

Form **990**

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

2023

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Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2023 calendar year, or tax year beginning 10/01/23, and ending 09/30/24

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	C Name of organization <p style="text-align: center;">SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATION</p> Doing business as Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite <p style="text-align: center;">P.O. BOX 315</p> City or town, state or province, and ZIP or foreign postal code <p style="text-align: center;">TWO HARBORS MN 55616</p>	D Employer identification number <p style="text-align: center;">41-1569104</p> E Telephone number <p style="text-align: center;">218-834-2700</p> G Gross receipts \$ 1,227,113
F Name and address of principal officer: <p style="text-align: center;">LISA LUOKKALA P.O. BOX 315 TWO HARBORS MN 55616</p>		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
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		H(c) Group exemption number
J Website: WWW.SUPERIORHIKING.ORG		L Year of formation: 1986
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other		M State of legal domicile: MN

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <p style="text-align: center;">TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN THE SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL, A PUBLIC TRAIL IN NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE TRAIL AND THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH WHICH THE TRAIL PASSES.</p>		
	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	15
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2023 (Part V, line 2a)	5	8
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	500
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12	7a	28,410
	b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, Part I, line 11	7b	3,538
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year 785,487	Current Year 1,075,962
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)		0
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	949	1,843
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	93,631	93,086
	12 Total revenue – add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	880,067	1,170,891
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1–3)		0
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		0
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5–10)	436,403	397,915
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		0
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25)	64,420	
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a–11d, 11f–24e)	592,706	735,451
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13–17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	1,029,109	1,133,366	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	-149,042	37,525	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 849,817	End of Year 1,013,369
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	68,189	154,107
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	781,628	859,262

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 <p style="text-align: center;">JOHN MCDONALD</p> Type or print name and title	Date <p style="text-align: center;">TREASURER</p>
	Print/Type preparer's name <p>MICHAEL A. PEDERSON</p>	Preparer's signature <p>MICHAEL A. PEDERSON</p>
Paid Preparer Use Only	Firm's name <p style="text-align: center;">ESTERBROOKS CPAS, LTD</p>	Firm's EIN <p style="text-align: center;">41-1414667</p>
	Firm's address <p style="text-align: center;">302 W. SUPERIOR ST., STE.200 DULUTH, MN 55802</p>	Phone no. <p style="text-align: center;">218-727-6846</p>

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions Yes No

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

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

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

TO BUILD AND MAINTAIN THE SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL, A PUBLIC TRAIL IN NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA AND TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND EDUCATION ABOUT THE TRAIL AND THE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH WHICH THE TRAIL PASSES.

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 \$ 938,152 including grants of \$) (Revenue \$ 64,676)

TO CONSTRUCT AND MAINTAIN THE SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL FOR GENERAL PUBLIC USE WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF OVER 500 VOLUNTEERS, WHO CONTRIBUTED OVER 9,800 HOURS OF VOLUNTEER LABOR IN 2024. IT IS ESTIMATED THAT USERS OF THE TRAIL MAKE MORE THAN 400,000 VISITS TO HIKE, BACKPACK, OR SHOWSHOE ON THE TRAIL EACH YEAR. THERE ARE NO FEES TO HIKE OR CAMP ON THE TRAIL.

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

N/A

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

N/A

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 938,152

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

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

		Yes	No
22	Did the organization report more than \$5,000 of grants or other assistance to or for domestic individuals on Part IX, column (A), line 2? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule I, Parts I and III</i>		X
23	Did the organization answer "Yes" to Part VII, Section A, line 3, 4, or 5 about compensation of the organization's current and former officers, directors, trustees, key employees, and highest compensated employees? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule J</i>		X
24a	Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, that was issued after December 31, 2002? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 24b through 24d and complete Schedule K. If "No," go to line 25a</i>		X
b	Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c	Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d	Did the organization act as an "on behalf of" issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a	Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
b	Is the organization aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I</i>		X
26	Did the organization report any amount on Part X, line 5 or 22, for receivables from or payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II</i>		X
27	Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor or employee thereof, a grant selection committee member, or to a 35% controlled entity (including an employee thereof) or family member of any of these persons? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part III</i>		X
28	Was the organization a party to a business transaction with one of the following parties? (See the Schedule L, Part IV, instructions for applicable filing thresholds, conditions, and exceptions).		
a	A current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, or substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
b	A family member of any individual described in line 28a? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
c	A 35% controlled entity of one or more individuals and/or organizations described in line 28a or 28b? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part IV</i>		X
29	Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in noncash contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
30	Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule M</i>		X
31	Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part I</i>		X
32	Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule N, Part II</i>		X
33	Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part I</i>		X
34	Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part II, III, or IV, and Part V, line 1</i>		X
35a	Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)?		X
b	If "Yes" to line 35a, did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		
36	Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2</i>		X
37	Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If "Yes," complete Schedule R, Part VI</i>		X
38	Did the organization complete Schedule O and provide explanations on Schedule O for Part VI, lines 11b and 19? Note: All Form 990 filers are required to complete Schedule O.	X	

Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

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

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in box 3 of Form 1096. Enter -0- if not applicable		
b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included on line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable		
c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners?		

1a	16
1b	0

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number of voting members of the governing body at the end of the tax year If there are material differences in voting rights among members of the governing body, or if the governing body delegated broad authority to an executive committee or similar committee, explain on Schedule O.	15	
1b	Enter the number of voting members included on line 1a, above, who are independent	15	
2	Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee, or key employee?		X
3	Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors, trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?	X	
4	Did the organization make any significant changes to its governing documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5	Did the organization become aware during the year of a significant diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6	Did the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7a	Did the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who had the power to elect or appoint one or more members of the governing body?		X
7b	Are any governance decisions of the organization reserved to (or subject to approval by) members, stockholders, or persons other than the governing body?		X
8	Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
8a	The governing body?	X	
8b	Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9	Is there any officer, director, trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If "Yes," provide the names and addresses on Schedule O		X

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

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

Section C. Disclosure

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

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Part VII Compensation of Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, Highest Compensated Employees, and Independent Contractors

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

Section A. Officers, Directors, Trustees, Key Employees, and Highest Compensated Employees

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List all of the organization's **current** key employees, if any. See instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations. See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

Check this box if neither the organization nor any related organization compensated any current officer, director, or trustee.

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) LISA LUOKKALA	40.00									
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	0.00			X			79,171	0	10,031	
(2) STEVE SHARKEY	1.00									
CHAIR	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(3) BARRY CATTADORIS	1.00									
VICE CHAIR	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(4) MIKE WARD	1.00									
SECRETARY	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(5) JOHN MCDONALD	1.00									
TREASURER	0.00	X		X			0	0	0	
(6) RYAN BLAISDELL	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(7) AILEEN LYLE	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(8) BETH TOSO	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(9) KAREN KETCHMARK	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(10) KAREN KODZIK	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	
(11) EVAN ALMEROTH	1.00									
BOARD MEMBER	0.00	X					0	0	0	

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(12) MYRTLE TURNQUIST										
(12) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00							0	0	0
(13) ROB GARCIA-GRADOVILLE										
(13) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(14) RON HENDRICKSON										
(14) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(15) HOLLY KOSTRZEWSKI										
(15) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(16) RYAN HOLDORF										
(16) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(17) CHUCK PATON										
(17) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(18) MOLLY LOU PINTOK										
(18) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
(19) JOHN PRIEM										
(19) BOARD MEMBER	1.00 0.00	X						0	0	0
1b Subtotal								79,171		10,031
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A										
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)								79,171		10,031

2 Total number of individuals (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization **0**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	3	X
4 For any individual listed on line 1a, is the sum of reportable compensation and other compensation from the organization and related organizations greater than \$150,000? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual	4	X
5 Did any person listed on line 1a receive or accrue compensation from any unrelated organization or individual for services rendered to the organization? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such person	5	X

Section B. Independent Contractors

1 Complete this table for your five highest compensated independent contractors that received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. Report compensation for the calendar year ending with or within the organization's tax year.

(A) Name and business address	(B) Description of services	(C) Compensation

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization **0**

Part VIII Statement of Revenue

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

			(A) Total revenue	(B) Related or exempt function revenue	(C) Unrelated business revenue	(D) Revenue excluded from tax under sections 512-514	
Contributions, Gifts, Grants and Other Similar Amounts	1a Federated campaigns	1a					
	b Membership dues	1b	137,297				
	c Fundraising events	1c					
	d Related organizations	1d					
	e Government grants (contributions)	1e	541,983				
	f All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above	1f	396,682				
	g Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 894				
	h Total. Add lines 1a-1f		1,075,962				
Program Service Revenue	2a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d						
	e						
	f All other program service revenue						
	g Total. Add lines 2a-2f						
Other Revenue	3 Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			1,843		1,843	
	4 Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds						
	5 Royalties						
	6a Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
			b Less: rental expenses	6b			
			c Rental inc. or (loss)	6c			
	d Net rental income or (loss)						
	7a Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
			b Less: cost or other basis and sales exps.	7b			
			c Gain or (loss)	7c			
	d Net gain or (loss)						
	8a Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a					
			b Less: direct expenses	8b			
	c Net income or (loss) from fundraising events						
9a Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a						
		b Less: direct expenses	9b				
c Net income or (loss) from gaming activities							
10a Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a			149,308			
		b Less: cost of goods sold	10b	56,222			
c Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory			93,086	64,676	28,410		
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	Business Code					
	b						
	c						
	d All other revenue						
	e Total. Add lines 11a-11d						
12 Total revenue. See instructions			1,170,891	64,676	28,410	1,843	

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				
2 Grants and other assistance to domestic individuals. See Part IV, line 22				
3 Grants and other assistance to foreign organizations, foreign governments, and foreign individuals. See Part IV, lines 15 and 16				
4 Benefits paid to or for members				
5 Compensation of current officers, directors, trustees, and key employees	90,751	50,820	34,486	5,445
6 Compensation not included above to disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)) and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)				
7 Other salaries and wages	233,411	202,214	5,740	25,457
8 Pension plan accruals and contributions (include section 401(k) and 403(b) employer contributions)	6,969	6,041	168	760
9 Other employee benefits	43,097	35,779	2,867	4,451
10 Payroll taxes	23,687	18,663	2,738	2,286
11 Fees for services (nonemployees):				
a Management				
b Legal				
c Accounting	69,540		69,540	
d Lobbying				
e Professional fundraising services. See Part IV, line 17				
f Investment management fees				
g Other. (If line 11g amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 11g expenses on Schedule O.)	94,397	94,397		
12 Advertising and promotion	4,836			4,836
13 Office expenses	58,674	34,997	7,563	16,114
14 Information technology	5,410	4,291		1,119
15 Royalties				
16 Occupancy	17,400	13,710	2,011	1,679
17 Travel	6,781	4,606	614	1,561
18 Payments of travel or entertainment expenses for any federal, state, or local public officials				
19 Conferences, conventions, and meetings	3,795	2,625	848	322
20 Interest				
21 Payments to affiliates				
22 Depreciation, depletion, and amortization	34,234	33,377	467	390
23 Insurance	11,702	9,082	2,620	
24 Other expenses. Itemize expenses not covered above. (List miscellaneous expenses on line 24e. If line 24e amount exceeds 10% of line 25, column (A) amount, list line 24e expenses on Schedule O.)				
a TRAIL EXPENSES	408,400	408,400		
b LAND	9,984	9,984		
c MISCELLANEOUS	9,208	9,166	42	
d INCOME TAXES	1,090		1,090	
e All other expenses				
25 Total functional expenses. Add lines 1 through 24e	1,133,366	938,152	130,794	64,420
26 Joint costs. Complete this line only if the organization reported in column (B) joint costs from a combined educational campaign and fundraising solicitation. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if following SOP 98-2 (ASC 958-720)				

Part X Balance Sheet

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

		(A) Beginning of year		(B) End of year	
Assets	1	Cash—non-interest-bearing	-5,725	1	226,521
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments	205,772	2	158,023
	3	Pledges and grants receivable, net	182,322	3	136,279
	4	Accounts receivable, net	10,091	4	6,241
	5	Loans and other receivables from any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		5	
	6	Loans and other receivables from other disqualified persons (as defined under section 4958(f)(1)), and persons described in section 4958(c)(3)(B)		6	
	7	Notes and loans receivable, net		7	
	8	Inventories for sale or use	44,128	8	39,496
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	20,863	9	19,441
	10a	Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 330,029		
	b	Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 156,904	10c	173,125
	11	Investments—publicly traded securities		11	
	12	Investments—other securities. See Part IV, line 11		12	
	13	Investments—program-related. See Part IV, line 11		13	
	14	Intangible assets	17,100	14	13,843
	15	Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	183,605	15	240,400
16	Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	849,817	16	1,013,369	
Liabilities	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses	33,685	17	102,917
	18	Grants payable		18	
	19	Deferred revenue		19	
	20	Tax-exempt bond liabilities		20	
	21	Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D		21	
	22	Loans and other payables to any current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, creator or founder, substantial contributor, or 35% controlled entity or family member of any of these persons		22	
	23	Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties		23	
	24	Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties		24	
	25	Other liabilities (including federal income tax, payables to related third parties, and other liabilities not included on lines 17-24). Complete Part X of Schedule D	34,504	25	51,190
	26	Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	68,189	26	154,107
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33.				
	27	Net assets without donor restrictions	778,730	27	854,364
	28	Net assets with donor restrictions	2,898	28	4,898
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here <input type="checkbox"/> and complete lines 29 through 33.				
	29	Capital stock or trust principal, or current funds		29	
	30	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, building, or equipment fund		30	
	31	Retained earnings, endowment, accumulated income, or other funds		31	
32	Total net assets or fund balances	781,628	32	859,262	
33	Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	849,817	33	1,013,369	

Part XI Reconciliation of Net Assets

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

1	Total revenue (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	1	1,170,891
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	1,133,366
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	37,525
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	781,628
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	40,109
6	Donated services and use of facilities	6	
7	Investment expenses	7	
8	Prior period adjustments	8	
9	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain on Schedule O)	9	
10	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 3 through 9 (must equal Part X, line 32, column (B))	10	859,262

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

		Yes	No
1	Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: <input type="checkbox"/> Cash <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other If the organization changed its method of accounting from a prior year or checked "Other," explain on Schedule O.		
2a	Were the organization's financial statements compiled or reviewed by an independent accountant? 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		X
2b	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Separate basis <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidated basis <input type="checkbox"/> Both consolidated and separate basis	X	
2c	If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant? If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.	X	
3a	As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?		X
3b	If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits		

SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)

Public Charity Status and Public Support

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Open to Public Inspection

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for instructions and the latest information.

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATION

Employer identification number

41-1569104

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status. (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions.

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 12, check only one box.)

- 1 A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).**
- 2 A school described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii).** (Attach Schedule E (Form 990).)
- 3 A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).**
- 4 A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).** Enter the hospital's name, city, and state:
- 5 An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv).** (Complete Part II.)
- 6 A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).**
- 7 An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 8 A community trust described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi).** (Complete Part II.)
- 9 An agricultural research organization described in **section 170(b)(1)(A)(ix)** operated in conjunction with a land-grant college or university or a non-land-grant college of agriculture (see instructions). Enter the name, city, and state of the college or university:
- 10 An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3% of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions, subject to certain exceptions; and (2) no more than 33 1/3% of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See **section 509(a)(2).** (Complete Part III.)
- 11 An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See **section 509(a)(4).**
- 12 An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in **section 509(a)(1)** or **section 509(a)(2).** See **section 509(a)(3).** Check the box on lines 12a through 12d that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 12e, 12f, and 12g.
 - a **Type I.** A supporting organization operated, supervised, or controlled by its supported organization(s), typically by giving the supported organization(s) the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the directors or trustees of the supporting organization. **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and B.**
 - b **Type II.** A supporting organization supervised or controlled in connection with its supported organization(s), by having control or management of the supporting organization vested in the same persons that control or manage the supported organization(s). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and C.**
 - c **Type III functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with, and functionally integrated with, its supported organization(s) (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A, D, and E.**
 - d **Type III non-functionally integrated.** A supporting organization operated in connection with its supported organization(s) that is not functionally integrated. The organization generally must satisfy a distribution requirement and an attentiveness requirement (see instructions). **You must complete Part IV, Sections A and D, and Part V.**
 - e Check this box if the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II, Type III functionally integrated, or Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organization.
 - f Enter the number of supported organizations
 - g Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-10 above (see instructions))	(iv) Is the organization listed in your governing document?		(v) Amount of monetary support (see instructions)	(vi) Amount of other support (see instructions)
			Yes	No		
(A)						
(B)						
(C)						
(D)						
(E)						
Total						

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

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

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	770,448	714,671	903,610	785,487	1,075,068	4,249,284
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3	770,448	714,671	903,610	785,487	1,075,068	4,249,284
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)						1,021,333
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						3,227,951

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	770,448	714,671	903,610	785,487	1,075,068	4,249,284
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	1,045	826	564	949	1,843	5,227
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on	10,562	8,992	8,077	2,062	3,538	33,231
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						4,287,742

12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions) 12 555,867

13 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and **stop here**

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2023 (line 6, column (f) divided by line 11, column (f)) 14 75.28 %

15 Public support percentage from 2022 Schedule A, Part II, line 14 15 80.89 %

16a 33 1/3% support test — 2023. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 33 1/3% support test — 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and **stop here.** The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2023. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test — 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and **stop here.** Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization

18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions

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

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 10 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Section A. Public Support

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

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) 2023	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6						
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources						
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b						
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included on line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, and 12.)						
14 First 5 years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

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

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

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

- 19a 33 1/3% support tests — 2023.** If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- b 33 1/3% support tests — 2022.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3%, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3%, check this box and **stop here**. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization
- 20 Private foundation.** If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions

Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 12 on Part I. If you checked box 12a, Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked box 12b, Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked box 12c, Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked box 12d, Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

Section A. All Supporting Organizations

	Yes	No
1 Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? <i>If "No," describe in Part VI how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.</i>		
2 Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).</i>		
3a Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 3b and 3c below.</i>		
b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI when and how the organization made the determination.</i>		
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 box 12a or 12b in Part I, answer lines 4b and 4c below.</i>		
b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.</i>		
c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.</i>		
5a Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," answer lines 5b and 5c below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in Part VI, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed; (ii) the reasons for each such action; (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action; and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).</i>		
b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?		
c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?		
6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (i) its supported organizations, (ii) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations, or (iii) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (as defined in section 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35% controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described on line 7? <i>If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).</i>		
9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons, as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined on line 9a) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
c Did a disqualified person (as defined on line 9a) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? <i>If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.</i>		
10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of section 4943 because of section 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? <i>If "Yes," answer line 10b below.</i>		
b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? <i>(Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)</i>		

Part IV Supporting Organizations *(continued)*

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

Section B. Type I Supporting Organizations

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

Section C. Type II Supporting Organizations

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

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?		
2	Were any of the organization's officers, directors, or trustees either (i) appointed or elected by the supported organization(s) or (ii) serving on the governing body of a supported organization? <i>If "No," explain in Part VI how the organization maintained a close and continuous working relationship with the supported organization(s).</i>		
3	By reason of the relationship described on line 2, above, did the organization's supported organizations have a significant voice in the organization's investment policies and in directing the use of the organization's income or assets at all times during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role the organization's supported organizations played in this regard.</i>		

Section E. Type III Functionally Integrated Supporting Organizations

1	<i>Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).</i>		
a	<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization satisfied the Activities Test. <i>Complete line 2 below.</i>	
b	<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. <i>Complete line 3 below.</i>	
c	<input type="checkbox"/>	The organization supported a governmental entity. <i>Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).</i>	
2	Activities Test. <i>Answer lines 2a and 2b below.</i>		
a		Yes	No
	Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <i>If "Yes," then in Part VI identify those supported organizations and explain how these activities directly furthered their exempt purposes, how the organization was responsive to those supported organizations, and how the organization determined that these activities constituted substantially all of its activities.</i>		
2a			
b	Did the activities described on line 2a, above, constitute activities that, but for the organization's involvement, one or more of the organization's supported organization(s) would have been engaged in? <i>If "Yes," explain in Part VI the reasons for the organization's position that its supported organization(s) would have engaged in these activities but for the organization's involvement.</i>		
2b			
3	Parent of Supported Organizations. <i>Answer lines 3a and 3b below.</i>		
a	Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>		
3a			
b	Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? <i>If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard.</i>		
3b			

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

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

Section A – Adjusted Net Income		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Net short-term capital gain	1	
2	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	2	
3	Other gross income (see instructions)	3	
4	Add lines 1 through 3.	4	
5	Depreciation and depletion	5	
6	Portion of operating expenses paid or incurred for production or collection of gross income or for management, conservation, or maintenance of property held for production of income (see instructions)	6	
7	Other expenses (see instructions)	7	
8	Adjusted Net Income (subtract lines 5, 6, and 7 from line 4)	8	
Section B – Minimum Asset Amount		(A) Prior Year	(B) Current Year (optional)
1	Aggregate fair market value of all non-exempt-use assets (see instructions for short tax year or assets held for part of year):		
a	Average monthly value of securities	1a	
b	Average monthly cash balances	1b	
c	Fair market value of other non-exempt-use assets	1c	
d	Total (add lines 1a, 1b, and 1c)	1d	
e	Discount claimed for blockage or other factors (<i>explain in detail in Part VI</i>):		
2	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to non-exempt-use assets	2	
3	Subtract line 2 from line 1d.	3	
4	Cash deemed held for exempt use. Enter 0.015 of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions).	4	
5	Net value of non-exempt-use assets (subtract line 4 from line 3)	5	
6	Multiply line 5 by 0.035.	6	
7	Recoveries of prior-year distributions	7	
8	Minimum Asset Amount (add line 7 to line 6)	8	
Section C – Distributable Amount			Current Year
1	Adjusted net income for prior year (from Section A, line 8, column A)	1	
2	Enter 0.85 of line 1.	2	
3	Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, column A)	3	
4	Enter greater of line 2 or line 3.	4	
5	Income tax imposed in prior year	5	
6	Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to emergency temporary reduction (see instructions).	6	
7	<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	1
2 Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes of supported organizations, in excess of income from activity	2
3 Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations	3
4 Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets	4
5 Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required—provide details in Part VI)	5
6 Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.	6
7 Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.	7
8 Distributions to attentive supported organizations to which the organization is responsive (provide details in Part VI). See instructions.	8
9 Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6	9
10 Line 8 amount divided by line 9 amount	10

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

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 B
(Form 990)**Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service**Schedule of Contributors**Attach to Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.
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2023

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATION**41-1569104**

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:**Section:**

Form 990 or 990-EZ

 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust **not** treated as a private foundation 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation 501(c)(3) taxable private foundationCheck if your organization is covered by the **General Rule** or a **Special Rule**.**Note:** Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.**General Rule**

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- For an organization filing Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF that received, during the year, contributions totaling \$5,000 or more (in money or property) from any one contributor. Complete Parts I and II. See instructions for determining a contributor's total contributions.

Special Rules

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- For an organization described in section 501(c)(3) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that met the 33
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- % support test of the regulations under sections 509(a)(1) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi), that checked Schedule A (Form 990), Part II, line 13, 16a, or 16b, and that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of the greater of
- (1)**
- \$5,000; or
- (2)**
- 2% of the amount on (i) Form 990, Part VIII, line 1h; or (ii) Form 990-EZ, line 1. Complete Parts I and II.

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- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, total contributions of more than \$1,000
- exclusively*
- for religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals. Complete Parts I (entering "N/A" in column (b) instead of the contributor name and address), II, and III.

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- For an organization described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) filing Form 990 or 990-EZ that received from any one contributor, during the year, contributions
- exclusively*
- for religious, charitable, etc., purposes, but no such contributions totaled more than \$1,000. If this box is checked, enter here the total contributions that were received during the year for an
- exclusively*
- religious, charitable, etc., purpose. Don't complete any of the parts unless the
- General Rule**
- applies to this organization because it received
- nonexclusively*
- religious, charitable, etc., contributions totaling \$5,000 or more during the year \$

Caution: An organization that isn't covered by the General Rule and/or the Special Rules doesn't file Schedule B (Form 990), but it **must** answer "No" on Part IV, line 2, of its Form 990; or check the box on line H of its Form 990-EZ or on its Form 990-PF, Part I, line 2, to certify that it doesn't meet the filing requirements of Schedule B (Form 990).

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the instructions for Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF.

Schedule B (Form 990) (2023)

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Part I Contributors (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part I if additional space is needed.

(a) No.	(b) Name, address, and ZIP + 4	(c) Total contributions	(d) Type of contribution
1	\$ 531,281	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
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	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Supplemental Financial Statements

Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11a, 11b, 11c, 11d, 11e, 11f, 12a, or 12b.

Attach to Form 990.

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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.

Table with 2 columns: (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows include: 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?, 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?

Part II Conservation Easements

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

Table with 2 columns: Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows include: 1 Purpose(s) of conservation easements held by the organization (check all that apply), 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, 3 Number of conservation easements modified, transferred, released, extinguished, or terminated by the organization during the tax year, 4 Number of states where property subject to conservation easement is located, 5 Does the organization have a written policy regarding the periodic monitoring, inspection, handling of violations, and enforcement of the conservation easements it holds?, 6 Staff and volunteer hours devoted to monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 7 Amount of expenses incurred in monitoring, inspecting, handling of violations, and enforcing conservation easements during the year, 8 Does each conservation easement reported on line 2d above satisfy the requirements of section 170(h)(4)(B)(i) and section 170(h)(4)(B)(ii)?, 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.

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

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

- 3 Using the organization's acquisition, accession, and other records, check any of the following that make significant use of its collection items (check all that apply).
- a Public exhibition
 - b Scholarly research
 - c Preservation for future generations
 - d Loan or exchange program
 - e Other
- 4 Provide a description of the organization's collections and explain how they further the organization's exempt purpose in Part XIII.
- 5 During the year, did the organization solicit or receive donations of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets to be sold to raise funds rather than to be maintained as part of the organization's collection? Yes No

Part IV Escrow and Custodial Arrangements

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

- 1a Is the organization an agent, trustee, custodian or other intermediary for contributions or other assets not included on Form 990, Part X? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII and complete the following table.
- | | Amount |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| c Beginning balance | 1c |
| d Additions during the year | 1d |
| e Distributions during the year | 1e |
| f Ending balance | 1f |
- 2a Did the organization include an amount on Form 990, Part X, line 21, for escrow or custodial account liability? Yes No
- b If "Yes," explain the arrangement in Part XIII. Check here if the explanation has been provided 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					
b Contributions					
c Net investment earnings, gains, and losses					
d Grants or scholarships					
e Other expenditures for facilities and programs					
f Administrative expenses					
g End of year balance					

- 2 Provide the estimated percentage of the current year end balance (line 1g, column (a)) held as:
- a Board designated or quasi-endowment
 - b Permanent endowment
 - c Term endowment
- The percentages on lines 2a, 2b, and 2c should equal 100%.
- 3a Are there endowment funds not in the possession of the organization that are held and administered for the organization by:
- | | Yes | No |
|--|---------------|----|
| (i) Unrelated organizations? | 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		61,807		61,807
b Buildings				
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		268,222	156,904	111,318
e Other				
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 10c, column (B))				173,125

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, line 12, col. (B))		

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)		
(2)		
(3)		
(4)		
(5)		
(6)		
(7)		
(8)		
(9)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 13, col. (B))		

Part IX Other Assets

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

(a) Description	(b) Book value
(1) BENEFICIAL INTEREST	189,210
(2) OPERATING LEASE RIGHT-OF-USE ASSETS	51,190
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 15, col. (B))	240,400

Part X Other Liabilities

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) OPERATING LEASE LIABILITIES	51,190
(3)	
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, line 25, col. (B))	51,190

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

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.

Table with 5 main rows for revenue reconciliation. Row 1: Total revenue, gains, and other support per audited financial statements: 1,211,000. Row 2: Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12. Includes sub-rows 2a (Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments: 40,109), 2b (Donated services and use of facilities), 2c (Recoveries of prior year grants), 2d (Other), and 2e (Total adjustments: 40,109). Row 3: Subtract line 2e from line 1. Row 4: Amounts included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, but not on line 1. Includes sub-rows 4a (Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b), 4b (Other), and 4c (Total adjustments). Row 5: Total revenue. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 12.): 1,170,891.

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.

Table with 5 main rows for expense reconciliation. Row 1: Total expenses and losses per audited financial statements: 1,133,366. Row 2: Amounts included on line 1 but not on Form 990, Part IX, line 25. Includes sub-rows 2a (Donated services and use of facilities), 2b (Prior year adjustments), 2c (Other losses), 2d (Other), and 2e (Total adjustments: 1,133,366). Row 3: Subtract line 2e from line 1. Row 4: Amounts included on Form 990, Part IX, line 25, but not on line 1. Includes sub-rows 4a (Investment expenses not included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 7b), 4b (Other), and 4c (Total adjustments). Row 5: Total expenses. Add lines 3 and 4c. (This must equal Form 990, Part I, line 18.): 1,133,366.

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.

Large area with horizontal dotted lines for providing supplemental information.

**SCHEDULE O
(Form 990)****Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ**

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Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.**2023**Department of the Treasury
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Employer identification number

41-1569104**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 3 - MANAGEMENT DELEGATED**

**NAME OF MANAGEMENT COMPANY IS 33FINANCESEAT LLC. SERVICES PROVIDED BY
33FINANCESEAT LLC ARE FINANCIAL OPERATIONS FOR SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL
ASSOCIATION. 33FINANCESEAT WAS PAID \$60,475 FOR SERVICES PROVIDED DURING
THE YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2024.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 11B - ORGANIZATION'S PROCESS TO REVIEW FORM 990
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS REVIEW AND DISCUSS FORM
990. TREASURER DISCUSSES FORM 990 WITH THE ENTIRE BOARD BEFORE THE FORM
990 IS SIGNED.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 12C - ENFORCEMENT OF CONFLICTS POLICY
BOARD MEMBERS ANNUALLY SIGN CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 15A - COMPENSATION PROCESS FOR TOP OFFICIAL
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ADOPTED AN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION POLICY WHEREBY THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GATHERS A VARIETY OF APPROPRIATE DATA AND SETS THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION AND DOCUMENTS THE DECISION ON AN ANNUAL
BASIS.**

**FORM 990, PART VI, LINE 19 - GOVERNING DOCUMENTS DISCLOSURE EXPLANATION
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS, CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY, AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.**

Form **990-T**

Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return
(and proxy tax under section 6033(e))

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

For calendar year 2023 or other tax year beginning **10/01/23**, and ending **09/30/24**

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Organizations Only

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter SSN numbers on this form as it may be made public if your organization is a 501(c)(3).

A <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if address changed.		Name of organization (<input type="checkbox"/> Check box if name changed and see instructions.) SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATION	D Employer identification number 41-1569104
B Exempt under section <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(C) (3) <input type="checkbox"/> 408(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 220(e) <input type="checkbox"/> 408A <input type="checkbox"/> 530(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529(a) <input type="checkbox"/> 529A	Print or Type	Number, street, and room or suite no. If a P.O. box, see instructions. P.O. BOX 315	E Group exemption number (see instructions)
		City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code TWO HARBORS MN 55616	F <input type="checkbox"/> Check box if an amended return.
		C Book value of all assets at end of year 1,013,369	

G Check organization type: 501(c) corporation 501(c) trust 401(a) trust Other trust State college/university
 6417(d)(1)(A) Applicable entity

H Check if filing only to claim: Credit from Form 8941 Refund shown on Form 2439 Elective payment amount from Form 3800

I Check if a 501(c)(3) organization filing a consolidated return with a 501(c)(2) titleholding corporation

J Enter the number of attached Schedules A (Form 990-T) **1**

K During the tax year, was the corporation a subsidiary in an affiliated group or a parent-subsidiary controlled group? Yes No
 If "Yes," enter the name and identifying number of the parent corporation

L The books are in care of **LISA LUOKKALA** Telephone number **218-834-2700**

Part I Total Unrelated Business Taxable Income

1	Total of unrelated business taxable income computed from all unrelated trades or businesses (see instructions)	1	4,538
2	Reserved	2	
3	Add lines 1 and 2	3	4,538
4	Charitable contributions (see instructions for limitation rules)	4	
5	Total unrelated business taxable income before net operating losses. Subtract line 4 from line 3	5	4,538
6	Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	6	0
7	Total of unrelated business taxable income before specific deduction and section 199A deduction. Subtract line 6 from line 5	7	4,538
8	Specific deduction (generally \$1,000, but see instructions for exceptions)	8	1,000
9	Trusts. Section 199A deduction. See instructions	9	
10	Total deductions. Add lines 8 and 9	10	1,000
11	Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 10 from line 7. If line 10 is greater than line 7, enter zero	11	3,538

Part II Tax Computation

1	Organizations taxable as corporations. Multiply Part I, line 11 by 21% (0.21)	1	743
2	Trusts taxable at trust rates. See instructions for tax computation. Income tax on the amount on Part I, line 11 from: <input type="checkbox"/> Tax rate schedule or <input type="checkbox"/> Schedule D (Form 1041)	2	0
3	Proxy tax. See instructions	3	
4	Other tax amounts. See instructions	4	
5	Alternative minimum tax	5	
6	Tax on noncompliant facility income. See instructions	6	
7	Total. Add lines 3 through 6 to line 1 or 2, whichever applies	7	743

Part III Tax and Payments

1a	Foreign tax credit (corporations attach Form 1118; trusts attach Form 1116)	1a	
b	Other credits (see instructions)	1b	
c	General business credit. Attach Form 3800 (see instructions)	1c	
d	Credit for prior year minimum tax (attach Form 8801 or 8827)	1d	
e	Total credits. Add lines 1a through 1d	1e	
2	Subtract line 1e from Part II, line 7	2	743
3a	Amount due from Form 4255	3a	
b	Amount due from Form 8611	3b	
c	Amount due from Form 8697	3c	
d	Amount due from Form 8866	3d	
e	Other amounts due (see instructions)	3e	
f	Total amounts due. Add lines 3a through 3e	3f	
4	Total tax. Add lines 2 and 3f (see instructions). <input type="checkbox"/> Check if includes tax previously deferred under section 1294. Enter tax amount here	4	743
5	Current net 965 tax liability paid from Form 965-A, Part II, column (k)	5	

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Part III Tax and Payments (continued)

6a Payments: Preceding year's overpayment credited to the current year	6a	436	
b Current year's estimated tax payments. Check if section 643(g) election applies <input type="checkbox"/>	6b		
c Tax deposited with Form 8868	6c		
d Foreign organizations: Tax paid or withheld at source (see instructions)	6d		
e Backup withholding (see instructions)	6e		
f Credit for small employer health insurance premiums (attach Form 8941)	6f		
g Elective payment election amount from Form 3800	6g		
h Payment from Form 2439	6h		
i Credit from Form 4136	6i		
j Other (see instructions)	6j		
7 Total payments. Add lines 6a through 6j	7	436	
8 Estimated tax penalty (see instructions). Check if Form 2220 is attached <input type="checkbox"/>	8		
9 Tax due. If line 7 is smaller than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount owed	9	307	
10 Overpayment. If line 7 is larger than the total of lines 4, 5, and 8, enter amount overpaid	10		
11 Enter the amount of line 10 you want: Credited to 2024 estimated tax Refunded	11		

Part IV Statements Regarding Certain Activities and Other Information (see instructions)

	Yes	No
1 At any time during the 2023 calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account (bank, securities, or other) in a foreign country? If "Yes," the organization may have to file FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country here		X
2 During the tax year, did the organization receive a distribution from, or was it the grantor of, or transferor to, a foreign trust? If "Yes," see instructions for other forms the organization may have to file.		X
3 Enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year \$		
4 Enter available pre-2018 NOL carryovers here \$. Do not include any post-2017 NOL carryover shown on Schedule A (Form 990-T). Don't reduce the NOL carryover shown here by any deduction reported on Part I, line 6.		
5 Post-2017 NOL carryovers. Enter the Business Activity Code and available post-2017 NOL carryovers. Don't reduce the amounts shown below by any NOL claimed on any Schedule A, Part II, line 17 for the tax year. See instructions.		
Business Activity Code	Available post-2017 NOL carryover	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	
6a Reserved for future use		
b Reserved for future use		

Part V Supplemental Information

Provide any additional information. See instructions.

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 taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

Sign Here

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

Signature of officer Date Title
TREASURER

Paid Preparer Use Only

Print/Type preparer's name MICHAEL A. PEDERSON	Preparer's signature MICHAEL A. PEDERSON	Date 12/18/24	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00454472
Firm's name ESTERBROOKS CPAS, LTD	Firm's EIN 41-1414667			Phone no. 218-727-6846
Firm's address 302 W. SUPERIOR ST., STE.200 DULUTH, MN 55802				

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990-T)**

**Unrelated Business Taxable Income
From an Unrelated Trade or Business**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2023

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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A Name of the organization SUPERIOR HIKING TRAIL ASSOCIATION	B Employer identification number 41-1569104
C Unrelated business activity code (see instructions) 448000	D Sequence: 1 of 1

E Describe the unrelated trade or business **UNRELATED BUSINESS ACTIVITY**

Part I Unrelated Trade or Business Income	(A) Income	(B) Expenses	(C) Net
1a Gross receipts or sales <u>66,526</u>			
b Less returns and allowances <u> </u> c Balance	1c 66,526		
2 Cost of goods sold (Part III, line 8)	2 38,116		
3 Gross profit. Subtract line 2 from line 1c	3 28,410		28,410
4a Capital gain net income (attach Sch D (Form 1041 or Form 1120)). See instructions	4a		
b Net gain (loss) (Form 4797) (attach Form 4797). See instructions	4b		
c Capital loss deduction for trusts	4c		
5 Income (loss) from a partnership or an S corporation (attach statement)	5		
6 Rent income (Part IV)	6		
7 Unrelated debt-financed income (Part V)	7		
8 Interest, annuities, royalties, and rents from a controlled organization (Part VI)	8		
9 Investment income of section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) organizations (Part VII)	9		
10 Exploited exempt activity income (Part VIII)	10		
11 Advertising income (Part IX)	11		
12 Other income (see instructions; attach statement)	12		
13 Total. Combine lines 3 through 12	13 28,410		28,410

Part II Deductions Not Taken Elsewhere See instructions for limitations on deductions. Deductions must be directly connected with the unrelated business income

1 Compensation of officers, directors, and trustees (Part X)	1	
2 Salaries and wages	2	9,706
3 Repairs and maintenance	3	
4 Bad debts	4	
5 Interest (attach statement). See instructions	5	
6 Taxes and licenses	6	710
7 Depreciation (attach Form 4562). See instructions	7	
8 Less depreciation claimed in Part III and elsewhere on return	8a	0
9 Depletion	9	
10 Contributions to deferred compensation plans	10	
11 Employee benefit programs	11	
12 Excess exempt expenses (Part VIII)	12	
13 Excess readership costs (Part IX)	13	
14 Other deductions (attach statement) SEE STATEMENT 1	14	13,456
15 Total deductions. Add lines 1 through 14	15	23,872
16 Unrelated business income before net operating loss deduction. Subtract line 15 from Part I, line 13, column (C)	16	4,538
17 Deduction for net operating loss. See instructions	17	
18 Unrelated business taxable income. Subtract line 17 from line 16	18	4,538

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Schedule A (Form 990-T) 2023

Part III Cost of Goods Sold

Enter method of inventory valuation COST METHOD

Table with 8 rows and 2 columns. Row 2: Purchases 38,116. Row 6: Total. Add lines 1 through 5 38,116. Row 8: Cost of goods sold. Subtract line 7 from line 6. Enter here and in Part I, line 2 38,116.

Part IV Rent Income (From Real Property and Personal Property Leased with Real Property)

Table with 4 columns (A, B, C, D) and 5 rows. Row 2: Description of property. Row 3: Total rents received or accrued. Row 4: Deductions directly connected with the income. Row 5: Total deductions.

Part V Unrelated Debt-Financed Income (see instructions)

Table with 4 columns (A, B, C, D) and 10 rows. Row 2: Gross income from or allocable to debt-financed property. Row 3: Deductions directly connected with or allocable to debt-financed property. Row 4: Amount of average acquisition debt on or allocable to debt-financed property. Row 5: Average adjusted basis of or allocable to debt-financed property. Row 6: Divide line 4 by line 5. Row 7: Gross income reportable. Row 8: Total gross income. Row 9: Allocable deductions. Row 10: Total allocable deductions. Row 11: Total dividends — received deductions included in line 10.

Part VI Interest, Annuities, Royalties, and Rents From Controlled Organizations (see instructions)

1. Name of controlled organization	2. Employer identification number	Exempt Controlled Organization			
		3. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	4. Total of specified payments made	5. Part of column 4 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	6. Deductions directly connected with income in column 5
(1)					
(2)					
(3)					
(4)					

Nonexempt Controlled Organizations

7. Taxable income	8. Net unrelated income (loss) (see instructions)	9. Total of specified payments made	10. Part of column 9 that is included in the controlling organization's gross income	11. Deductions directly connected with income in column 10
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				

Add columns 5 and 10. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (A).

Add columns 6 and 11. Enter here and on Part I, line 8, column (B).

Totals

Part VII Investment Income of a Section 501(c)(7), (9), or (17) Organization (see instructions)

1. Description of income	2. Amount of income	3. Deductions directly connected (attach statement)	4. Set-asides (attach statement)	5. Total deductions and set-asides (add columns 3 and 4)
(1)				
(2)				
(3)				
(4)				

Add amounts in column 2. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (A).

Add amounts in column 5. Enter here and on Part I, line 9, column (B).

Totals

Part VIII Exploited Exempt Activity Income, Other Than Advertising Income (see instructions)

1 Description of exploited activity: _____	
2 Gross unrelated business income from trade or business. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (A)	2
3 Expenses directly connected with production of unrelated business income. Enter here and on Part I, line 10, column (B)	3
4 Net income (loss) from unrelated trade or business. Subtract line 3 from line 2. If a gain, complete lines 5 through 7	4
5 Gross income from activity that is not unrelated business income	5
6 Expenses attributable to income entered on line 5	6
7 Excess exempt expenses. Subtract line 5 from line 6, but do not enter more than the amount on line 4. Enter here and on Part II, line 12	7

Part IX Advertising Income

1 Name(s) of periodical(s). Check box if reporting two or more periodicals on a consolidated basis.

A _____

B _____

C _____

D _____

Enter amounts for each periodical listed above in the corresponding column.

	A	B	C	D
2 Gross advertising income				
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (A)				
3 Direct advertising costs by periodical				
a Add columns A through D. Enter here and on Part I, line 11, column (B)				
4 Advertising gain (loss). Subtract line 3 from line 2. For any column in line 4 showing a gain, complete lines 5 through 8. For any column in line 4 showing a loss or zero, do not complete lines 5 through 7, and enter -0- on line 8				
5 Readership costs				
6 Circulation income				
7 Excess readership costs. If line 6 is less than line 5, subtract line 6 from line 5. If line 5 is less than line 6, enter -0-				
8 Excess readership costs allowed as a deduction. For each column showing a gain on line 4, enter the lesser of line 4 or line 7				
a Add line 8, columns A through D. Enter the greater of the line 8a, columns total or -0- here and on Part II, line 13				

Part X Compensation of Officers, Directors, and Trustees (see instructions)

1. Name	2. Title	3. Percentage of time devoted to business	4. Compensation attributable to unrelated business
(1)		%	
(2)		%	
(3)		%	
(4)		%	
Total. Enter here and on Part II, line 1			

Part XI Supplemental Information (see instructions)

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Federal Statements**Unrelated Business Activity****Statement 1 - Schedule A (990T), Part II, Line 14 - Other Deductions**

<u>Deduction Description</u>	<u>Deduction Amount</u>
CONTRACTED ACCOUNTANT	\$ 5,413
CREDIT CARD EXPENSES	2,644
INSURANCE	477
OCCUPANCY	3,526
STORE EXPENSES	<u>1,396</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 13,456</u>