

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

2024

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Header section A-M containing organization details: Name (STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL), EIN (90-0641225), Address (PO BOX 112, ABSAROKEE, MT 59001), and Form type (Corporation).

Part I Summary

Summary table with columns for line number, description, Prior Year, and Current Year. Includes sections for Activities & Governance, Revenue, Expenses, and Net Assets or Fund Balances.

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

Signature area for the officer: Fay L Espeland, Treasurer, dated 11/15/2025.

Paid Preparer Use Only section: Fay L Espeland CPA PLLC, dated 11/15/2025, PTIN P01211352.

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 [X]

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission: Stillwater Valley Watershed Council (SVWC) will provide an open forum in which all interested parties may work in a collaborative effort to preserve the integrity of the river, the land, and the beauty of our valley. We will endeavor to bring together public, private and government resources, funding and grants to achieve our goals.

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 [X] 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 [X] 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 \$ 379,148 including grants of \$ 361,079) (Revenue \$) HAZARDOUS FUELS PROGRAM: This program provides homeowner with cost-share assistance for fuels reduction projects, prevention and mitigation materials regarding wildfire fire. Tallies for 2024: Completed hazardous fuel mitigation projects on 11 properties, encompassing over 8,000 acres. Improved the wildfire resiliency on 450 acres through prescriptive tree thinning practices. Awarded Cost Share directly to 11 participants in the amount of \$208,012 and paid contractors directly on behalf of landowners \$153,067. Hosted the inaugural Home Hardening Workshop with FireSafe Stillwater affiliates (50 attendees).

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 60,379 including grants of \$ 59,172) (Revenue \$) WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (WHIP) GRANT. This is a 7-year project (secured in 2019) and the mission encompasses treatment and monitoring of noxious weeds with Custer-Gallatin National Forest, preventing further spread of noxious weed throughout the Stillwater watershed. This project will enhance cooperative efforts of the US Forest Service (USFS) along with adjacent small and large tract landowners. Why is a non-profit group assisting the USFS in their noxious weed control efforts? The budget line item for noxious weed control for the Custer-Gallatin National Forest has been significantly reduced in recent years. This grant pays 100% of costs of application on USFS land. Tallies for 2024: Treated 497 acres on USFS grazing allotments and heavily traveled corridors leading into recreational areas, paid commercial applicators \$59,172 in 2024 and a total of over \$172,345 to date.

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 60,271 including grants of \$ 12,695) (Revenue \$ 38,055) COOPERATIVE WEED CONTROL PROGRAMS (SMALL AND LARGE ACREAGE), integrated, locally led approaches to noxious weed management enabling SVWC to collaborate with multiple agencies and hundreds of local landowners. Programs include: SVWC's SMALL ACREAGE Cooperative Weed Control Program has treated from Nye to Columbus Montana. This program is intended for landowners with LESS than 20 acres. Tallies for 2024: Enrolled 100 participants, including 1800 acres, to treat noxious weeds on 211 acres and provided Cost Share to 8 participants in the amount of \$2880. SVWC used 3 commercial applicators and paid them \$34,724. SVWC Large Acreage Noxious Weed Control Program targets landowners with MORE than 20 acres located on or adjacent to elk habitat. SVWC received another \$20,000 from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) for 2023-2024. RMEF has contributed \$159,000 over the past 14 years to this program. Tallies for 2024: Provided Cost Share to 12 participants, representing 14,200 acres, to treat 400 acres via areal and ground application and provided Cost Share in the amount of \$9815.

4d Other program services (Describe on Schedule O.) (Expenses \$ 32,594 including grants of \$ 21,540) (Revenue \$ 0)

4e Total program service expenses 532,392

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>	X	
2	Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> ? See instructions.		X
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>		X
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>		X
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 Rev. Proc. 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III.</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
e	Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X.</i>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
13	Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E.</i>		X
14a	Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?		X
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>		X
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>		X
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>		X
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.		X
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>	X	
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>		X
20a	Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H.</i>		X
b	If "Yes" to line 20a, did the organization attach a copy of its audited financial statements to this return?		
21	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to any domestic organization or domestic government on Part IX, column (A), line 1? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and II.</i>	X	

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)?		
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.		
b	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?	X	

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	0		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	3b			
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)?	4a			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?	5a			X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b			X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T?	5c			
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?	6a			X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible?	6b			
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?	7a			X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided?	7b			
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282?	7c			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?	7e			X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f			X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required?	7g			
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C?	7h			
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?	8			
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.				
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?	9a			
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?	9b			
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?	12a			
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? Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.	13a			
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?	14a			X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i>	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.	15			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.	16			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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 1a (12), 1b (12), 2 (X), 3 (X), 4 (X), 5 (X), 6 (X), 7a (X), 7b (X), 8a (X), 8b (X), 9 (X).

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

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows include: 10a (X), 10b, 11a (X), 11b, 12a (X), 12b (X), 12c (X), 13 (X), 14 (X), 15a (X), 15b (X), 16a (X), 16b.

Section C. Disclosure

- 17 List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed
18 Section 6104 requires an organization to make its 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.
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.
20 State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records
LINDSEY CLARK (406) 780-1249
PO BOX 112, ABSAROKEE, MT 59001

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) LINDSEY CLARK COORDINATOR	18.50 0.00			X				40,400		
(2) FAY L ESPELAND TREASURER	2.50 0.00	X		X				8,248		
(3) TOMMY FLANAGAN ASSISTANT COORDINATOR	0.75 0.00			X				950		
(4) TIMOTHY SCHAFF CHAIRMAN	0.50 0.00	X		X						
(5) DIRK PELTON DIRECTOR	0.25 0.00	X								
(6) CEDAR MAGONE SECRETARY	0.50 0.00	X		X						
(7) LAURA BLOND DIRECTOR	0.50 0.00	X								
(8) CHRIS FLECK VICE CHAIRMAN	0.50 0.00	X		X						
(9) TOM KIRCHER DIRECTOR	0.50 0.00	X								
(10) BUTCH BEHRENT DIRECTOR	0.50 0.00	X								
(11) NOEL KEOGH DIRECTOR	0.50 0.00	X								
(12) TYRELE SCHAFF DIRECTOR	0.50 0.00	X								
(13) WILLIAM R MYTTON DIRECTOR	0.25 0.00	X								
(14) KAREN MARTS DIRECTOR	1.50 0.00	X								

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)										
(16)										
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(22)										
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(24)										
(25)										
1b Subtotal							49,598	0	0	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							0	0	0	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							49,598	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 0

	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>		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>		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>		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
		0
		0
		0
		0
		0

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 0

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a	Federated campaigns	1a 0				
	b	Membership dues	1b 8,493				
	c	Fundraising events	1c 18,436				
	d	Related organizations	1d 0				
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 461,256				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 73,725				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g \$ 13,500				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f		561,910			
	Program Service Revenue	2a	COOPERATIVE WEED-SMALL/LARGE	Business Code 900099	38,055	38,055	
b		-----		0			
c		-----		0			
d		-----		0			
e		-----		0			
f		All other program service revenue		0			
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f		38,055			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)		7,372			
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds		0			
	5	Royalties		0			
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			6a				
			6b				
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c 0	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)		0			
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			7a	9,839	0		
			7b	12,313	0		
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c -2,474	0			
	d	Net gain or (loss)		-2,474			
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 18,436 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18					
			8a	23,804			
8b			26,819				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events		-3,015				
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19						
		9a	1,766				
		9b	1,528				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities		238				
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances						
		10a	0				
		10b	0				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory		0				
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	-----	Business Code				
	b	-----		0			
	c	-----		0			
	d	All other revenue		0			
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d		0			
12	Total revenue. See instructions		602,086	38,055	0	0	

Part IX Statement of Functional Expenses

Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations must complete all columns. All other organizations must complete column (A).

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

Do not include amounts reported on lines 6b, 7b, 8b, 9b, and 10b of Part VIII.		(A) Total expenses	(B) Program service expenses	(C) Management and general expenses	(D) Fundraising expenses
1	Grants and other assistance to domestic organizations and domestic governments. See Part IV, line 21	106,207	106,207		
2	Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	120,000	120,000		
3	Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0			
4	Benefits paid to or for members	0			
5	Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	45,734	22,748	22,986	0
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			
7	Other salaries and wages	0			
8	Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	0			
9	Other employee benefits	0			
10	Payroll taxes	0			
11	Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a	Management	0			
b	Legal	0			
c	Accounting	0			
d	Lobbying	0			
e	Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			
f	Investment management fees	790		790	
g	Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A), amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	264,923	264,923	0	
12	Advertising and promotion	10,911	4,891	6,020	
13	Office expenses	2,842	1,112	1,730	
14	Information technology	0			
15	Royalties	0			
16	Occupancy	550	370	180	
17	Travel	3,251	2,546	705	
18	Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0			
19	Conferences, conventions, and meetings	1,012	845	167	
20	Interest	0			
21	Payments to affiliates	0			
22	Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	0	0	0	0
23	Insurance	2,144		2,144	
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	SUPPLIES/CHEMICALS	8,707	8,707		
b	BANK CHARGES/PAYPAL FEES	129	43	86	
c	SOS ANNUAL FILING	0			
d		0			
e	All other expenses	0			
25	Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	567,200	532,392	34,808	0
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	109,966	1	47,814
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	86,475	2	179,695
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	0	3	0
	4 Accounts receivable, net	0	4	0
	5 Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	5	
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	6	
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	0	8	
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	0	9	
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 0		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 0	10c	0
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	135,334	11	136,522
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	0	13	0
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	0	15	0
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	331,775	16	364,031	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	0	17	
	18 Grants payable	0	18	
	19 Deferred revenue	2,730	19	100
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	
	22 Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons	0	22	
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	0	23	0
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	0	24	0
	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	0	25	0
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	2,730	26	100
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	0	27	
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	0	28	
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.			
	29 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds	0	29	
	30 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund	0	30	
	31 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds	329,045	31	363,931
32 Total net assets or fund balances	329,045	32	363,931	
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	331,775	33	364,031	

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	602,086
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	567,200
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	34,886
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	329,045
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	363,931

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 type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>HYBRID</u> If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
b	Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both. <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		X
c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain 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)**

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2024

Open to Public Inspection

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.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL	Employer identification number 90-0641225
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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 0
- 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					0	0

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

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3; 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); 6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in), (a) 2020, (b) 2021, (c) 2022, (d) 2023, (e) 2024, (f) Total. Rows include: 7 Amounts from line 4; 8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on; 10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.); 11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10; 12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions); 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.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Percentage. Rows include: 14 Public support percentage for 2024 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f)) - 84.05%; 15 Public support percentage from 2023 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 - 77.41%; 16a 33 1/3% support test—2024. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization - [X]; 16b 33 1/3% support test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization - []; 17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2024. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization - []; 17b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization - []; 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 - [].

Schedule B (Form 990)

(Rev. December 2024)

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

Table with 2 columns: Name of the organization (STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL) and Employer identification number (90-0641225)

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

[] 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 STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL	Employer identification number 90-0641225
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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	SIBANYE STILLWATER MINING COMPANY PO BOX 1330 COLUMBUS MT 59019 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 25,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION 5705 GRANT CREEK ROAD MISSOULA MT 59808 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 9,815	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	HAZ FUELS STATE OF MONTANA-DNRC 2705 SPURGIN RD MISSOULA MT 59801 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 351,315	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	MONTANA FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS 1420 3 6TH AVENUE HELENA MT 59620 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 76,442	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	ABSAROKEE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PO BOX 72 ABSAROKEE MT 59001 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 10,000	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
6	STILLWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 334 N 9TH ST COLUMBUS MT 59019 Foreign State or Province: _____ Foreign Country: _____	\$ 33,500	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
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
-----	----- ----- -----	\$ -----	-----
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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.) \$ _____ 0

Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Purpose of gift	(c) Use of gift	(d) Description of how gift is held
-----	----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----	----- ----- -----

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
----- ----- ----- For. Prov. Country	----- ----- -----

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

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

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

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	
		IMMER CELEBRATION (event type)	MONTANA GIVES (event type)	NONE (total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))	
Revenue	1	Gross receipts	31,017	11,223	0	42,240
	2	Less: Contributions	7,213	11,223	0	18,436
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	23,804	0	0	23,804
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			0	0
	5	Noncash prizes			0	0
	6	Rent/facility costs	700		0	700
	7	Food and beverages	4,369		0	4,369
	8	Entertainment	1,600		0	1,600
	9	Other direct expenses	19,673	477	0	20,150
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				(26,819)
	11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				-3,015

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))
		Revenue	1	Gross revenue	
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes			0
	3	Noncash prizes			0
	4	Rent/facility costs			0
	5	Other direct expenses			0
	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)			(0)
	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)			0

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

Rev. December 2024)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

**Grants and Other Assistance to Organizations,
Governments, and Individuals in the United States**

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21 or 22.

Attach to Form 990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

STILLWATER VALLEY WATERSHED COUNCIL

Employer identification number

90-0641225

Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

- 1** Does the organization maintain records to substantiate the amount of the grants or assistance, the grantees' eligibility for the grants or assistance, and the selection criteria used to award the grants or assistance? Yes No
- 2** Describe in Part IV the organization's procedures for monitoring the use of grant funds in the United States.

Part II Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Organizations and Domestic Governments. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 21, for any recipient that received more than \$5,000. Part II can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of non-cash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) AWE LLC PO BOX 7113 BILLINGS, MT 59103	86-2675423		14,175				
(2) KNUCKLEHEAD RANCH LLC 7180 TEPEE RIDGE RD BOZEMAN, MT	82-3319134		55,991				
(3) 4K CAPITAL LLC 541 FIDDLER CREEK RD FISHTAIL, MT	26-3461425		42,116				
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
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(11)							
(12)							

2 Enter total number of section 501(c)(3) and government organizations listed in the line 1 table

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table 3

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**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Noncash Contributions

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2024

Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 29 or 30.
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Part I Types of Property

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art	X		1,000	Value on Donor Webpage
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods	X		12,500	Lessor of Auction Value or FMV
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded				
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities—Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution—Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution—Other				
15 Real estate—Residential				
16 Real estate—Commercial				
17 Real estate—Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archaeological artifacts				
25 Other (.)				
26 Other (.)				
27 Other (.)				
28 Other (.)				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement	29
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	Yes	No
30a During the year, did the organization receive by contribution any property reported on Part I, lines 1 through 28, that it must hold for at least 3 years from the date of the initial contribution, and which isn't required to be used for exempt purposes for the entire holding period?		X
b If "Yes," describe the arrangement in Part II.		
31 Does the organization have a gift acceptance policy that requires the review of any nonstandard contributions?		X
32a Does the organization hire or use third parties or related organizations to solicit, process, or sell noncash contributions?		X
b If "Yes," describe in Part II.		
33 If the organization didn't report an amount in column (c) for a type of property for which column (a) is checked, describe in Part II.		

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Form 990, Part III, Line 4d: Program Service Expenses: 24,349, Grants and allocations: 21,540, Revenue: 0 RIVER ASSESSMENT TRIAGE TEAM (RATT). The flooding of the Stillwater and East Rosebud River was on a scale never seen before. RATT was modeled after the concept used as a response to the disaster along the Musselshell River near Roundup, MT. Tallies for 2024: RATT received a grant of \$33,500 from Stillwater Conservation District to pay for debris removal. RATT spearheaded post-flood debris removal efforts on the Stillwater River, collecting 10 dump truck loads of non-native debris from 12 sties along riverbanks and islands from Nye to Columbus. Paid one contractor \$16040 for debris removal and awarded two flood relief grants for ditch stabilization project \$5,500.

Form 990, Part III, Line 4d: Program Service Expenses: 8,245, Grants and allocations: 0, Revenue: 0 STILLWATER-ROSEBUD WATER QUALITY INITIATIVE (SRWQI) was new in Fall of 2020. SRWQI is aimed at continuing a watershed assessment project, monitoring the health of streams and developing geographic information system (GIS) mapping capability in the watershed. The SRWQI completed the fourth year of collecting baseline water samples at nine sites on four tributaries encompassing 116 river miles in the Stillwater-Rosebud drainages. The SRWQI rallied seven volunteers to lead water sampling and data collection efforts. The SRWQI assisted Montana State University with compilation of a comprehensive 3-year summary of data that had been collected from the SRWQI. The data collected by this project is of a non-regulatory nature, intended to provide some basic indication of stream health to inform the residents of the Stillwater Valley and protect all the uses we make our streams for this generation and those to come.

Form 990, Part IX, Line 11g: FEES FOR SERVICES; OTHER: TOTAL IN 2023 \$264,923. Fees for Service consists of the following expenses: Contract labor: CWCP commercial applicators fees \$34,724; HAZ FUELS commercial tree masticaton \$153,067; RATT debris removal \$16,040; SRWQI fees to Energy Labs for water sample testing \$1,919; WHIP commercial applicator fees \$59,172.

Form 990, Part VII, Section A, Line 1a (1),(2),(3): Compensation of treasurer \$8248 for 2024. The treasurer is paid \$65/hour was voted on by board based on what a prior accountant was charging. Her current normal hourly rate is \$95/hour. The treasurer recused herself from the discussion and vote when board was determining her annual allowance. The treasurer does substantial bookkeeping, invoicing, and budgeting. The treasurer also efiles Form 1099 MISC, 1099 NEC and prepares and efiles Form 990. Compensation of Coordinator \$40,400. She procures grants that align with our tax exempt mission. If a grant is awarded it is the responsibility of the Coordinator to oversee grant compliance on our behalf. The coordinator is also responsible for planning our fundraising events. The Coordinator has no voting power, and no authority over management decisions. We also have an assistant coordinator to oversee RATT and his compensation was \$950.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11(a): A copy of Form 990 was presented to the board on November 15th prior to efilling and draft copy was uploaded to the Treasurers secure portal and all board members can be invited to the portal.

Form 990, Part VII, Section A, Line 1a (1-16): SVWC is located in a rural area of Montana and recruiting board members can be a challenge. SVWC would like to disclose family relationships in existence on the current board. Timothy Schaff (Chairman) family relationship with Tyrele Schaff (Board Member). Tom Kircher (Board Member) is an employee of Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company in their environmental department. Sibanye Stillwater Mining Company made a \$25,000 contribution in 2024. Noel Keogh (Board Member) has a family relationship with Penny Keoh who on the Board of the Nye Community Foundation (an unrelated organization) and they are a grant contributor. The board has procedures in place to insure no conflicts of interest arise when voting or discussing board matters.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19: Copies of Form 990, and amended Bylaws are available on our website. Governing Documents, Letter of Determination, Conflict of Interest Policy, and Form 990 Schedule B-Schedule of Contributors can all be obtained by contacting our Coordinator at svwc2010@hotmail.com.

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Form 990, Part XII, Line 1: Accounting method change from Cash to Hybrid. SVWC has prepaid
CWCP program revenue and it is correctly reported as a Liability-Deferred revenue. The amount
is not material.

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Part II (Sch G (990)) - Events

		Totals:	42,240	18,436	23,804	0	0	700	4,369	1,600	20,150
Event type		Gross receipts	Less: (Charitable contributions)	Gross income	Cash prizes	Noncash prizes	Rent/facility costs	Food and beverages	Entertainment	Other direct expenses	
1	SUMMER CELEBRATION	31,017	7,213	23,804			700	4,369	1,600	19,673	
2	MONTANA GIVES	11,223	11,223	0						477	

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