

Form **8453-EO**

**Exempt Organization Declaration and Signature for
Electronic Filing**

OMB No. 1545-1879

For calendar year 2015, or tax year beginning 07/01, 2015, and ending 06/30, 20 16

2015

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For use with Forms 990, 990-EZ, 990-PF, 1120-POL, and 8868

Name of exempt organization

Employer identification number

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC

41-1429149

Part I Type of Return and Return Information (Whole Dollars Only)

Check the box for the type of return being filed with Form 8453-EO and enter the applicable amount, if any, from the return. If you check the box on line 1a, 2a, 3a, 4a, or 5a below and the amount on that line of the return being filed with this form was blank, then leave line 1b, 2b, 3b, 4b, or 5b, whichever is applicable, blank (do not enter -0-). If you entered -0- on the return, then enter -0- on the applicable line below. **Do not** complete more than one line in Part I.

1a Form 990 check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990, Part VIII, column (A), line 12) . . .	1b <u>67,885,463</u>
2a Form 990-EZ check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total revenue, if any (Form 990-EZ, line 9)	2b _____
3a Form 1120-POL check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Total tax (Form 1120-POL, line 22).	3b _____
4a Form 990-PF check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Tax based on investment income (Form 990-PF, Part VI, line 5)	4b _____
5a Form 8868 check here <input type="checkbox"/>	b Balance due (Form 8868, Part I, line 3c or Part II, line 8c) . . .	5b _____

Part II Declaration of Officer

- 6 ☐ I authorize the U.S. Treasury and its designated Financial Agent to initiate an Automated Clearing House (ACH) electronic funds withdrawal (direct debit) entry to the financial institution account indicated in the tax preparation software for payment of the organization's federal taxes owed on this return, and the financial institution to debit the entry to this account. To revoke a payment, I must contact the U.S. Treasury Financial Agent at 1-888-353-4537 no later than 2 business days prior to the payment (settlement) date. I also authorize the financial institutions involved in the processing of the electronic payment of taxes to receive confidential information necessary to answer inquiries and resolve issues related to the payment.
- ☐ If a copy of this return is being filed with a state agency(ies) regulating charities as part of the IRS Fed/State program, I certify that I executed the electronic disclosure consent contained within this return allowing disclosure by the IRS of this Form 990/990-EZ/990-PF (as specifically identified in Part I above) to the selected state agency(ies).

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I am an officer of the above named organization and that I have examined a copy of the organization's 2015 electronic return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. I further declare that the amount in Part I above is the amount shown on the copy of the organization's electronic return. I consent to allow my intermediate service provider, transmitter, or electronic return originator (ERO) to send the organization's return to the IRS and to receive from the IRS (a) an acknowledgement of receipt or reason for rejection of the transmission, (b) the reason for any delay in processing the return or refund, and (c) the date of any refund.

Sign
Here


Signature of officer

Date

James Koerber, CFO
Title

Part III Declaration of Electronic Return Originator (ERO) and Paid Preparer (see instructions)

I declare that I have reviewed the above organization's return and that the entries on Form 8453-EO are complete and correct to the best of my knowledge. If I am only a collector, I am not responsible for reviewing the return and only declare that this form accurately reflects the data on the return. The organization officer will have signed this form before I submit the return. I will give the officer a copy of all forms and information to be filed with the IRS, and have followed all other requirements in Pub. 4163, Modernized e-File (MeF) Information for Authorized IRS e-file Providers for Business Returns. If I am also the Paid Preparer, under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined the above organization's return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. This Paid Preparer declaration is based on all information of which I have any knowledge.

ERO's Use Only	ERO's signature 	Date	Check if also paid preparer <input type="checkbox"/>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	ERO's SSN or PTIN
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP code				EIN
				Phone no.	

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined the above return and accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer is based on all information of which the preparer has any knowledge.

Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name				Firm's EIN
	Firm's address				Phone no.

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

▶ Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

▶ Information about Form 990 and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**2015****Open to Public Inspection**

A For the 2015 calendar year, or tax year beginning <u>07/01</u> , 2015, and ending <u>06/30</u> , 20 <u>16</u>																									
B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Final return/terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	<table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td colspan="2">C Name of organization <u>PHEASANTS FOREVER INC</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Doing business as</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)</td> <td>Room/suite</td> </tr> <tr> <td><u>1783 BUERKLE CIRCLE</u></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>ST PAUL, MN, 55110-5254</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">F Name and address of principal officer: <u>James Koerber</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"><u>1783 Buerkle Circle, St Paul, MN 55110-5254</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">H(c) Group exemption number ▶</td> </tr> </table>	C Name of organization <u>PHEASANTS FOREVER INC</u>		Doing business as		Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address)	Room/suite	<u>1783 BUERKLE CIRCLE</u>		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code		<u>ST PAUL, MN, 55110-5254</u>		F Name and address of principal officer: <u>James Koerber</u>		<u>1783 Buerkle Circle, St Paul, MN 55110-5254</u>		H(a) Is this a group return for subordinates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		H(b) Are all subordinates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)		H(c) Group exemption number ▶	
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D Employer identification number <u>41-1429149</u>																									
E Telephone number <u>651-773-2000</u>																									
G Gross receipts \$ <u>94,630,592</u>																									
I Tax-exempt status: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c)(3) <input type="checkbox"/> 501(c) () ◀ (insert no.) <input type="checkbox"/> 4947(a)(1) or <input type="checkbox"/> 527																									
J Website: ▶ <u>www.pheasantsforever.org</u>																									
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶																									
L Year of formation: <u>1982</u>																									
M State of legal domicile: <u>MN</u>																									

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>Pheasants Forever is dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs.</u>		
	2	Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.		
	3	Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	<u>17</u>
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	<u>16</u>
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2015 (Part V, line 2a)	5	<u>329</u>
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	<u>4,000</u>
	7a	Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	<u>877,153</u>
	b	Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34	7b	<u>14,211</u>
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	<u>37,975,475</u>	<u>49,541,515</u>
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	<u>5,518,649</u>	<u>7,347,855</u>
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	<u>833,039</u>	<u>302,160</u>
	12	Total revenue—add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	<u>9,925,135</u>	<u>10,693,933</u>
Expenses	13	Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)	<u>54,252,298</u>	<u>67,885,463</u>
	14	Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	15	Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	16a	Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	<u>13,920,367</u>	<u>15,029,011</u>
	b	Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ <u>7,082,266</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
	17	Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	<u>39,844,270</u>	<u>50,980,855</u>
	18	Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	<u>53,764,637</u>	<u>66,009,866</u>
19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	<u>487,661</u>	<u>1,875,597</u>	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year	End of Year
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	<u>40,418,628</u>	<u>41,638,020</u>
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	<u>9,373,513</u>	<u>8,827,298</u>
			<u>31,045,115</u>	<u>32,810,722</u>

Part II Signature Block

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	<u>James Koerber, CFO</u> Type or print name and title				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	Firm's name ▶	Firm's EIN ▶			
	Firm's address ▶	Phone no.			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions) ☐ Yes ☐ No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Cat. No. 11282Y

Form **990** (2015)

Part III Statement of Program Service AccomplishmentsCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III ☐**1** Briefly describe the organization's mission:

Pheasants Forever is dedicated to the conservation of pheasants, quail and other wildlife through habitat improvements, public awareness, education and land management policies and programs.

2 Did the organization undertake any significant program services during the year which were not listed on the prior Form 990 or 990-EZ? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these new services on Schedule O.

3 Did the organization cease conducting, or make significant changes in how it conducts, any program services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," describe these changes on Schedule O.

4 Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations are required to report the amount of grants and allocations to others, the total expenses, and revenue, if any, for each program service reported.**4a** (Code:) (Expenses \$ 46,967,550 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 6,057,335)

Wildlife Habitat Initiatives: During the year Pheasants Forever, Inc. completed 15,296 habitat projects impacting 382,031 acres. Since its inception in 1982, Pheasants Forever has expended approximately \$534 million and completed 517,463 habitat projects on 8,428,350 acres of land. These projects include land acquisitions, shelterbelts, wetlands, food plots, nesting cover, maintenance and purchase of habitat equipment. Following are current yearend historical highlights of the various projects completed by Pheasants Forever: Land Acquisitions-Land acquired by or with the help of Pheasants Forever is generally donated to State and Federal wildlife agencies for public wildlife management areas. During the year, Pheasants Forever spent \$21.6 million to help purchase 3,674 acres of land. Since inception, Pheasants Forever has helped purchase, and put into public domain, 187,949 acres of land at a cost of \$165 million. Shelterbelts- A well designed shelterbelt can effectively protect buildings from exposure to harsh weather conditions, roadways from drifting snow and topsoil from wind erosion. Shelterbelts also provide loafing, feeding, roosting and escape cover for pheasants and other upland wildlife throughout the year. In harsh winters, shelterbelts become rescue cover, allowing a nucleus of breeding individuals to survive the winter and repopulate the rural landscape the next

(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 1)

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 6,966,992 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 1,290,520)

Education and Outreach: The education and outreach component of Pheasants Forever provides year round youth programs that offer a pathway of activities that cultivate and grow land stewards and hunting conservationists of all ages. The focus is on hunter recruitment, retention, and reactivation. This initiative is carried on in part through the No Child Left Indoors(R) Initiative and other outreach activities. Additionally, the Pheasants Forever magazine, The Journal of Upland Conservation (published five times a year) and the Journal of Quail Conservation (published four times a year) as well as newsletters that go out to educators and chapter leaders. These periodicals contain information pertaining to the need for wildlife habitat development and restoration, the benefits of water and soil conservation, current issues and policies affecting conservation and the tradition of hunting, chapter activities and other special features. More than 150,000 youth and 50,000 adults were introduced to hunting, shooting sports and conservation through Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever youth programs and events that include workshops, educational materials and resources. The No Child Left Indoors(R) Initiative engages PF and QF chapters in community activities that connect youth and their families to the outdoors. Chapters host more than 2,700 events per year that include hunter safety classes, youth

(Continued on Schedule O, Statement 2)

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 1,880,867 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)

Field Operations: Pheasants Forever's wildlife biologists provide support, information, hands-on education to the public, and work on implementation of wildlife habitat development and restoration. PF's biologists also assist members and chapter volunteers to improve wildlife habitat in the most efficient and effective way.

4d Other program services (Describe in Schedule O.) See Schedule O, Statement 3(Expenses \$ 1,220,289 including grants of \$ 0) (Revenue \$ 0)**4e** Total program service expenses **57,035,698**

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>	1 ✓	
2 Is the organization required to complete <i>Schedule B, Schedule of Contributors</i> (see instructions)?	2	✓
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>	3	✓
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>	4 ✓	
5 Is the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization that receives membership dues, assessments, or similar amounts as defined in Revenue Procedure 98-19? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III</i>	5	✓
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>	6	✓
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>	7 ✓	
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>	8	✓
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>	9	✓
10 Did the organization, directly or through a related organization, hold assets in temporarily restricted endowments, permanent endowments, or quasi-endowments? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part V</i>	10 ✓	
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>	11a ✓	
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>	11b	✓
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>	11c ✓	
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>	11d	✓
e Did the organization report an amount for other liabilities in Part X, line 25? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule D, Part X</i>	11e ✓	
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>	11f ✓	
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>	12a ✓	
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>	12b	✓
13 Is the organization a school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule E</i>	13	✓
14a Did the organization maintain an office, employees, or agents outside of the United States?	14a	✓
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>	14b	✓
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>	15	✓
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>	16	✓
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 (see instructions)</i>	17	✓
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>	18 ✓	
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>	19 ✓	

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
20a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule H</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>	✓	
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
26 Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5, 6, or 22 for receivables from or payables to any current or former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, or disqualified persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		✓
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		✓
28 Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties (see Schedule L, Part IV instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions):		
a A current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
b A family member of a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
c An entity of which a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee (or a family member thereof) was an officer, director, trustee, or direct or indirect owner? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		✓
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>	✓	
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>		✓
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		✓
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>		✓
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>	✓	
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>		✓
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>		✓
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>		✓
38 Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations in Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note. All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	✓	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax ComplianceCheck 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	1a	961
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable	1b	49
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?	1c	✓
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	329
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	2b	✓
Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to e-file (see instructions)			
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?	3a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation in Schedule O	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	✓
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	✓
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?	5b	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
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	✓
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract?	7f	✓
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?	13a	
Note. See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.			
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans	13b	
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand	13c	
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year?	14a	✓
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O	14b	

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 in Schedule O. See instructions.

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

	Yes	No
1a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year 1a 17		
If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain in Schedule O.		
b Enter the number of voting members included in line 1a, above, who are independent 1b 16		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee? 2		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person? 3		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed? 4		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets? 5		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6 Did the organization have members or stockholders? 6		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7a Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body? 7a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body? 7b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body? 8a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body? 8b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
9 Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses in Schedule O 9		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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

	Yes	No
10a Did the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates? 10a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b If "Yes," did the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with the organization's exempt purposes? 10b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
11a Has the organization provided a complete copy of this Form 990 to all members of its governing body before filing the form? 11a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Describe in Schedule O the process, if any, used by the organization to review this Form 990.		
12a Did the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If "No," go to line 13 12a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Were officers, directors, or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts? 12b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
c Did the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If "Yes," describe in Schedule O how this was done 12c	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
13 Did the organization have a written whistleblower policy? 13	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
14 Did the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy? 14	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision?		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official 15a	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
b Other officers or key employees of the organization 15b		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If "Yes" to line 15a or 15b, describe the process in Schedule O (see instructions).		
16a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year? 16a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b If "Yes," did the organization follow a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and take steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements? 16b		

Section C. Disclosure

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed ► [See Schedule O, Statement 4](#)
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (Section 501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you made these available. Check all that apply.
- ☒ Own website ☒ Another's website ☒ Upon request ☐ Other (explain in Schedule O)
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization made its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public during the tax year.
- 20** State the name, address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the organization's books and records: ►

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent ContractorsCheck 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 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 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) 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.

List persons in the following order: individual trustees or directors; institutional trustees; officers; key employees; highest compensated employees; and former such persons.

☐ 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)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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			
Nancy Anisfield	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Richard Bell	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Tobias Buck	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Jon Lee	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Matt Kucharski	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
R Charles McLravy	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Bill Webb	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Leonard Sachs	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Kent Forney	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Paul Gross	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Joseph Hosmer	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Brett Reber	3									
Director	0	✓						0	0	0
Shefali Mehta	5									
Vice Chair	0	✓		✓				0	0	0
Marilyn Vetter	5									
Secretary	0	✓		✓				0	0	0

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(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			
Bruce Hertzke Treasurer	5 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
Tim Kessler Chair	5 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				0	0	0
Howard K Vincent President and CEO	50 0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				288,132	0	31,418
James M Koerber Chief Financial Officer	50 0			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				187,216	0	17,270
David E Nomsen VP of Governmental Affairs	50 0				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			184,512	0	16,185
Richard Young VP of Field Operations	50 0				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			151,964	0	17,215
David Bue VP Development	50 0					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		133,840	0	23,551
Cheryl Riley VP Education & Outreach	50 0					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		125,140	0	12,760
Robert St Pierre Vice President of Marketing	50 0					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		116,868	0	13,587
Timothy Schultz Director of Finance	50 0					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		101,928	0	6,129
Bradley Heidel Director of Sales	50 0					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		102,797	0	10,730
1b Sub-total								1,392,397	0	148,845
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								1,392,397	0	148,845

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 **9**

3 Did the organization list any **former** officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual **3** ☒

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? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual **4** ☒

5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person **5** ☒

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
Pinpoint 360, 7407 Washington Avenue South, Edina, MN 55439-2410	Printing Services	1,107,591
FDC Enterprises Inc, PO Box 189, New Albany, OH 43054-0189	Conservation and Native Grass	517,415
Allendan Seed Company, 1966 175th Street, Winterset, IA 50273	Native Grass Seed Provider	2,278,161
Star Seed Inc, 101 Industrial Avenue, Osborne, KS 67473	Native Grass Seed Provider	920,044
Wild Wings, PO Box 451, Lake City, MN 55041	Wildlife Art Retailer	455,366

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 **25**

Part VIII Statement of RevenueCheck 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 24,943					
	b	Membership dues	1b 4,525,863					
	c	Fundraising events	1c 0					
	d	Related organizations	1d 0					
	e	Government grants (contributions)	1e 36,446,946					
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f 8,543,763					
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f: \$	577,852					
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f	▶ 49,541,515					
Program Service Revenue				Business Code				
	2a	Habitat Project Revenue	900099	6,057,335	6,057,335	0	0	
	b	Membership Dues	900099	1,283,845	1,283,845	0	0	
	c	Youth Conservation Education Revenue	900099	6,675	6,675	0	0	
	d							
	e							
	f	All other program service revenue .		0	0	0	0	
	g	Total. Add lines 2a-2f	▶ 7,347,855					
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)	▶	-51,361	0	0	-51,361	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds ▶		0	0	0	0	
	5	Royalties	▶	308,501	0	0	308,501	
	6a	Gross rents	(i) Real	(ii) Personal				
			130,862	0				
			b Less: rental expenses	30,135	0			
			c Rental income or (loss)	100,727	0			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)	▶	100,727	0	0	100,727	
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	(i) Securities	(ii) Other				
			6,242,004	375,285				
			b Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	6,263,768	0			
			c Gain or (loss)	-21,764	375,285			
	d	Net gain or (loss)	▶	353,521	375,285	0	-21,764	
	8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ 0 of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	a 11,342,476					
	b	Less: direct expenses	b 7,375,194					
	c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events . ▶		3,967,282	0	3,967,282		
	9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	a 9,606,091					
	b	Less: direct expenses	b 6,245,688					
	c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities . . ▶		3,360,403	0	3,360,403		
	10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	a 9,009,912					
b	Less: cost of goods sold	b 6,830,344						
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory . . ▶		2,179,568	1,945,685	233,883	0		
Miscellaneous Revenue			Business Code					
11a	Advertising - Publications	541800	619,370	0	619,370	0		
b	Advertising - Web	541800	23,900	0	23,900	0		
c	Misc Support	900099	54,932	54,932	0	0		
d	All other revenue		79,250	79,250	0	0		
e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d	▶	777,452					
12	Total revenue. See instructions.	▶	67,885,463	9,803,007	877,153	7,663,788		

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	0	0		
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22	0	0		
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16	0	0		
4 Benefits paid to or for members	0	0		
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	1,032,493	579,412	247,152	205,929
6 Compensation not included above, to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)	0	0	0	0
7 Other salaries and wages	11,524,864	8,673,797	857,290	1,993,777
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	582,042	400,517	81,693	99,832
9 Other employee benefits	974,102	764,602	66,250	143,250
10 Payroll taxes	915,510	681,730	73,021	160,759
11 Fees for services (non-employees):				
a Management	115,515	6,953	38,362	70,200
b Legal	21,633	0	17,909	3,724
c Accounting	134,251	0	134,251	0
d Lobbying	0	0	0	0
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17	0			0
f Investment management fees	0	0	0	0
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	0	0	0	0
12 Advertising and promotion	1,344,664	0	0	1,344,664
13 Office expenses	2,208,204	1,545,638	98,285	564,281
14 Information technology	0	0	0	0
15 Royalties	0	0	0	0
16 Occupancy	52,403	20,454	3,763	28,186
17 Travel	1,434,311	1,009,603	33,102	391,606
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials	0	0	0	0
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	160,872	73,043	76,731	11,098
20 Interest	32,774	0	32,774	0
21 Payments to affiliates	0	0	0	0
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	340,384	240,862	28,265	71,257
23 Insurance	386,648	272,694	27,550	86,404
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above (List miscellaneous expenses in line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a <u>Habitat Conservation</u>	37,912,302	37,912,302	0	0
b <u>Conservation Education</u>	3,777,016	3,777,016	0	0
c <u>Direct Mail</u>	1,181,696	0	0	1,181,696
d <u>Equipment Rental & Maintenance</u>	481,641	421,524	38,978	21,139
e All other expenses	1,396,541	655,551	36,526	704,464
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	66,009,866	57,035,698	1,891,902	7,082,266
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 SheetCheck 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	15,689,333	1	10,779,812
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	490,935	2	8,709,035
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	471,085	3	416,543
	4 Accounts receivable, net	5,158,300	4	5,578,093
	5 Loans and other receivables from current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	5	0
	6 Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B), and contributing employers and sponsoring organizations of section 501(c)(9) voluntary employees' beneficiary organizations (see instructions). Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	6	0
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	0	7	0
	8 Inventories for sale or use	1,678,945	8	1,537,578
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	666,694	9	966,324
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 5,224,777		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 3,699,865	10c	1,524,912
	11 Investments—publicly traded securities	8,349,258	11	6,187,053
	12 Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11	0	12	0
	13 Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11	4,707,813	13	4,430,813
	14 Intangible assets	0	14	0
	15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	1,367,757	15	1,507,857
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 34)	40,418,628	16	41,638,020	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,642,293	17	6,941,704
	18 Grants payable	0	18	0
	19 Deferred revenue	196,813	19	225,352
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	0	20	0
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	0	21	0
	22 Loans and other payables to current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, highest compensated employees, and disqualified persons. Complete Part II of Schedule L	0	22	0
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	1,228,643	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	2,305,764	25	1,660,242
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	9,373,513	26	8,827,298
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27 through 29, and lines 33 and 34.			
	27 Unrestricted net assets	23,782,615	27	25,278,262
	28 Temporarily restricted net assets	6,555,425	28	6,819,447
	29 Permanently restricted net assets	707,075	29	713,013
	Organizations that do not follow SFAS 117 (ASC 958), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 30 through 34.			
	30 Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		30	
	31 Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		31	
	32 Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		32	
	33 Total net assets or fund balances	31,045,115	33	32,810,722
	34 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	40,418,628	34	41,638,020

Part XI Reconciliation of Net AssetsCheck 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	67,885,463
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	66,009,866
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	1,875,597
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 33, column (A))	4	31,045,115
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	-109,990
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	0
7	Investment expenses	7	0
8	Prior period adjustments	8	0
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)	9	0
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 33, column (B))	10	32,810,722

Part XII Financial Statements and ReportingCheck if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part XII ☐

	Yes	No
1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain in Schedule O.		
2a Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were compiled or reviewed on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both: <input type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis		✓
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	✓	
c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain in 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 Single Audit Act and OMB Circular A-133?	✓	
b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why in Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits.	✓	

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

► Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC

Employer identification number

41-1429149

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 11, 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 or 990-EZ).)
- 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 organization that normally receives: (1) more than 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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 $\frac{1}{3}$ % 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.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4)**.
- 11 ☐ 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 in lines 11a through 11d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.
- a ☐ **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
- b ☐ **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
- c ☐ **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
- d ☐ **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
- e ☐ Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
- f Enter the number of supported organizations
- g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1–9 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	32,026,137	38,792,265	53,714,201	39,221,315	50,825,360	214,579,278
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	32,026,137	38,792,265	53,714,201	39,221,315	50,825,360	214,579,278
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)						0
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.						214,579,278

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	32,026,137	38,792,265	53,714,201	39,221,315	50,825,360	214,579,278
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1,496,843	1,082,069	1,388,389	3,878,142	6,630,006	14,475,449
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	2,021,943	2,299,038	3,137,529	2,951,046	3,126,034	13,535,590
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)	138,274	102,639	232,228	132,135	130,182	735,458
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						243,325,775
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	
13 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here						<input type="checkbox"/>

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f))	14	88.19 %
15 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	88.72 %
16a 33¹/₃% support test—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 ¹ / ₃ % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
b 33¹/₃% support test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 ¹ / ₃ % or more, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2015. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test, check this box and stop here. Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the "facts-and-circumstances" test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization		<input type="checkbox"/>
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions		<input type="checkbox"/>

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II.
If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose						
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5						
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support. (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ►	(a) 2011	(b) 2012	(c) 2013	(d) 2014	(e) 2015	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2015 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	%
16 Public support percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	%

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2015 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	%
18 Investment income percentage from 2014 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	%
19a 33 1/3% support tests—2015. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support tests—2014. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box in line 11 on Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.</i>		
4a Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? <i>If "Yes," and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990 or 990-EZ).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations (continued)

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

Section D. All Type III Supporting Organizations

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

Section E. Type III Functionally-Integrated Supporting Organizations

1 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions):		
a	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.	
b	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.	
c	<input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a government entity (see instructions).	
2 Activities Test. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.	
	2a	
b	Did the activities described in (a) constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.	
	2b	
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer (a) and (b) below.		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI .	
	3a	
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.	
	3b	

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

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

Section A - Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Net short-term capital gain	1		
2 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2		
3 Other gross income (see instructions)	3		
4 Add lines 1 through 3	4		
5 Depreciation and depletion	5		
6 Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6		
7 Other expenses (see instructions)	7		
8 Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6 and 7 from line 4)	8		
Section B - Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1 Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):			
a Average monthly value of securities	1a		
b Average monthly cash balances	1b		
c Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c		
d Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d		
e Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (explain in detail in Part VI):			
2 Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2		
3 Subtract line 2 from line 1d	3		
4 Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 1-1/2% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4		
5 Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5		
6 Multiply line 5 by .035	6		
7 Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7		
8 Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8		
Section C - Distributable Amount			Current Year
1 Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, Column A)	1		
2 Enter 85% of line 1	2		
3 Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)	3		
4 Enter greater of line 2 or line 3	4		
5 Income tax imposed in prior year	5		
6 Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions)	6		
7 <input type="checkbox"/> Check here if the current year is the organization's first as a non-functionally-integrated Type III supporting organization (see instructions).			

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

Section D - Distributions		Current Year	
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purposes		
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity		
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations		
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets		
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)		
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.		
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.		
8	Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.		
9	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6		
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount		

Section E - Distribution Allocations (see instructions)		(i) Excess Distributions	(ii) Underdistributions Pre-2015	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2015
1	Distributable amount for 2015 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2015 (reasonable cause required-see instructions)			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2015:			
a				
b				
c				
d	From 2013			
e	From 2014			
f	Total of lines 3a through e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2010 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2015 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2015 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2015, if any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2015. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see instructions).			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2016. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a				
b				
c	Excess from 2013 . . .			
d	Excess from 2014 . . .			
e	Excess from 2015 . . .			

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

Schedule A, Part II, Line 10 - Calendar & Rooster Road Trip sponsorship and Misc other income

SCHEDULE C
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2015

Open to Public Inspection

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

For Organizations Exempt From Income Tax Under section 501(c) and section 527

- ▶ **Complete if the organization is described below.** ▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.**
▶ **Information about Schedule C (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 3, or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 46 (Political Campaign Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and B. Do not complete Part I-C.
- Section 501(c) (other than section 501(c)(3)) organizations: Complete Parts I-A and C below. Do not complete Part I-B.
- Section 527 organizations: Complete Part I-A only.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 4, or Form 990-EZ, Part VI, line 47 (Lobbying Activities), then

- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-A. Do not complete Part II-B.
- Section 501(c)(3) organizations that have NOT filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)): Complete Part II-B. Do not complete Part II-A.

If the organization answered "Yes," on Form 990, Part IV, line 5 (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions) or Form 990-EZ, Part V, line 35c (Proxy Tax) (see separate instructions), then

- Section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) organizations: Complete Part III.

Name of organization	Employer identification number
PHEASANTS FOREVER INC	41-1429149

Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV.
- 2 Political expenditures ▶ \$
- 3 Volunteer hours ▶

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

- 1 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by the organization under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 2 Enter the amount of any excise tax incurred by organization managers under section 4955 ▶ \$
- 3 If the organization incurred a section 4955 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- 4a Was a correction made? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b If "Yes," describe in Part IV.

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

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

(a) Name	(b) Address	(c) EIN	(d) Amount paid from filing organization's funds. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Amount of political contributions received and promptly and directly delivered to a separate political organization. If none, enter -0-.
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				
(5)				
(6)				

Part II-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(3) and filed Form 5768 (election under section 501(h)).

- A** Check ☐ if the filing organization belongs to an affiliated group (and list in Part IV each affiliated group member's name, address, EIN, expenses, and share of excess lobbying expenditures).
- B** Check ☐ if the filing organization checked box A and "limited control" provisions apply.

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a	Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grass roots lobbying)	0													
b	Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)	834,296													
c	Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)	834,296													
d	Other exempt purpose expenditures	56,201,402													
e	Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)	57,035,698													
f	Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.	1,000,000													
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Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g	Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)	250,000													
h	Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
i	Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-	0													
j	If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under section 501(h)

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2012	(b) 2013	(c) 2014	(d) 2015	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	4,000,000
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					6,000,000
c Total lobbying expenditures	576,226	734,911	830,442	834,296	2,975,875
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	250,000	250,000	250,000	250,000	1,000,000
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,500,000
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

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

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

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

Part III-B	Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No," OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."
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1	Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members	1	
2	Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid).		
a	Current year	2a	
b	Carryover from last year	2b	
c	Total	2c	
3	Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues . .	3	
4	If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditure next year?	4	
5	Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures (see instructions)	5	

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

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**SCHEDULE D
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

▶ **Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.**
▶ **Attach to Form 990.**
▶ **Information about Schedule D (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.**

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Name of the organization

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC

Employer identification number

41-1429149

Part I Organizations Maintaining Donor Advised Funds or Other Similar Funds or Accounts.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6.

	(a) Donor advised funds	(b) Funds and other accounts
1 Total number at end of year		
2 Aggregate value of contributions to (during year)		
3 Aggregate value of grants from (during year)		
4 Aggregate value at end of year		
5 Did the organization inform all donors and donor advisors in writing that the assets held in donor advised funds are the organization's property, subject to the organization's exclusive legal control?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Did the organization inform all grantees, donors, and donor advisors in writing that grant funds can be used only for charitable purposes and not for the benefit of the donor or donor advisor, or for any other purpose conferring impermissible private benefit?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply). <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation of land for public use (e.g., recreation or education) <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a historically important land area <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of natural habitat <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of a certified historic structure <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation of open space	
2 Complete lines 2a through 2d if the organization held a qualified conservation contribution in the form of a conservation easement on the last day of the tax year.	
a Total number of conservation easements	2a 4
b Total acreage restricted by conservation easements	2b 672
c Number of conservation easements on a certified historic structure included in (a)	2c 0
d Number of conservation easements included in (c) acquired after 8/17/06, and not on a historic structure listed in the National Register	2d 0
3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year ▶ 0	
4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located ▶ 3	
5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ 60	
7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year ▶ \$ 3,000	
8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2(d) above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
9 In Part XIII, describe how the organization reports conservation easements in its revenue and expense statement, and balance sheet, and include, if applicable, the text of the footnote to the organization's financial statements that describes the organization's accounting for conservation easements.	

Part III Organizations Maintaining Collections of Art, Historical Treasures, or Other Similar Assets.

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 8.

1a If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), not to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide, in Part XIII, the text of the footnote to its financial statements that describes these items.	
b If the organization elected, as permitted under SFAS 116 (ASC 958), to report in its revenue statement and balance sheet works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets held for public exhibition, education, or research in furtherance of public service, provide the following amounts relating to these items: (i) Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ (ii) Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$	
2 If the organization received or held works of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets for financial gain, provide the following amounts required to be reported under SFAS 116 (ASC 958) relating to these items: a Revenue included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1 ▶ \$ b Assets included in Form 990, Part X ▶ \$	

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

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

- a** ☐ Public exhibition
b ☐ Scholarly research
c ☐ Preservation for future generations
d ☐ Loan or exchange programs
e ☐ Other _____

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

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

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Part V Endowment Funds.

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

	(a) Current year	(b) Prior year	(c) Two years back	(d) Three years back	(e) Four years back
1a Beginning of year balance	1,465,741	1,275,768	970,267	696,064	538,593
b Contributions	583,283	235,221	185,184	214,469	124,433
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses	-60,112	-10,298	149,379	82,578	34,715
d Grants or scholarships	0	0	0	0	0
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs	45,062	34,950	29,062	22,844	1,677
f Administrative expenses	0	0	0	0	0
g End of year balance	1,943,850	1,465,741	1,275,768	970,267	696,064

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

- a** Board designated or quasi-endowment ▶ 48.7 %
b Permanent endowment ▶ 36.7 %
c Temporarily restricted endowment ▶ 14.6 %

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

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

	Yes	No
(i) unrelated organizations	3a(i)	✓
(ii) related organizations	3a(ii)	✓
b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?	3b	

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

Part VI Land, Buildings, and Equipment.

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

Description of property	(a) Cost or other basis (investment)	(b) Cost or other basis (other)	(c) Accumulated depreciation	(d) Book value
1a Land	0	410,000		410,000
b Buildings	0	967,625	306,415	661,210
c Leasehold improvements	0	45,605	8,909	36,696
d Equipment	0	3,801,547	3,384,541	417,006
e Other	0	0	0	0
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				1,524,912

Part VII Investments—Other Securities.

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

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

Part VIII Investments—Program Related.

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

(a) Description of investment	(b) Book value	(c) Method of valuation: Cost or end-of-year market value
(1) Land held for resale	4,430,813	End-of-Year Market Value
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 13.) ►		4,430,813

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value	
(1) Federal income taxes	0	
(2) Unearned Revenue	1,456,277	
(3) Charitable Gift Annuity Liability	203,965	
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.) ►		1,660,242

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

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

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

1	Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements	1	87,038,556
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12:		
a	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	2a	-109,990
b	Donated services and use of facilities	2b	13,434,301
c	Recoveries of prior year grants	2c	0
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	-760,288
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	12,564,023
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	74,474,533
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	0
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	-6,589,070
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	-6,589,070
5	Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.)	5	67,885,463

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

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

1	Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements	1	85,542,908
2	Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25:		
a	Donated services and use of facilities	2a	13,434,301
b	Prior year adjustments	2b	0
c	Other losses	2c	0
d	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	2d	6,589,070
e	Add lines 2a through 2d	2e	20,023,371
3	Subtract line 2e from line 1	3	65,519,537
4	Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1:		
a	Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b	4a	0
b	Other (Describe in Part XIII.)	4b	490,329
c	Add lines 4a and 4b	4c	490,329
5	Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c . (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.)	5	66,009,866

Part XIII Supplemental Information.

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

Schedule D, Part II, Line 5 - Pheasants Forever, Inc. believe that the long-term control of wildlife habitat is often in the best interest of both the public and wildlife. Conservation easements provide one mechanism by which the organization can facilitate long-term control without the upfront expense and long term operational costs of land ownership. On-going monitoring and enforcement are important components of successful conservation easements. The following steps will be conducted for each Pheasant Forever owned conservation easement.
Baseline survey - Pheasants Forever staff will evaluate the property with the owners to document the property's resource values (current and potential), boundaries, and potential threats and hazards. The Baseline Survey will be conducted using The Forever Land Trust Baseline Documentation Checklist. The Baseline Survey should be conducted within one year of acquiring the interest and the landowner should be involved whenever possible. Monitoring - Pheasants Forever staff and/or volunteers will conduct annual on-site or aerial monitoring of all conservation easements to evaluate current resource conditions and to document existing or potential threats to the easement. To the extent practicable, the persons involved in monitoring should have pertinent information from the Baseline Survey for comparison with current conditions. A monitoring report will be filed and maintained along with the Baseline Survey in Pheasant Forever's files at the National Office. The Public Finance Director will immediately be notified of any perceived threats. Enforcement - Any necessary enforcement action is to be undertaken by Pheasants Forever's Public Finance Director in conjunction with local staff. Easement Modifications - Easements may be modified only if the protected resources will benefit from a modification. Any modification request should be sent to the Public Finance Director for evaluation. The Chief Executive Officer must approve any modification.

Schedule D, Part II, Line 9 - A conservation easement is a voluntary, legal enforceable agreement between a landowner and another entity in which the landowner gives up certain rights to use or modify their land subject to the terms of the easement. The entity agrees to monitor and enforce conditions within the agreement throughout the life of the easement (usually in perpetuity). In certain cases, the Organization acquires, or accepts as a donation, easements that provide conservation benefits consistent with the Organization's mission. Conservation easements that are purchased are recorded as program expense in the year acquired. Contributed easements are recorded as contribution income and program expense based on appraisal or other estimated value.

Schedule D, Part V, Line 4 - Wildlife Conservation Experience Fund - The Wildlife Conservation Experience Fund is meant to perpetually fund an annual Conservation Career Day for high school aged students in the host community of Pheasants Fest or other national events.

Part XIII - Supplemental Information (Continued)

Students are provided the opportunity to explore a variety of careers in conservation and the outdoor recreation industry. Resource professionals and representatives from the outdoor recreation industry provide sessions that emphasize the opportunities and career paths students can pursue. Students are provided the opportunity to visit the Youth Village and the show floor to experience "hands on" activities. Forever Shooting Sports Fund - The Forever Shooting Sports Fund will perpetually fund the Chapter incentive portion of PF & QF's Forever Shooting Sports Program. The chapter incentive program consists of an ammunition match grant that partially reimburses chapters for ammunition costs associated with local shooting events for kids and their families. Chapters are required to submit a post event report form, ammo grant request form and a copy of the ammo receipt. Dependent upon organizational chapter priorities, this program may provide other incentives for shooting sports initiatives in the future. Forever Stewardship Fund - The Forever Stewardship Fund is used to fund the obligation that Organization has for on-going monitoring and enforcement of the easements acquired.

Schedule D, Part X, Line 2 - The Organization has been granted exempt status for federal and state corporate income taxes purposes under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and applicable state codes. It has been classified as an organization that is not a private foundation. Therefore, charitable contributions are tax deductible. The Organization follows the guidance outlined in the Income Tax Topic of FASB Accounting Standards Codification. The Organization is subject to unrelated business income tax on advertising revenues and merchandise sales. The two single member limited liability companies owned by Organization are disregarded entities for income tax purposes and follow the same tax treatment as the Organization.

Schedule D, Part XI, Line 2d - Cost of membership premiums -\$490,329; Change in temporarily restricted net assets -\$264,021; Change in permanently restricted assets -\$5,938.

Schedule D, Part XI, Line 4b - Cost of habitat seed sold -\$6,589,070.

Schedule D, Part XII, Line 2d - Cost of habitat seed sold \$6,589,070

Schedule D, Part XII, Line 4b - Cost of membership premium \$490,329

SCHEDULE G
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

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

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule G (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC

Employer identification number

41-1429149

Part I

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

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

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total ▶						

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

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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 Pheasant Fest (event type)	(b) Event #2 Ingham County (event type)	(c) Other events 587 (total number)	(d) Total events (add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	850,568	38,500	10,453,408	11,342,476
	2 Less: Contributions	0	0	0	0
	3 Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)	850,568	38,500	10,453,408	11,342,476
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes	0	0	0	0
	5 Noncash prizes	39,602	37,432	3,137,696	3,214,730
	6 Rent/facility costs	95,041	0	0	95,041
	7 Food and beverages	122,038	19,467	1,470,622	1,612,127
	8 Entertainment	0	0	0	0
	9 Other direct expenses	281,821	20,698	2,150,777	2,453,296
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d) ▶				7,375,194
	11 Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d) ▶				3,967,282

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	0	0	9,606,091	9,606,091
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes	0	0	0	0
	3 Noncash prizes	0	0	6,245,688	6,245,688
	4 Rent/facility costs	0	0	0	0
	5 Other direct expenses	0	0	0	0
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes 99 % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d) ▶				6,245,688
	8 Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d) ▶				3,360,403

9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization conducts gaming activities: See Schedule G, Part IV, Statement 1

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11** Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 12** Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 13** Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:
- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------|
| a The organization's facility | 13a | 0 % |
| b An outside facility | 13b | 100 % |
- 14** Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ Various Volunteers at local chapter

Address ▶ 1783 Buerkle Circle St Paul, MN 55110

- 15a** Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____
- c** If "Yes," enter name and address of the third party:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ Various volunteers at local chapter

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ 0

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer

☐ Employee

☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

- a** Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license? ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b** Enter the amount of distributions required under state law to be distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ 3,360,403

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

States Where Gaming Conducted

States

AK
AR
AZ
CA
CO
FL
GA
IA
ID
IL
IN
KS
KY
LA
MI
MN
MO
MT
NC
ND
NE
NM
NY
OH
OK
PA
SD
TN
TX
UT
VA
WA
WI
WY

SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC

Compensation Information

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

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

► Attach to Form 990.

► Information about Schedule J (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

	Yes	No
1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (e.g., maid, chauffeur, chef) </div> </div>		
b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain.	1b	
2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked in line 1a?	2	
3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the filing organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III. <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee <input type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee </div> </div>		
4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> a Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? </div>	4a	✓
<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> b Participate in, or receive payment from, a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? </div>	4b	✓
<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> c Participate in, or receive payment from, an equity-based compensation arrangement? </div> If "Yes" to any of lines 4a–c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.	4c	✓
Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5–9.		
5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> a The organization? </div>	5a	✓
<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> b Any related organization? </div> If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.	5b	✓
6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of: <div style="margin-left: 20px;"> a The organization? </div>	6a	✓
<div style="margin-left: 20px;"> b Any related organization? </div> If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.	6b	✓
7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any non-fixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	7	✓
8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III.	8	✓
9 If "Yes" to line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)?	9	

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)–(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
1	Howard K Vincent, President and CEO	(i) 260,548	11,411	16,173	13,587	17,832	319,551	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	James M Koerber, Chief Financial Officer	(i) 183,114	0	4,102	9,144	8,127	204,487	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	David E Nomsen, VP of Governmental Affairs	(i) 182,763	0	1,749	9,117	7,068	200,697	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Richard Young, VP of Field Operations	(i) 151,118	0	846	7,516	9,699	169,179	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	David Bue, VP Development	(i) 133,075	0	764	6,642	16,908	157,389	0
		(ii) 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6		(i)						
		(ii)						
7		(i)						
		(ii)						
8		(i)						
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9		(i)						
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10		(i)						
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12		(i)						
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13		(i)						
		(ii)						
14		(i)						
		(ii)						
15		(i)						
		(ii)						
16		(i)						
		(ii)						

Part III Supplemental Information

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

Schedule J, Part I, Line 3 - Compensation for the President/CEO is set by the executive committee and is based on the review of compensation data from other nonprofit organizations of similar size and scope as well as data from several published compensation surveys. The Committee reviews the President/CEOs achievement of goals for the year along with the compensation data described above to determine salary adjustments as well as any inventive compensation to be awarded. This review process takes place annually. Compensation for other officers and key employees is set by the President/CEO and is performed using the same compensation data sources described above for the applicable positions.

Schedule J, Part I, Line 4 - Pheasants Forever has a split dollar life insurance benefit that is available to executive leadership. Both the eligible employees and Pheasants Forever contribute to the premium costs of the policies. For calendar year 2015 the following amounts were included in these employees' compensation: Howard Vincent - \$11,831; James Koerber - \$4,102; Dave Nomsen - \$1,749; Richard Young - \$846; & David Bue - \$764.

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Noncash Contributions**

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▶ Complete if the organizations answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, lines 29 or 30.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule M (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

Name of the organization

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC

Employer identification number

41-1429149**Part I Types of Property**

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art—Works of art				
2 Art—Historical treasures				
3 Art—Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods	✓		5,204	Retail Value
6 Cars and other vehicles	✓	1	32,000	FMV
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities—Publicly traded	✓	1	454	FMV
10 Securities—Closely held stock				
11 Securities—Partnership, LLC, or trust interests	✓	1	-5,385	FMV
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	✓	12	545,580	FMV
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ()				
26 Other ▶ ()				
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 IV, Donee Acknowledgement **29** **2**

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

Part II

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

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SCHEDULE O
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

► Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

► Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 11b - The Form 990 was prepared by qualified staff and reviewed by upper management for accuracy. All members of the Board of Directors received a copy prior to filing and were given an overview by management and were provided an opportunity to ask questions of management before the return was filed.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 12c - Responsible Persons with respect to the conflict of interest policy include (a) any person who is, or was at any time during the past five years, in a position to exercise substantial influence over the affairs of the Corporation, or (b) a member of the family (spouses, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and spouses to any of them, and ancestors) or business partners or associates of an individual described in (a) above, or (c) a 35% controlled entity (a corporation, partnership, or trust or estate for which person(s) described in (a) or (b) above, control more than 35% of the voting rights, profit interests, and beneficial interests, respectively.) In addition, all voting members of the Board of Directors, presidents, CEOs, CFOs, COOs, treasurers, and other persons who have or share similar powers or responsibilities shall automatically be considered Responsible Persons by this policy with respect to this policy. All responsible persons are required to annually disclose in writing any potential conflicts of interest in accordance with the policy as well as disclosing any family or business relationships that they have with another Responsible Person. A responsible Person is immediately required to disclose to the Chief Executive Officer or the Chair of the Board of Directors any material transaction that he or she has entered into, or is contemplating entering into with the Corporation. If the transaction involves the Chief Executive Officer, he or she must disclose to the Chair of the Board of Directors or the Secretary of the Board of Directors the potential conflict. If the transaction involves the Chair of the Board of Directors, he or she shall disclose to the Chief Executive Officer or the Secretary of the Board of Directors the potential conflict. The person(s) receiving notice that a potential conflict of interest exists shall review the facts and circumstances of the transaction or matter and make a determination as to whether a conflict of interest exists as defined above. Contemporaneous documentation of the facts, circumstances and the decision reached shall be made in the minutes of the Board of Directors, or a Committee of the Board of Directors, or in other written documentation to be retained in the Corporation's permanent records. Upon the determination that a conflict of interest involving a Responsible Person does in fact exist, that person shall be notified as such, and he or she shall be precluded from voting on, or otherwise making, participating in, or attempting to influence a decision related to the transaction for which the conflict of interest exists.

Form 990, Part VI, Section B, Line 15 - Compensation for President/CEO is set by the Executive Committee of the Board, and is based on review of compensation data from other nonprofit organizations of similar size and scope as well as data from several published compensation surveys. The Committee reviews the President/CEO's achievement of goals for the year along with the compensation data described above to determine salary adjustments as well as any incentive compensation to be awarded. This review process takes place annually. Compensation for other officers and key employees is set by the President/CEO and is performed using the same compensation data sources described above for the applicable positions.

Form 990, Part VI, Section C, Line 19 - - The organizing documents and financial statements are available to the public upon request.

First Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

spring. During the year, Pheasants Forever expended \$661,516 to plant trees and has spent \$21.4 million on planted trees since 1982. Wetlands - Wetlands provide an excellent source of winter cover and provide the best overall survival rates for pheasants. A wetland's dense network of stems provides effective insulation from cold temperatures and wind chill, and provides shelter from blowing and drifting snow. Pheasants Forever restored 1,718 acres of wetlands during the year and 82,174 acres of wetlands since inception. Food Plots- Winter cover is much more effective with a high energy food source nearby. Well-placed food plots establish safe foraging patterns, restrict unnecessary movements, and provide a dependable food source. A dependable high energy food source is needed to carry female birds through harsh winters in good condition and leads to a reduction in mortality rate during the following spring nesting season. During the year, Pheasants Forever planted 78,907 acres of food plots and has planted 1,825,535 acres of food plots since 1982. Nesting Cover - Throughout the pheasant range, nesting cover is the single most important limiting factor for wildlife populations. Establishing the right vegetation and managing it properly will provide pheasants with concealment from predators and protection from various weather conditions. Additionally, Pheasants Forever habitat improvement also improves habitat for bees, butterflies and other pollinators and this year unveiled its newest program devoted to brood cover and pollinators - the Honey Bee & Monarch Butterfly Partnership. Pheasants Forever established or improved 77,608 acres of nesting cover during the year, and 3 million acres since 1982. Equipment - Pheasants Forever chapters purchase specialized habitat equipment which is either donated to local wildlife agencies or made available to local landowners to aid in establishing and/or maintaining their own habitat projects. During the year, Pheasants Forever expended \$955,301 to purchase habitat equipment and has spent \$16.4 million on habitat equipment since inception. Farm Bill Biologist Program - Pheasants Forever has developed a network of 120+ trained biologists that work directly with local landowners around the country. During the year these Farm Bill Biologists assisted more than 31,000 landowners in designing, developing, and funding habitat improvements on more than 1.3 million acres of private land. PF Farm Bill Biologists possess the knowledge of federal, state, and local programs to assist landowners in finding the right program to meet their personal habitat and land use goals. Through a unique partnership, Farm Bill Biologists are located in local USDA service centers in priority habitat areas throughout the pheasant and quail range.

Second Program Service Accomplishments Description

Description

mentor hunts, summer camps, shooting programs, outdoor field days and habitat projects. Youth 17 or younger can become Ringnecks and/or Whistler members. Over 16,000 youth members receive the youth magazine Upland Tales four times a year. Youth leadership is encouraged at the local level and through state youth leadership councils and a National Youth Leadership Council comprised of about 20 active young leaders from across the country. Educational brochures also are available on subjects such as habitat and pheasant population dynamics.

Other Program Services Accomplishments

Activity Code	Description	Expense	Grants	Revenue
	Pheasants Forever provides support for and informs and updates, the more than 150,000 members and nearly 750 chapters, as to the need for ongoing work in wildlife conservation and provides assistance to accomplish that goal.	1,220,289		0
Total:		1,220,289	0	0

States Where Copy Of Return Is Filed

States

AR

CA

CO

IL

IN

KS

KY

MD

MN

MS

NJ

NY

OH

OK

OR

PA

SC

WI

**SCHEDULE R
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

PHEASANTS FOREVER INC**Related Organizations and Unrelated Partnerships**

▶ Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33, 34, 35b, 36, or 37.

▶ Attach to Form 990.

▶ Information about Schedule R (Form 990) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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41-1429149**Part I Identification of Disregarded Entities** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 33.

(a) Name, address, and EIN (if applicable) of disregarded entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Total income	(e) End-of-year assets	(f) Direct controlling entity
(1) Habitat Forever LLC (20-5803961) 1783 Buerkle Circle, St Paul, MN 55110	Wildlife Habitat Development and	DE	40,960	1,102,305	N/A
(2) The Forever Land Trust LLC (20-5803401) 1783 Buerkle Circle, St Paul, MN 55110	Long-term Land Protection	DE	3,689	253,775	N/A
(3)					
(4)					
(5)					
(6)					

Part II Identification of Related Tax-Exempt Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related tax-exempt organizations during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Exempt Code section	(e) Public charity status (if section 501(c)(3))	(f) Direct controlling entity	(g) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
						Yes	No
(1)							
(2)							
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							

Part III Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Partnership Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a partnership during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of- year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
							Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)												
(2)												
(3)												
(4)												
(5)												
(6)												
(7)												

Part IV Identification of Related Organizations Taxable as a Corporation or Trust Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34 because it had one or more related organizations treated as a corporation or trust during the tax year.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of related organization	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Direct controlling entity	(e) Type of entity (C corp, S corp, or trust)	(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Percentage ownership	(i) Section 512(b)(13) controlled entity?	
								Yes	No
(1)									
(2)									
(3)									
(4)									
(5)									
(6)									
(7)									

Part V Transactions With Related Organizations Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 34, 35b, or 36.**Note.** Complete line 1 if any entity is listed in Parts II, III, or IV of this schedule.

	Yes	No
1 During the tax year, did the organization engage in any of the following transactions with one or more related organizations listed in Parts II–IV?		
a Receipt of (i) interest, (ii) annuities, (iii) royalties, or (iv) rent from a controlled entity	1a	
b Gift, grant, or capital contribution to related organization(s)	1b	
c Gift, grant, or capital contribution from related organization(s)	1c	
d Loans or loan guarantees to or for related organization(s)	1d	
e Loans or loan guarantees by related organization(s)	1e	
f Dividends from related organization(s)	1f	
g Sale of assets to related organization(s)	1g	
h Purchase of assets from related organization(s)	1h	
i Exchange of assets with related organization(s)	1i	
j Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets to related organization(s)	1j	
k Lease of facilities, equipment, or other assets from related organization(s)	1k	
l Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations for related organization(s)	1l	
m Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations by related organization(s)	1m	
n Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, or other assets with related organization(s)	1n	
o Sharing of paid employees with related organization(s)	1o	
p Reimbursement paid to related organization(s) for expenses	1p	
q Reimbursement paid by related organization(s) for expenses	1q	
r Other transfer of cash or property to related organization(s)	1r	
s Other transfer of cash or property from related organization(s)	1s	

2 If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," see the instructions for information on who must complete this line, including covered relationships and transaction thresholds.

(a) Name of related organization	(b) Transaction type (a–s)	(c) Amount involved	(d) Method of determining amount involved
(1)			
(2)			
(3)			
(4)			
(5)			
(6)			

Part VI **Unrelated Organizations Taxable as a Partnership** Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 37.

Provide the following information for each entity taxed as a partnership through which the organization conducted more than five percent of its activities (measured by total assets or gross revenue) that was not a related organization. See instructions regarding exclusion for certain investment partnerships.

(a) Name, address, and EIN of entity	(b) Primary activity	(c) Legal domicile (state or foreign country)	(d) Predominant income (related, unrelated, excluded from tax under sections 512-514)	(e) Are all partners section 501(c)(3) organizations?		(f) Share of total income	(g) Share of end-of-year assets	(h) Disproportionate allocations?		(i) Code V—UBI amount in box 20 of Schedule K-1 (Form 1065)	(j) General or managing partner?		(k) Percentage ownership
				Yes	No			Yes	No		Yes	No	
(1)													
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Part VII

Supplemental Information

Provide additional information for responses to questions on Schedule R (see instructions).