

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

2007

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

A For the 2007 calendar year, or tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2007** and ending **SEP 30, 2008**

B Check if applicable:
 Address change
 Name change
 Initial return
 Termination
 Amended return
 Application pending

C Name of organization
Defenders of Wildlife

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
1130 17th Street, NW

City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
Washington, DC 20036

D Employer identification number
53-0183181

E Telephone number
202-682-9400

F Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

G Website: ▶ **www.defenders.org**

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 ▶ **31,024,782.**

M Check if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

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 ▶ **N/A**
H(c) Are all affiliates included? **N/A** Yes No
 (If "No," attach a list.)
H(d) Is this a separate return filed by an organization covered by a group ruling? Yes No
I Group Exemption Number ▶ **N/A**

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances										
Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received:								
	a	Contributions to donor advised funds	1a							
	b	Direct public support (not included on line 1a)	1b	27,243,635.						
	c	Indirect public support (not included on line 1a)	1c	230,318.						
	d	Government contributions (grants) (not included on line 1a)	1d	205,021.						
	e	Total (add lines 1a through 1d) (cash \$ 27,678,974. noncash \$)	1e	27,678,974.						
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts (from Part VII, line 93)	2	87,975.						
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3							
	4	Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	4	130,630.						
	5	Dividends and interest from securities	5	104,507.						
	6a	Gross rents See Statement 1	6a	71,372.						
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b							
6c	Net rental income or (loss). Subtract line 6b from line 6a	6c	71,372.							
7	Other investment income (describe ▶)	7								
8a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(A) Securities	276,000.	8a		(B) Other				
b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	273,910.	8b							
c	Gain or (loss) (attach schedule)	2,090.	8c							
d	Net gain or (loss). Combine line 8c, columns (A) and (B) Stmt 2	8d	2,090.							
9	Special events and activities (attach schedule). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>									
a	Gross revenue (not including \$ 0. of contributions reported on line 1b)	9a	406,800.							
b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	9b								
c	Net income or (loss) from special events. Subtract line 9b from line 9a See Statement 3	9c	406,800.							
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a								
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b								
c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (attach schedule). Subtract line 10b from line 10a	10c								
11	Other revenue (from Part VII, line 103)	11	2,268,524.							
12	Total revenue. Add lines 1e, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c, 7, 8d, 9c, 10c, and 11	12	30,750,872.							
Expenses	13	Program services (from line 44, column (B))	13	24,427,982.						
	14	Management and general (from line 44, column (C))	14	4,851,942.						
	15	Fundraising (from line 44, column (D))	15	3,460,354.						
	16	Payments to affiliates (attach schedule)	16							
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 16 and 44, column (A)	17	32,740,278.						
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year. Subtract line 17 from line 12	18	<1,989,406.>						
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 73, column (A))	19	22,042,867.						
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation) See Statement 4	20	<1,566,687.>						
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18, 19, and 20	21	18,486,774.						

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LHA For Privacy Act and Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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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.

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
22a Grants paid from donor advised funds (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>0</u> . noncash \$ <u>0</u> . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>				Statement 6
22b Other grants and allocations (attach schedule) (cash \$ <u>351,004</u> . noncash \$ <u>0</u> . If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	351,004.	351,004.		
23 Specific assistance to individuals (attach schedule)				
24 Benefits paid to or for members (attach schedule)				
25a Compensation of current officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-A	798,065.	214,086.	475,701.	108,278.
b Compensation of former officers, directors, key employees, etc. listed in Part V-B	0.	0.	0.	0.
c 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)				
26 Salaries and wages of employees not included on lines 25a, b, and c	8,832,655.	7,191,163.	926,318.	715,174.
27 Pension plan contributions not included on lines 25a, b, and c	685,681.	572,183.	64,968.	48,530.
28 Employee benefits not included on lines 25a - 27	1,401,121.	1,108,095.	166,775.	126,251.
29 Payroll taxes	686,659.	547,286.	87,827.	51,546.
30 Professional fundraising fees	1,871,838.	1,264,913.	288,932.	317,993.
31 Accounting fees	53,685.	75.	53,535.	75.
32 Legal fees	54,213.	25,020.	24,080.	5,113.
33 Supplies	162,478.	144,401.	11,196.	6,881.
34 Telephone	188,456.	155,596.	22,842.	10,018.
35 Postage and shipping	5,076,948.	3,553,733.	776,818.	746,397.
36 Occupancy	765,613.	511,346.	228,966.	25,301.
37 Equipment rental and maintenance	97,788.	73,818.	9,963.	14,007.
38 Printing and publications	3,877,215.	2,658,168.	616,886.	602,161.
39 Travel	587,307.	506,132.	49,820.	31,355.
40 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	232,412.	124,118.	74,353.	33,941.
41 Interest	305,025.	243,112.	39,015.	22,898.
42 Depreciation, depletion, etc. (attach schedule)	624,745.	497,938.	79,908.	46,899.
43 Other expenses not covered above (itemize):				
a				
b				
c				
d				
e				
f				
g See Statement 5	6,087,370.	4,685,795.	854,039.	547,536.
44 Total functional expenses. Add lines 22a through 43g. (Organizations completing columns (B)-(D), carry these totals to lines 13-15)	32,740,278.	24,427,982.	4,851,942.	3,460,354.

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 \$ 12,547,389. ; (ii) the amount allocated to Program services \$ 8,369,730. ;
 (iii) the amount allocated to Management and general \$ 2,195,262. ; and (iv) the amount allocated to Fundraising \$ 1,982,397.

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? ▶	Program Service Expenses
Habitat and species protection. All organizations must describe their exempt purpose achievements in a clear and concise manner. State the number of clients served, publications issued, etc. Discuss achievements that are not measurable. (Section 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must also enter the amount of grants and allocations to others.)	(Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) orgs., and 4947(a)(1) trusts; but optional for others.)
a See Statement 7 - Wildlife Action _____ _____ _____ _____	
(Grants and allocations \$ <u>351,004.</u>) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	13,794,846.
b See Statement 8 - Information, Education, and Communication _____ _____ _____ _____	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	8,929,931.
c See Statement 9 - Constituency Outreach _____ _____ _____ _____	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	1,703,205.
d _____ _____ _____ _____	
(Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
e Other program services (attach schedule) (Grants and allocations \$ _____) If this amount includes foreign grants, check here ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>	
f Total of Program Service Expenses (should equal line 44, column (B), Program services) ▶	24,427,982.

Part IV Balance Sheets (See the instructions.)

Note: Where required, attached schedules and amounts within the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only.

		(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
Assets	45 Cash - non-interest-bearing	134,927.	<621,947.>
	46 Savings and temporary cash investments	4,483,977.	4,584,352.
	47 a Accounts receivable	669,057.	
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		669,057.
	48 a Pledges receivable		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	1,909.	
	49 Grants receivable	1,220,274.	1,706,081.
	50 a Receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		
	b Receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		
	51 a Other notes and loans receivable		
	b Less: allowance for doubtful accounts		
	52 Inventories for sale or use	585,763.	796,603.
	53 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	530,008.	785,891.
	54 a Investments - publicly-traded securities Stmt 10 <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV	1,932,711.	414,634.
	b Investments - other securities Stmt 15 <input type="checkbox"/> Cost <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FMV	4,908,902.	3,771,733.
55 a Investments - land, buildings, and equipment: basis			
b Less: accumulated depreciation			
56 Investments - other			
57 a Land, buildings, and equipment: basis	15,738,509.		
b Less: accumulated depreciation Stmt 11	3,458,909.		
58 Other assets, including program-related investments (describe ▶ See Statement 12)	6,359,788.	6,698,878.	
59 Total assets (must equal line 74). Add lines 45 through 58	33,800,346.	31,084,882.	
Liabilities	60 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,409,863.	2,144,620.
	61 Grants payable		
	62 Deferred revenue	191,044.	20,867.
	63 Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and key employees		
	64 a Tax-exempt bond liabilities Stmt 13	6,585,000.	6,430,000.
	b Mortgages and other notes payable		
	65 Other liabilities (describe ▶ See Statement 14)	2,571,572.	4,002,621.
66 Total liabilities. Add lines 60 through 65	11,757,479.	12,598,108.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 67 through 69 and lines 73 and 74.		
	67 Unrestricted	12,600,797.	9,469,338.
	68 Temporarily restricted	7,764,070.	7,517,929.
	69 Permanently restricted	1,678,000.	1,499,507.
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 70 through 74.		
	70 Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds		
	71 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, and equipment fund		
	72 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		
	73 Total net assets or fund balances. Add lines 67 through 69 or lines 70 through 72. (Column (A) must equal line 19 and column (B) must equal line 21)	22,042,867.	18,486,774.
	74 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances. Add lines 66 and 73	33,800,346.	31,084,882.

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	31,102,302.
b Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 12:			
1	Net unrealized gains on investments	b1	<1,566,687.>
2	Donated services and use of facilities	b2	1,918,117.
3	Recoveries of prior year grants	b3	
4	Other (specify):	b4	
Add lines b1 through b4		b	351,430.
c Subtract line b from line a		c	30,750,872.
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	0.
e Total revenue (Part I, line 12). Add lines c and d		e	30,750,872.

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

a Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements		a	34,658,395.
b Amounts included on line a but not on Part I, line 17:			
1	Donated services and use of facilities	b1	1,918,117.
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	1,918,117.
c Subtract line b from line a		c	32,740,278.
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	0.
e Total expenses (Part I, line 17). Add lines c and d		e	32,740,278.

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
See Statement 16		650,261.	147,804.	0.

Part V-A Current Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees <i>(continued)</i>		Yes	No
75 a	Enter the total number of officers, directors, and trustees permitted to vote on organization business at board meetings 23		
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	X
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." See Statement 18 If "Yes," attach a statement that includes the information described in the instructions.	75c	X
d	Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy?	75d	X

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
None				

Part VI Other Information <i>(See the instructions.)</i>		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	X
77	Were any changes made in the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes.	77	X
78 a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return?	78a	X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	78b	X
79	Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," attach a statement	79	X
80 a	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	X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the organization See Statement 17 _____ and check whether it is <input type="checkbox"/> exempt or <input type="checkbox"/> nonexempt		
81 a	Enter direct and indirect political expenditures. (See line 81 instructions.) 81a 0.		
b	Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	81b	X

Part VI Other Information (continued)

Yes No

82 a 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? 82a 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 1,918,117.
83 a Did the organization comply with the public inspection requirements for returns and exemption applications? 83a X
b Did the organization comply with the disclosure requirements relating to quid pro quo contributions? 83b X
84 a Did the organization solicit any contributions or gifts that were not tax deductible? 84a X
b If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 84b N/A
85 a 501(c)(4), (5), or (6). Were substantially all dues nondeductible by members? 85a N/A
b Did the organization make only in-house lobbying expenditures of \$2,000 or less? 85b N/A
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.
c Dues, assessments, and similar amounts from members 85c N/A
d Section 162(e) lobbying and political expenditures 85d N/A
e Aggregate nondeductible amount of section 6033(e)(1)(A) dues notices 85e N/A
f Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (line 85d less 85e) 85f N/A
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) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 12 86a N/A
b Gross receipts, included on line 12, for public use of club facilities 86b N/A
87 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter: a Gross income from members or shareholders 87a N/A
b Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 87b N/A
88 a 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 88a X
b 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 88b X
89 a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 0.; section 4912 0.; section 4955 0.
b 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. 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 0.
d Enter: Amount of tax on line 89c, above, reimbursed by the organization 0.
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
90 a List the states with which a copy of this return is filed See Statement 19
b Number of employees employed in the pay period that includes March 12, 2007 90b 104
91 a The books are in care of The Organization Telephone no. 202-682-9400
Located at 1130 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC ZIP + 4 20036
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)? 91b X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country Canada
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.

Part VI Other Information (continued) Yes No

c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the United States? 91c
 If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country N/A

92 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041- Check here
 and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 92 N/A

Part VII Analysis of Income-Producing Activities (See the instructions.)

Note: Enter gross amounts unless otherwise indicated.

	Unrelated business income		Excluded by section 512, 513, or 514		(E) Related or exempt function income
	(A) Business code	(B) Amount	(C) Exclu- sion code	(D) Amount	
93 Program service revenue:					
a Registration fees					49,257.
b Contract services					38,718.
c					
d					
e					
f Medicare/Medicaid payments					
g Fees and contracts from government agencies					
94 Membership dues and assessments					
95 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments			14	130,630.	
96 Dividends and interest from securities			14	104,507.	
97 Net rental income or (loss) from real estate:					
a debt-financed property					
b not debt-financed property			16	71,372.	
98 Net rental income or (loss) from personal property					
99 Other investment income					
100 Gain or (loss) from sales of assets other than inventory			18	2,090.	
101 Net income or (loss) from special events					406,800.
102 Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory					
103 Other revenue:					
a See Statement 20		4,750.		1,646,054.	617,720.
b					
c					
d					
e					
104 Subtotal (add columns (B), (D), and (E))		4,750.		1,954,653.	1,112,495.
105 Total (add line 104, columns (B), (D), and (E))					3,071,898.

Part VIII Relationship of Activities to the Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes (See the instructions.)

Line No. Explain how each activity for which income is reported in column (E) of Part VII contributed importantly to the accomplishment of the organization's exempt purposes (other than by providing funds for such purposes).

See Statement 21

Part IX Information Regarding Taxable Subsidiaries and Disregarded Entities (See the instructions.)

(A) Name, address, and EIN of corporation, partnership, or disregarded entity	(B) Percentage of ownership interest	(C) Nature of activities	(D) Total income	(E) End-of-year assets
N/A	%			
	%			
	%			
	%			

Part X Information Regarding Transfers Associated with Personal Benefit Contracts (See the instructions.)

(a) Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

(b) Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? Yes No

Note: If "Yes" to (b), file Form 8870 and Form 4720 (see instructions).

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). N/A

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					
b					
c					
Totals					

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					
c					
Totals					

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?


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 _____ Date _____

Type or print name and title _____

Paid Preparer's Use Only

Preparer's signature  Date **07/10/09** Check if self-employed

Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 **Rogers & Company PLLC
8300 Boone Boulevard, Suite 600
Vienna, VA 22182** EIN _____

Preparer's SSN or PTIN (See Gen. Inst. X) _____ Phone no. **703-893-0030**

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

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Name of the organization: **Defenders of Wildlife** Employer identification number: **53 0183181**

Part I Compensation of the Five Highest Paid Employees Other Than Officers, Directors, and Trustees
(See page 1 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
Charles J. Orasin 1130 17th Street, Washington, DC 2003	Sr VP Marketing 39.77	188,904.	42,943.	
William R. Irvin 1130 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC	Sr VP Conservation 40.00	158,340.	35,995.	
Jessie Brinkley 1130 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC	VP Development 39.75	139,622.	31,740.	
Robert L. Dewey 1130 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC	VP Govt Relations 39.61	129,923.	29,535.	
Robert Dreher 1130 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC	VP Conservation Law 40.00	125,000.	28,416.	
Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000	60			

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
Care2.com, Inc. 275 Shoreline Drive, Suite 300, Redwood City, CA	Computer & service bureau	420,000.
Direct Mail Processors, Inc. 1150 Conrad Court, Hagerstown, MD 21740	Direct mail processor	393,521.
Public Interest Data Inc. 1800 Diagonal Road, Suite 400, Alexandria, VA 223	Computer & service bureau	391,260.
Adam Hussey & Associates 1600 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 300, Arlington, VA 2	Professional fundraising	367,299.
The Other Firm 618 NW Glisan Street, Suite 201, Portland, OR 972	Consulting	219,714.
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services	11	

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
Public Interest Communications 7700 Leesburg Pike, Suite 301 North, Fall Church,	Telemarketing agent	987,138.
Share Group, Inc. P.O. Box 55183, Boston, MA 02205	Telemarketing agent	297,028.
Fineline 290 Garry Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 1H3	Telemarketing agent	233,846.
Harris Direct 6800 Owensmouth Avenue, Suite 200, Canoga Park, CA	Telemarketing agent	202,660.
Names in the News Calif. Inc. 1300 Clay Street, 11th Floor, Oakland, CA 94612	Mailing list rental agent	142,076.
Total number of other contractors receiving over \$50,000 for other services	2	

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 ▶ \$ _____ \$ <u>990,736.</u> (Must equal amounts on line 38, Part VI-A, or line i of Part VI-B.) 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.	X	
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?		X
b	Lending of money or other extension of credit?		X
c	Furnishing of goods, services, or facilities?		X
d	Payment of compensation (or payment or reimbursement of expenses if more than \$1,000)? <u>See Part V-A, Form 990</u>	X	
e	Transfer of any part of its income or assets?		X
3 a	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.)		X
b	Did the organization have a section 403(b) annuity plan for its employees?	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		X
d	Did the organization provide credit counseling, debt management, credit repair, or debt negotiation services?		X
4 a	Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," complete lines 4b through 4g. If "No," complete lines 4f and 4g		X
b	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966?		N/A
c	Did the organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person?		N/A
d	Enter the total number of donor advised funds owned at the end of the tax year		N/A
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 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		0.
g	Enter the aggregate value of assets in all funds or accounts included on line 4f at the end of the tax year		0.

Part IV Reason for Non-Private Foundation Status (See pages 4 through 8 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 8 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	
Total					▶

- 14 An organization organized and operated to test for public safety. Section 509(a)(4). (See page 8 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) 2006	(b) 2005	(c) 2004	(d) 2003	(e) Total
15 Gifts, grants, and contributions received. (Do not include unusual grants. See line 28.)	29,012,048.	27,280,822.	23,978,933.	20,756,879.	101,028,682.
16 Membership fees received					
17 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	125,757.				125,757.
18 Gross income from interest, dividends, amounts received from payments on securities loans (section 512(a)(5)), rents, royalties, income from similar sources, and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975	1,343,656.	1,501,269.	1,903,048.	1,272,658.	6,020,631.
19 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 18					
20 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to it or expended on its behalf					
21 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					
22 Other income. Attach a schedule. Do not include gain or (loss) from sale of capital assets	268,924.	504,681.	See Statement 22 253,085.	100,926.	1,127,616.
23 Total of lines 15 through 22	30,750,385.	29,286,772.	26,135,066.	22,130,463.	108,302,686.
24 Line 23 minus line 17	30,624,628.	29,286,772.	26,135,066.	22,130,463.	108,176,929.
25 Enter 1% of line 23	307,504.	292,868.	261,351.	221,305.	
26 Organizations described on lines 10 or 11: a Enter 2% of amount in column (e), line 24				26a	2,163,539.
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 2003 through 2006 exceeded the amount shown in line 26a. Do not file this list with your return. Enter the total of all these excess amounts				26b	0.
c Total support for section 509(a)(1) test: Enter line 24, column (e)				26c	108,176,929.
d Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 18 6,020,631. 19 _____				26d	7,148,247.
22 1,127,616. 26b _____				26e	101,028,682.
e Public support (line 26c minus line 26d total)				26f	93.3921%
f Public support percentage (line 26e (numerator) divided by line 26c (denominator))					
27 Organizations described on line 12: 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." Do not file this list with your return. Enter the sum of such amounts for each year: N/A					
(2006) _____ (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____					
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.) Do not file this list with your return. 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: N/A					
(2006) _____ (2005) _____ (2004) _____ (2003) _____					
c Add: Amounts from column (e) for lines: 15 _____ 16 _____				27c	N/A
17 _____ 20 _____ 21 _____				27d	N/A
d Add: Line 27a total _____ and line 27b total _____				27e	N/A
e Public support (line 27c total minus line 27d total)				27f	N/A
f Total support for section 509(a)(2) test: Enter amount on line 23, column (e)				27g	N/A %
g Public support percentage (line 27e (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))				27h	N/A %
h Investment income percentage (line 18, column (e) (numerator) divided by line 27f (denominator))					

28 Unusual Grants: For an organization described in line 10, 11, or 12 that received any unusual grants during 2003 through 2006, 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. Do not file this list with your return. Do not include these grants in line 15.

Part V Private School Questionnaire (See page 9 of the instructions.)

N/A

(To be completed ONLY by schools that checked the box on line 6 in Part IV)

		Yes	No
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.)			

32	Does the organization maintain the following:		
a	Records indicating the racial composition of the student body, faculty, and administrative staff?	32a	
b	Records documenting that scholarships and other financial assistance are awarded on a racially nondiscriminatory basis?	32b	
c	Copies of all catalogues, brochures, announcements, and other written communications to the public dealing with student admissions, programs, and scholarships?	32c	
d	Copies of all material used by the organization or on its behalf to solicit contributions?	32d	
If you answered "No" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			

33	Does the organization discriminate by race in any way with respect to:		
a	Students' rights or privileges?	33a	
b	Admissions policies?	33b	
c	Employment of faculty or administrative staff?	33c	
d	Scholarships or other financial assistance?	33d	
e	Educational policies?	33e	
f	Use of facilities?	33f	
g	Athletic programs?	33g	
h	Other extracurricular activities?	33h	
If you answered "Yes" to any of the above, please explain. (If you need more space, attach a separate statement.)			

34 a	Does the organization receive any financial aid or assistance from a governmental agency?	34a	
b	Has the organization's right to such aid ever been revoked or suspended?	34b	
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	35	

Part VI-A Lobbying Expenditures by Electing Public Charities (See page 11 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.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Affiliated group totals	(b) To be completed for all electing organizations
		N/A	
36	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)	36	229,118.
37	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	37	761,618.
38	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 36 and 37)	38	990,736.
39	Other exempt purpose expenditures	39	31,749,542.
40	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 38 and 39)	40	32,740,278.
41	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table - If the amount on line 40 is - The lobbying nontaxable amount is - 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 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	41	1,000,000.
42	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 41)	42	250,000.
43	Subtract line 42 from line 36. Enter -0- if line 42 is more than line 36	43	0.
44	Subtract line 41 from line 38. Enter -0- if line 41 is more than line 38	44	0.

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) 2007	(b) 2006	(c) 2005	(d) 2004	(e) Total
45	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	1,000,000.	4,000,000.
46					6,000,000.
47	990,736.	805,322.	806,497.	799,734.	3,402,289.
48	250,000.	250,000.	250,000.	250,000.	1,000,000.
49					1,500,000.
50	229,118.	176,535.	308,556.	148,782.	862,991.

Part VI-B Lobbying Activity by Nonelecting Public Charities

(For reporting only by organizations that did not complete Part VI-A) (See page 14 of the instructions.)

N/A

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
	a Volunteers		
b Paid staff or management (Include compensation in expenses reported on lines c through h.)			
c Media advertisements			
d Mailings to members, legislators, or the public			
e Publications, or published or broadcast statements			
f Grants to other organizations for lobbying purposes			
g Direct contact with legislators, their staffs, government officials, or a legislative body			
h Rallies, demonstrations, seminars, conventions, speeches, lectures, or any other means			
i Total lobbying expenditures (Add lines c through h.)			0.

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

Part VII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations (See page 14 of the instructions.)

51 Did the reporting organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?

a Transfers from the reporting organization to a noncharitable exempt organization of:

- (i) Cash
 - (ii) Other assets
- b** Other transactions:
- (i) Sales or exchanges of assets with a noncharitable exempt organization
 - (ii) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization
 - (iii) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets
 - (iv) Reimbursement arrangements
 - (v) Loans or loan guarantees
 - (vi) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations

	Yes	No
51a(i)		X
a(ii)		X
b(i)		X
b(ii)		X
b(iii)		X
b(iv)	X	
b(v)		X
b(vi)		X
c		X

c Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees

d If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting organization. If the organization received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received:

(a) Line no.	(b) Amount involved	(c) Name of noncharitable exempt organization	(d) Description of transfers, transactions, and sharing arrangements

52 a Is the organization directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? Yes No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule:

(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund	501(c)(4)	See Statement 23
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund		
527 Account	527	
Americans for Conservation	527	

Schedule B
(Form 990, 990-EZ,
or 990-PF)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Supplementary Information for
line 1 of Form 990, 990-EZ, and 990-PF (see instructions)

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2007

Name of organization

Defenders of Wildlife

Employer identification number

53-0183181

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

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 organizations filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. (Complete Parts I and II.)

Special Rules-

For a section 501(c)(3) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that met the 33 1/3% support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1)/170(b)(1)(A)(vi), and received from any one contributor, during the year, a contribution of the greater of \$5,000 or 2% of the amount on line 1 of these forms. (Complete Parts I and II.)

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, aggregate contributions or bequests of more than \$1,000 for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. (Complete Parts I, II, and III.)

For a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization filing Form 990, or Form 990-EZ, that received from any one contributor, during the year, some contributions for use *exclusively* for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but these contributions did not aggregate to 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. Do not complete any of the Parts unless the **General Rule** applies to this organization because it received nonexclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions of \$5,000 or more during the year.) ▶ \$ _____

Caution: Organizations that are not covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules do not file Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF), but they **must** check the box in the heading of their Form 990, Form 990-EZ, or on line 2 of their Form 990-PF, to certify that they do not meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

LHA For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions
for Form 990, Form 990-EZ, and Form 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF) (2007)

Name of organization Defenders of Wildlife	Employer identification number 53-0183181
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Part I Contributors (See Specific Instructions.)

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Aggregate contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1		\$ <u>602,500.</u>	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)
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		\$ _____	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II if there is a noncash contribution.)

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Asset No.	Description	Date Acquired	Method	Life	Line No.	Unadjusted Cost Or Basis	Bus % Excl	* Reduction In Basis	Basis For Depreciation	Accumulated Depreciation	Current Sec 179	Current Year Deduction
1	Land	Varies	SL	.000	16	4585586.			4585586.			0.
2	Property and equipment	Varies	SL	.000	16	11152923.			11152923.	2834164.		624,745.
3	(D) Property and equipment	Varies	SL	.000	16					9,763.		0.
	* Total 990 Page 2 Depr					15738509.		0.	15738509.	2843927.	0.	624,745.

Form 990	Rental Income	Statement	1
Kind and Location of Property		Activity Number	Gross Rental Income
Subleasing of facilities		1	71,372.
Total to Form 990, Part I, line 6a			71,372.

Form 990	Gain (Loss) From Publicly Traded Securities	Statement	2	
Description	Gross Sales Price	Cost or Other Basis	Expense of Sale	Net Gain or (Loss)
Sale of securities	276,000.	273,910.	0.	2,090.
To Form 990, Part I, line 8	276,000.	273,910.	0.	2,090.

Form 990	Special Events and Activities	Statement	3		
Description of Event	Gross Receipts	Contribut. Included	Gross Revenue	Direct Expenses	Net Income or (Loss)
	406,800.		406,800.		406,800.
To Fm 990, Part I, line 9	406,800.		406,800.		406,800.

Form 990	Other Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances	Statement	4
Description		Amount	
Net unrealized losses on investments		<1,566,687.>	
Total to Form 990, Part I, line 20		<1,566,687.>	

Form 990	Other Expenses			Statement 5
Description	(A) Total	(B) Program Services	(C) Management and General	(D) Fundraising
Awards	132,929.	69,814.	62,949.	166.
Computer services	1,255,602.	852,767.	238,322.	164,513.
Membership incentives	905,015.	770,071.	74,354.	60,590.
Professional fees	1,218,841.	1,052,049.	75,483.	91,309.
Loxbox fees	701,823.	456,090.	139,969.	105,764.
Honoraria	372,774.	284,177.	36,914.	51,683.
Taxes and licenses	286,214.	222,557.	41,832.	21,825.
Advertising	138,660.	130,159.	5,481.	3,020.
Proactive projects	61,541.	61,541.		
Insurance	76,527.	60,987.	9,792.	5,748.
Dues and subscriptions	114,609.	86,323.	17,408.	10,878.
List rentals	152,076.	100,771.	26,243.	25,062.
Temporary help	147,559.	75,981.	66,891.	4,687.
Registration fees	78,097.	46,466.	28,056.	3,575.
Compensation payments	278,285.	278,285.		
Miscellaneous	157,697.	130,487.	29,178.	<1,968.>
Bond amortization	9,121.	7,270.	1,167.	684.
Total to Fm 990, ln 43	6,087,370.	4,685,795.	854,039.	547,536.

Form 990	Cash Grants and Allocations to Individuals	Statement 6
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Class of Activity/Donee's Name and Address	Donee's Relationship	Amount
Grant Black Bear Conservation Committee P.O. Box 80442 Baton Rouge, LA 70898	None	5,000.
Grant Black Swamp Conservancy 132 West Second Street Perrysburgh, OH 43551	None	10,000.
Grant Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Endangered Species P.O. Box 590 Eagle Butte, SD 57625	None	5,000.
Grant Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	None	230,000.
Grant Grand Canyon Wildlands Council P.O. Box 1594 Flagstaff, AZ 86002	None	20,000.
Grant Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy 3860 N. Long Lake Road Travers City, MI 49684	None	5,000.
Grant Greater Yellowstone Coalition P.O. Box 1874 Bozeman, MT 59771	None	2,000.
Grant Kentucky Natural Lands Trust 433 Chestnut Street Berea, KY 40403	None	10,000.
Grant National Wildlife Federation 240 North Higgins Missoula, MT 59802	None	5,000.

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Grant New Mexico Friends of River Otters P.O. Box 238 Taos, NM 87571	None	15,000.
Grant North Carolina Coastal Land Trust 3301 Trent Road New Bern, NC 28562	None	5,000.
Grant Northern Jaguar Project 110 S. Church Tucson, AZ 85701	None	7,004.
Grant Oglala Sioux Parks and Recreation Authority P.O. Box 570 Kyle, SD 57752	None	5,000.
Grant Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy 6851 S. Sprinkle Road Portage, MI 49002	None	10,000.
Grant Teton Regional Land Trust P.O. Box 247 Driggs, ID 83422	None	5,000.
Grant Whidbey Camano Land Trust Wonn Road Greenbank, WA 98253	None	10,000.
Grant Yellowstone Park Foundation 222 East Main Street Bozeman, MT 59715	None	2,000.

Total Included on Form 990, Part II, line 22b

351,004.

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Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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Description of Program Service One

Wildlife Action - Long known for its leadership on endangered species issues, Defenders of Wildlife is a solution-oriented organization dedicated to saving imperiles animals and plants, conserving habitat and building a broad constituency for protecting wildlife and wild places. We harness the skills and expertise of more than 100 scientists, wildlife specialists, educators, activists, economists and attorneys to work in the hall of Congress, state legislatures, the courts, local communities and more than a dozen Defenders of Wildlife offices in North America. We develop and advocate innovative solutions that will encourage conservation of entire ecosystems and interconnected habitats while protecting predators that serve as indivator species for ecosystem health. Through this multi-pronged approach of education, advocacy, reseach and litigation, we work to: *Protect Native Animals and Plans: We develop and champion practical programs to save a wide variety of North American species, including key species such as wetlands, forests and grasslands from unsustainable use. *Advocate for Environmental Legislation: We mobilize supporters and work with partners on the international, national, and state and local levels to secure laws and policies that safegaurd wild species and their habitats.

	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
To Form 990, Part III, line a	351,004.	13,794,846.

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Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Statement 8

Description of Program Service Two

Information, Education, and Communication: Defenders of Wildlife's quarterly magazine, DEFENDERS, is sent to all members. This award-winning publication features informative articles on crucial wildlife and conservation issues, editorial comment, and accounts of current actions taken by the organization. Defenders of Wildlife's other educational outreach projects include: providing the public with up-to-date information on wildlife and habitat protection issues; maintaining an activist network and alerting activists to contact elected officials on key wildlife issues; and providing information to students and teachers of wildlife issues. Defenders of Wildlife also reaches the public by briefing the local and national media on timely and crucial wildlife topics and by producing high-quality video and radio public service announcements on protecting America's wildlife and wild lands. Defenders of Wildlife's Website offers extensive information on Wildlife's species and related conservation issues. The Website, www.defenders.org, serves as a resource for learning more about wildlife, understanding current policy issues, and getting involved. Defenders of Wildlife also has over 25 other campaign and informational sites, included www.savearticrefuge.org, www.saveesa.org, and www.kidsplanet.org.

	<u>Grants</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
To Form 990, Part III, line b		8,929,931.

Form 990 Statement of Program Service Accomplishments Statement 9

Description of Program Service Three

Constituency Outreach: Defenders of Wildlife has an aggressive program to recruit and retain members to facilitate public participation in furthering its mission. Defenders of Wildlife provides the public with educational materials to inform them about issues affecting wildlife, the work of Defenders of Wildlife, and opportunities to take action on behalf of imperiled wildlife.

	Grants	Expenses
To Form 990, Part III, line c		1,703,205.

Form 990 Government Securities Statement 10

Description	Cost/FMV	U.S. Government	State and Local Gov't	Total Gov't Securities
U.S. Government Securities	FMV	414,634.		414,634.
Total to Form 990, line 54a, Col B		414,634.		414,634.

Form 990 Depreciation of Assets Not Held for Investment Statement 11

Description	Cost or Other Basis	Accumulated Depreciation	Book Value
Land	4,585,586.	0.	4,585,586.
Property and equipment	11,152,923.	3,458,909.	7,694,014.
Total to Form 990, Part IV, ln 57	15,738,509.	3,458,909.	12,279,600.

Form 990	Other Assets	Statement	12
Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	
Assets held in charitable remainder and other trusts	5,154,098.	5,569,350.	
Accrued interest and dividends	23,087.	843.	
Unamortized cost of issuing bonds	198,360.	189,240.	
Bequests and trusts receivable	984,243.	939,445.	
Total to Form 990, Part IV, line 58	6,359,788.	6,698,878.	

Form 990 Tax-Exempt Bond Mortgages Outstanding Statement 13

Purpose of Issue

District of Columbia tax exempt bonds

Unexpended Bond Proceeds	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Use by Third Party	Amount of Issue Outstanding
0.	07/01/29	.00%	NO	
<p>Repayment Terms</p> <p>The term of the bonds is 27 years, with interest only for the first 2 years.</p>				
<p>Security Provided</p> <p>Bulding</p>				
<p>Total included on Form 990, Part IV, line 64a</p>				6,430,000.

Form 990 Other Liabilities Statement 14

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year
Line of credit payable	375,000.	1,000,000.
Annuity and other split-interest obligations	2,196,572.	2,364,301.
Interest rate swap		638,320.
Total to Form 990, Part IV, line 65	2,571,572.	4,002,621.

Form 990	Other Securities	Statement	15
<u>Security Description</u>	<u>Cost/FMV</u>	<u>Other Securities</u>	
Mutual Funds	FMV	3,429,303.	
Money Market funds	FMV	302,889.	
Certificates of deposit	FMV	39,541.	
To Form 990, line 54b, Col B		<u>3,771,733.</u>	

Form 990 Part V-A - List of Current Officers, Directors, Trustees and Key Employees Statement 16

<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title and Avrg Hrs/Wk</u>	<u>Compen-sation</u>	<u>Employee Ben Plan Contrib</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Rodger Schlickeisen 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	President 34.20	254,947.	57,949.	0.
Adelaide P. Gomer 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Secretary 10.00	0.	0.	0.
Richard Kopcho 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Treasurer 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Joseph A. Zillo 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Assistant Treasurer 39.78	150,432.	34,193.	0.
Jamie Rappaport Clark 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Executive Vice President 39.98	244,882.	55,662.	0.
Edward Asner 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Peter G. Brown 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.

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Jeff Corwin 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Irene Crowe 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Gloria Flora 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Caroline Gabel 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Eric R. Glitzenstein 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Liberty Godshall 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Ron Pulliam 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Winsome McIntosh 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Ruth Musgrave 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Barry Noon 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Terry C. Pelster 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 10.00	0.	0.	0.
Richard Pritzlaff 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
George B. Rabb 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.

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Laura Turner Seydel 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Karin Sheldon 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Vic Sher 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 10.00	0.	0.	0.
Alan Steinberg 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.
Lee Talbot 1130 17th Street, NW Washington, DC 20036	Director 2.00	0.	0.	0.

Totals Included on Form 990, Part V-A

650,261. 147,804. 0.

Form 990 Identification of Related Organizations Statement 17
Part VI, Line 80b

<u>Name of Organization</u>	<u>Exempt</u>	<u>NonExempt</u>
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund	X	
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account	X	
Americans for Conservation	X	

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Part V-A Officer Compensation from
Related Organizations

Statement 18

<u>Officer's Name</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Employee Benefit Plan Contribution</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Rodger Schlickeisen	43,041.	9,783.	

<u>Name of Related Organization</u>	<u>Employer ID Number</u>
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund	52-2298744

Relationship Between Organizations

Affiliates

Compensation Description

Rodger Schlickeisen serves as the President for Defenders of Wildlife, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account, and Americans for Conservation and is compensated from multiple organizations.

<u>Officer's Name</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Employee Benefit Plan Contribution</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Joseph A. Zillo	745.	169.	

<u>Name of Related Organization</u>	<u>Employer ID Number</u>
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund	52-2298744

Relationship Between Organizations

Affiliates

Compensation Description

Joseph Zillo serves as the Assistant Treasurer for Defenders of Wildlife, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, and Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account, and devoted time to Americans for Conservation and is compensated from multiple organizations.

<u>Officer's Name</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Employee Benefit Plan Contribution</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Jamie Rappaport Clark	118.	27.	
<u>Name of Related Organization</u>		<u>Employer ID Number</u>	
Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund		52-2298744	

Relationship Between Organizations

Affiliates

Compensation Description

Jamie Rappaport Clark serves as the Executive Vice President of Defenders of Wildlife, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, and Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account and is compensated from multiple organizations.

<u>Officer's Name</u>	<u>Compensation</u>	<u>Employee Benefit Plan Contribution</u>	<u>Expense Account</u>
Rodger Schlickeisen	179.	41.	
<u>Name of Related Organization</u>		<u>Employer ID Number</u>	
Americans for Conservation		74-3171415	

Relationship Between Organizations

Common board members

Compensation Description

Rodger Schlickeisen serves as the President for Defenders of Wildlife, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account, and Americans for Conservation and is compensated from multiple organizations.

Officer's Name	Compensation	Employee Benefit Plan Contribution	Expense Account
Joseph A. Zillo	73.	17.	

Name of Related Organization	Employer ID Number
Americans for Conservation	74-3171415

Relationship Between Organizations
Common board members

Compensation Description

Joseph Zillo serves as the Assistant Treasurer for Defenders of Wildlife, Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund, and Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account, and devoted time to Americans for Conservation and is compensated from multiple organizations.

Form 990 List of States Receiving Copy of Return Statement 19
 Part VI, Line 90

States

AK, AL, AR, AZ, CA, CO, CT, DC, FL, GA, HI, IL, KS, KY, LA, MA, MD, ME, MN, MS, NC, ND, NH, NJ, NM, NY, OH, OK, OR, PA, RI, SC, TN, UT, VA, WA, WI, WV, MI

Form 990 Other Revenue Statement 20

Description	Bus Code	Unrelated Business Inc	Excl Code	Excluded Amount	Related or Exempt Function Income
Mailing list rental			13	131,979.	
Mailing list rental			15	315,309.	
Royalties			15	1,198,766.	
Reimbursed expenses					573,728.
Miscellaneous					43,992.
Royalties	900004	4,750.			
To Form 990, Part VII, line 103		4,750.		1,646,054.	617,720.

Form 990 Part VIII - Relationship of Activities to Statement 21
 Accomplishment of Exempt Purposes

Line	Explanation of Relationship of Activities
93a	Fees earned through registration fees for the Organization's confernces and events.
93b	Income generated through the performance of contracts for services provided which relate to the Organization's exempt purpose.
103a	Reimbursed expenses - amounts received from related organization based on terms of cost-sharing agreement. Miscellaneous - income generated from activities which help to accomplish the Organization's exempt purpose.

Schedule A Other Income Statement 22

Description	2006 Amount	2005 Amount	2004 Amount	2003 Amount
Other	268,924.	504,681.	253,085.	100,926.
Total to Schedule A, line 22	268,924.	504,681.	253,085.	100,926.

Schedule A	Affiliation with Tax-Exempt Organizations Part VII, Line 52, Column (c)	Statement 23
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Name of Affiliated or Related Organization

Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund

Description of Relationship with Affiliated or Related Organization

Affiliate

Name of Affiliated or Related Organization

Defenders of Wildlife Action Fund 527 Account

Description of Relationship with Affiliated or Related Organization

Affiliate

Name of Affiliated or Related Organization

Americans for Conservation

Description of Relationship with Affiliated or Related Organization

Historical and continuing relationship

Application for Extension of Time To File an Exempt Organization Return

OMB No. 1545-1709

▶ File a separate application for each return.

- If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part I** and check this box
 - If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only **Part II** (on page 2 of this form).
- Do not complete Part II unless you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.**

Part I Automatic 3-Month Extension of Time. Only submit original (no copies needed).

A corporation required to file Form 990-T and requesting an automatic 6-month extension - check this box and complete Part I only

All other corporations (including 1120-C filers), partnerships, REMICs, and trusts must use Form 7004 to request an extension of time to file income tax returns.

Electronic Filing (e-file). Generally, you can electronically file Form 8868 if you want a 3-month automatic extension of time to file one of the returns noted below (6 months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T). However, you cannot file Form 8868 electronically if (1) you want the additional (not automatic) 3-month extension or (2) you file Forms 990-BL, 6069, or 8870, group returns, or a composite or consolidated Form 990-T. Instead, you must submit the fully completed and signed page 2 (Part II) of Form 8868. For more details on the electronic filing of this form, visit www.irs.gov/efile and click on *e-file for Charities & Nonprofits*.

Type or print	Name of Exempt Organization Defenders of Wildlife	Employer identification number 53-0183181
File by the due date for filing your return. See instructions.	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1130 17th Street, NW	
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Washington, DC 20036	

Check type of return to be filed(file a separate application for each return):

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|--|---|------------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (corporation) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 4720 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-BL | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 5227 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-EZ | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-T (trust other than above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 6069 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990-PF | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 1041-A | <input type="checkbox"/> Form 8870 |

- The books are in the care of ▶ The Organization
Telephone No. ▶ 202-682-9400 FAX No. ▶ 202-682-1331
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____ . If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension will cover.

1 I request an automatic 3-month (6-months for a corporation required to file Form 990-T) extension of time until May 15, 2009 , to file the exempt organization return for the organization named above. The extension is for the organization's return for:
▶ calendar year _____ or
▶ tax year beginning OCT 1, 2007 , and ending SEP 30, 2008 .

2 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period

3a If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	3a	\$	
b If this application is for Form 990-PF or 990-T, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit.	3b	\$	
c Balance Due. Subtract line 3b from line 3a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	3c	\$	N/A

Caution. If you are going to make an electronic fund withdrawal with this Form 8868, see Form 8453-EO and Form 8879-EO for payment instructions.

• If you are filing for an **Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part II and check this box

Note. Only complete Part II if you have already been granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

• If you are filing for an **Automatic 3-Month Extension**, complete only Part I (on page 1).

Part II Additional (Not Automatic) 3-Month Extension of Time. You must file original and one copy.

Type or print File by the extended due date for filing the return. See instructions.	Name of Exempt Organization Defenders of Wildlife	Employer identification number 53-0183181
	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. 1130 17th Street, NW	For IRS use only
	City, town or post office, state, and ZIP code. For a foreign address, see instructions. Washington, DC 20036	

Check type of return to be filed (File a separate application for each return):

- Form 990 Form 990-EZ Form 990-T (sec. 401(a) or 408(a) trust) Form 1041-A Form 5227 Form 8870
- Form 990-BL Form 990-PF Form 990-T (trust other than above) Form 4720 Form 6069

STOP! Do not complete Part II if you were not already granted an automatic 3-month extension on a previously filed Form 8868.

- The books are in the care of **The Organization**
Telephone No. **202-682-9400** FAX No. **202-682-1331**
- If the organization does not have an office or place of business in the United States, check this box
- If this is for a Group Return, enter the organization's four digit Group Exemption Number (GEN) _____. If this is for the whole group, check this box . If it is for part of the group, check this box and attach a list with the names and EINs of all members the extension is for.

- 4 I request an additional 3-month extension of time until **August 15, 2009**.
- 5 For calendar year _____, or other tax year beginning **OCT 1, 2007**, and ending **SEP 30, 2008**.
- 6 If this tax year is for less than 12 months, check reason: Initial return Final return Change in accounting period
- 7 State in detail why you need the extension
Additional time needed to compile third party information necessary to file a complete and accurate return.

8a	If this application is for Form 990-BL, 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter the tentative tax, less any nonrefundable credits. See instructions.	8a	\$	
b	If this application is for Form 990-PF, 990-T, 4720, or 6069, enter any refundable credits and estimated tax payments made. Include any prior year overpayment allowed as a credit and any amount paid previously with Form 8868.	8b	\$	
c	Balance Due. Subtract line 8b from line 8a. Include your payment with this form, or, if required, deposit with FTD coupon or, if required, by using EFTPS (Electronic Federal Tax Payment System). See instructions.	8c	\$	N/A

Signature and Verification

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

Signature  Title **CPA** Date **5-13-09**