project**  
**EIN: 84-1123481**  
**Form 990 (2006) Schedule Attachment**

**Dakota Resource Council**

P.O. Box 1095  
Dickinson, ND 58601  
\$76,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development, engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions, the No Genetically Modified Crop work, and promote clean renewable fuels project.

**Dakota Rural Action**

PO Box 549  
Brookings, SD 57006  
\$16,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development, engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions, and promote clean renewable fuels project.

**Western Colorado Congress**

P.O. Box 472  
Montrose, CO 81402  
\$12,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development and engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions.

**Oregon Rural Action**

105 Fir Street, #208  
La Grande, OR 97850  
12,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development and engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions.

**Indigenous Environment Project**

P.O. Box 485  
Bemidji, MN 56619  
\$3,000

**Classification of activity:** Covers costs for mining impacted members to attend Protecting Mother Earth Conference

**Western Organization of Resource Councils Education Project**  
**EIN: 84-1123481**  
**Form 990 (2006 Attachment)**

**Part II, line 22, Grants and allocations:**

**Schedule of Grants:**

**Western Organization of Resource Councils**

220 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite B

Billings, MT 59101

\$613,400

**Classification of activity:** Public policy research, education, and advocacy on environmental, energy, and agricultural issues; leadership and staff trainings.

**Northern Plains Resource Council**

220 S. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite A

Billings, MT 59101

\$23,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development, engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions, the No Genetically Modified Crop work, promote clean renewable fuels project, and engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions.

**Powder River Basin Resource Council**

934 N. Main Street

Sheridan, WY 82801

\$12,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development and engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions.

**Idaho Rural Council**

P.O. Box 118

Bliss, ID 83314

\$12,500

**Classification of activity:** To assist organization with staff management and for membership development and engage members in civic engagement through community boards and commissions.