

Form **990**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

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

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2022

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A For the **2022** calendar year, or tax year beginning **10/01/2022** and ending **09/30/2023**

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	C Name of organization NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.			D Employer identification number 84-0611876		
	Doing Business As			E Telephone number (303) 447-8760		
	Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE					
	City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code BOULDER, CO 80302-5821			G Gross receipts \$ 32,769,909.		
F Name and address of principal officer: JOHN ECHOHAWK 250 ARAPAHOE AVENUE, BOULDER, CO 80302-5821			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			J Website: WWW.NARF.ORG			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
K Form of organization: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶			L Year of formation: 1970			M State of legal domicile: DC

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>CONSTRUCT THE FOUNDATIONS NECESSARY TO EMPOWER TRIBES SO THEY CAN CONTINUE TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR NATIVE TRADITIONS, ENFORCE THEIR TREATY RIGHTS AND PROTECT THEIR SOVEREIGNTY.</u>
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its net assets.
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a) 3 13
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 13
	5 Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2022 (Part V, line 2a) 5 66
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 18
	7a Total unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, column (C), line 12 7a NONE
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34 7b NONE	

		Prior Year	Current Year
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	14,822,919.	17,939,492.
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	960,813.	757,583.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	1,833,235.	183,705.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	-68,421.	56,293.
	12 Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	17,548,546.	18,937,073.
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Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	NONE	1,103,168.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)	NONE	NONE
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	8,213,073.	10,031,093.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)	36,000.	36,000.
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 3,503,763.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e)	6,328,550.	7,569,879.
	18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	14,577,623.	18,740,140.
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	2,970,923.	196,933.	
Net Assets or Fund Balances	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Current Year 64,723,035.	End of Year 71,353,158.
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	1,942,671.	3,492,645.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20.	62,780,364.	67,860,513.

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	05/28/2024
	MICHAEL KENNEDY Type or print name and title	Date

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Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	ADAM R SMITH, CPA	ADAM R SMITH, CPA	05/28/2024		P00958966
	Firm's name ▶ FORVIS, LLP	Firm's EIN ▶	44-0160260		
	Firm's address ▶ 111 SOUTH TEJON, SUITE 800 COLORADO SPRINGS, CO 80903-9848	Phone no.	719-471-4290		

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

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Check if Schedule O contains a response or note to any line in this Part III Yes No

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

SEE SCHEDULE O

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 \$ 12,683,944. including grants of \$ 1,103,168.) (Revenue \$ 810,189.)

SEE SCHEDULE O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 536,267. including grants of \$ NONE) (Revenue \$ NONE)

SEE SCHEDULE O

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

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

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

4e Total program service expenses 13,220,211.

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)

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 22-38 covering various organizational requirements and reporting obligations.

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 []

Table with 3 columns: Question, Yes, No. Rows 1a-1c regarding Form 1096, Forms W-2G, and backup withholding rules.

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 66		
b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns?	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? <i>If "No" to line 3b, provide an explanation on Schedule O</i> 3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 4a		X
b	If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country _____ See instructions for filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR).		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5a		X
b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5b		X
c	If "Yes" to line 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T? 5c		
6a	Does the organization have annual gross receipts that are normally greater than \$100,000, and did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible as charitable contributions? 6a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not tax deductible? 6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
a	Did the organization receive a payment in excess of \$75 made partly as a contribution and partly for goods and services provided to the payor? 7a		X
b	If "Yes," did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7b		
c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7c		X
d	If "Yes," indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year 7d		
e	Did the organization receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7e		X
f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7f		X
g	If the organization received a contribution of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7g		
h	If the organization received a contribution of cars, boats, airplanes, or other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C? 7h		
8	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds. Did a donor advised fund maintained by the sponsoring organization have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
a	Did the sponsoring organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9a		
b	Did the sponsoring organization make a distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12 10a		
b	Gross receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities 10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
a	Gross income from members or shareholders 11a		
b	Gross income from other sources. (Do not net amounts due or paid to other sources against amounts due or received from them.) 11b		
12a	Section 4947(a)(1) non-exempt charitable trusts. Is the organization filing Form 990 in lieu of Form 1041? 12a		
b	If "Yes," enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year 12b		
13	Section 501(c)(29) qualified nonprofit health insurance issuers.		
a	Is the organization licensed to issue qualified health plans in more than one state? 13a Note: See the instructions for additional information the organization must report on Schedule O.		
b	Enter the amount of reserves the organization is required to maintain by the states in which the organization is licensed to issue qualified health plans 13b		
c	Enter the amount of reserves on hand 13c		
14a	Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the tax year? 14a		X
b	If "Yes," has it filed a Form 720 to report these payments? <i>If "No," provide an explanation on Schedule O</i> 14b		
15	Is the organization subject to the section 4960 tax on payment(s) of more than \$1,000,000 in remuneration or excess parachute payment(s) during the year? 15 If "Yes," see the instructions and file Form 4720, Schedule N.		X
16	Is the organization an educational institution subject to the section 4968 excise tax on net investment income? If "Yes," complete Form 4720, Schedule O. 16		X
17	Section 501(c)(21) organizations. Did the trust, or any disqualified or other person engage in any activities that would result in the imposition of an excise tax under section 4951, 4952, or 4953? 17 If "Yes," complete Form 6069.		

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

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

Section A. Governing Body and Management

Table with columns for line numbers (1a, 1b, 2-9), Yes, and No. Contains questions about governing body members, relationships, and documentation.

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

Table with columns for line numbers (10a-16b), Yes, and No. Contains questions about local chapters, conflict of interest policies, whistleblower policies, and compensation.

Section C. Disclosure

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

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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 the instructions for definition of "key employee."
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (box 5 of Form W-2, box 6 of Form 1099-MISC, and/or box 1 of Form 1099-NEC) of more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

See the instructions for the order in which to list the persons above.

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC/1099-NEC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(1) JOHN ECHOHAWK EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	40.00 NONE			X				256,634.	NONE	28,569.
(2) MELODY MCCOY ATTORNEY	40.00 NONE					X		206,338.	NONE	54,685.
(3) KIM GOTTSCHALK ATTORNEY	40.00 NONE					X		216,593.	NONE	40,461.
(4) SUSAN NOE ATTORNEY	40.00 NONE					X		219,058.	NONE	26,303.
(5) BRETT SHELTON ATTORNEY	40.00 NONE					X		212,437.	NONE	28,293.
(6) MATTHEW CAMPBELL DEPUTY DIRECTOR	40.00 NONE			X				200,554.	NONE	32,817.
(7) SAMANTHA KELTY ATTORNEY	40.00 NONE					X		198,184.	NONE	23,526.
(8) DONALD RAGONA DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	40.00 NONE			X				160,340.	NONE	49,158.
(9) MICHAEL KENNEDY CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	40.00 NONE			X				168,538.	NONE	39,377.
(10) SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIOS CORPORATE SECRETARY	40.00 NONE			X				129,325.	NONE	22,442.
(11) JAMIE AZURE BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(12) MICHAEL PETOSKEY BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(13) STEPHANIE BRYAN BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE
(14) REBECCA CROOKS-STRATTON BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X						NONE	NONE	NONE

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

(A) Name and title	(B) Average hours per week (list any hours for related organizations below dotted line)	(C) Position (do not check more than one box, unless person is both an officer and a director/trustee)						(D) Reportable compensation from the organization (W-2/1099-MISC)	(E) Reportable compensation from related organizations (W-2/1099-MISC)	(F) Estimated amount of other compensation from the organization and related organizations
		Individual trustee or director	Institutional trustee	Officer	Key employee	Highest compensated employee	Former			
(15) LOUIE UNGARO BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
(16) KENNETH KAHN VICE-CHAIRMAN	1.00 NONE	X		X			NONE	NONE	NONE	
(17) RHONDA PITKA BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
(18) CAMILLE KALAMA BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
(19) REBECCA MILES BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
(20) GEOFFREY BLACKWELL BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
(21) LACEY HORN CHAIRWOMAN	1.00 NONE	X		X			NONE	NONE	NONE	
(22) ROBERT MIGUEL BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
(23) GAYLA HOSETH BOARD MEMBER	1.00 NONE	X					NONE	NONE	NONE	
1b Sub-total							1,968,001.	NONE	345,631.	
c Total from continuation sheets to Part VII, Section A							NONE	NONE	NONE	
d Total (add lines 1b and 1c)							1,968,001.	NONE	345,631.	

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 **30**

	Yes	No
3 Did the organization list any former officer, director, or trustee, key employee, or highest compensated employee on line 1a? If "Yes," complete Schedule J for such individual		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	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		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
SEE SCHEDULE O		

2 Total number of independent contractors (including but not limited to those listed above) who received more than \$100,000 in compensation from the organization **6**

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	3,330.				
	b	Membership dues	1b					
	c	Fundraising events	1c					
	d	Related organizations	1d					
	e	Government grants (contributions) . .	1e	1,747,850.				
	f	All other contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts not included above .	1f	16,188,312.				
	g	Noncash contributions included in lines 1a-1f	1g	\$ 88,624.				
	h	Total. Add lines 1a-1f			17,939,492.			
	Program Service Revenue	2a	LEGAL FEES	Business Code	541110	757,583.	757,583.	
b								
c								
d								
e								
f		All other program service revenue						
g		Total. Add lines 2a-2f			757,583.			
Other Revenue	3	Investment income (including dividends, interest, and other similar amounts)			1,270,702.		1,270,702.	
	4	Income from investment of tax-exempt bond proceeds .			NONE			
	5	Royalties			3,687.		3,687.	
	6a	Gross rents	6a	(i) Real	(ii) Personal			
	b	Less: rental expenses	6b					
	c	Rental income or (loss)	6c	NONE	NONE			
	d	Net rental income or (loss)				NONE		
	7a	Gross amount from sales of assets other than inventory	7a	(i) Securities	(ii) Other			
						12,745,839.		
	b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . .	7b	13,832,836.				
	c	Gain or (loss)	7c	-1,086,997.				
d	Net gain or (loss)				-1,086,997.			
8a	Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1c). See Part IV, line 18	8a		NONE				
b	Less: direct expenses	8b		NONE				
c	Net income or (loss) from fundraising events				NONE			
9a	Gross income from gaming activities. See Part IV, line 19	9a		NONE				
b	Less: direct expenses	9b		NONE				
c	Net income or (loss) from gaming activities				NONE			
10a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	10a		NONE				
b	Less: cost of goods sold	10b		NONE				
c	Net income or (loss) from sales of inventory				NONE			
Miscellaneous Revenue	11a	REIMBURSEMENTS	Business Code	900099	39,218.	39,218.		
	b	HONORARIUMS		900099	1,500.	1,500.		
	c	OTHER MISC REVENUE		900099	11,888.	11,888.		
	d	All other revenue						
	e	Total. Add lines 11a-11d			52,606.			
12	Total revenue. See instructions			18,937,073.	810,189.		187,392.	

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

Table with 5 columns: (A) Total expenses, (B) Program service expenses, (C) Management and general expenses, (D) Fundraising expenses. Rows include categories like Grants, Salaries, Pension, and Total functional expenses.

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	2,932,623.	1	6,841,033.
	2 Savings and temporary cash investments	1,698,413.	2	3,099,408.
	3 Pledges and grants receivable, net	4,572,452.	3	3,211,834.
	4 Accounts receivable, net	6,089,822.	4	236,176.
	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	NONE	5	NONE
	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)	NONE	6	NONE
	7 Notes and loans receivable, net	NONE	7	NONE
	8 Inventories for sale or use	NONE	8	NONE
	9 Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	349,311.	9	422,918.
	10a Land, buildings, and equipment: cost or other basis. Complete Part VI of Schedule D	10a 13,053,867.		
	b Less: accumulated depreciation	10b 984,962.		
		10,751,660.	10c	12,068,905.
	11 Investments - publicly traded securities	30,809,126.	11	38,265,280.
	12 Investments - other securities. See Part IV, line 11	7,503,648.	12	5,536,904.
	13 Investments - program-related. See Part IV, line 11	NONE	13	NONE
	14 Intangible assets	NONE	14	NONE
15 Other assets. See Part IV, line 11	15,980.	15	1,670,700.	
16 Total assets. Add lines 1 through 15 (must equal line 33)	64,723,035.	16	71,353,158.	
Liabilities	17 Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,603,906.	17	1,437,805.
	18 Grants payable	NONE	18	NONE
	19 Deferred revenue	8,855.	19	NONE
	20 Tax-exempt bond liabilities	NONE	20	NONE
	21 Escrow or custodial account liability. Complete Part IV of Schedule D	NONE	21	NONE
	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	NONE	22	NONE
	23 Secured mortgages and notes payable to unrelated third parties	25,853.	23	6,799.
	24 Unsecured notes and loans payable to unrelated third parties	NONE	24	NONE
	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	304,057.	25	2,048,041.
	26 Total liabilities. Add lines 17 through 25	1,942,671.	26	3,492,645.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	Organizations that follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 27, 28, 32, and 33. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27 Net assets without donor restrictions	53,867,316.	27	61,486,304.
	28 Net assets with donor restrictions	8,913,048.	28	6,374,209.
	Organizations that do not follow FASB ASC 958, check here and complete lines 29 through 33. <input type="checkbox"/>			
	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	62,780,364.	32	67,860,513.
33 Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances	64,723,035.	33	71,353,158.	

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	18,937,073.
2	Total expenses (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	2	18,740,140.
3	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 2 from line 1	3	196,933.
4	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (must equal Part X, line 32, column (A))	4	62,780,364.
5	Net unrealized gains (losses) on investments	5	4,883,216.
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	67,860,513.

Part XII Financial Statements and Reporting

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

- 1 Accounting method used to prepare the Form 990: Cash Accrual 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:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- b Were the organization's financial statements audited by an independent accountant?
If "Yes," check a box below to indicate whether the financial statements for the year were audited on a separate basis, consolidated basis, or both:
 Separate basis Consolidated basis Both consolidated and separate basis
- c If "Yes" to line 2a or 2b, does the organization have a committee that assumes responsibility for oversight of the audit, review, or compilation of its financial statements and selection of an independent accountant?
If the organization changed either its oversight process or selection process during the tax year, explain on Schedule O.
- 3a As a result of a federal award, was the organization required to undergo an audit or audits as set forth in the Uniform Guidance, 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart F?
- b If "Yes," did the organization undergo the required audit or audits? If the organization did not undergo the required audit or audits, explain why on Schedule O and describe any steps taken to undergo such audits . . .

	Yes	No
2a		X
2b	X	
2c	X	
3a		X
3b		

**SCHEDULE A
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support

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

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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**Open to Public
Inspection**

Name of the organization

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

Employer identification number

84-0611876

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						

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Schedule A (Form 990) 2022

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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) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	10,672,500.	12,901,033.	17,314,327.	14,822,919.	17,939,492.	73,650,271.
2 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						NONE
3 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						NONE
4 Total. Add lines 1 through 3.	10,672,500.	12,901,033.	17,314,327.	14,822,919.	17,939,492.	73,650,271.
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).						5,981,226.
6 Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4						67,669,045.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2018	(b) 2019	(c) 2020	(d) 2021	(e) 2022	(f) Total
7 Amounts from line 4	10,672,500.	12,901,033.	17,314,327.	14,822,919.	17,939,492.	73,650,271.
8 Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources	1,579,581.	1,476,662.	1,537,528.	1,132,902.	1,274,389.	7,001,062.
9 Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						NONE
10 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						NONE
11 Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						80,651,333.
12 Gross receipts from related activities, etc. (see instructions)					12	9,865,171.
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 <input type="checkbox"/>						

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

14 Public support percentage for 2022 (line 6, column (f), divided by line 11, column (f))	14	83.90 %
15 Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part II, line 14	15	85.35 %
16a 33 1/3% support test - 2022. If the organization did not check the box on line 13, and line 14 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
b 33 1/3% support test - 2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13 or 16a, and line 15 is 33 1/3% or more, check this box and stop here . The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization <input type="checkbox"/>		
17a 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2022. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, or 16b, and line 14 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. <input type="checkbox"/>		
b 10%-facts-and-circumstances test - 2021. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, or 17a, and line 15 is 10% or more, and if the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test, check this box and stop here . Explain in Part VI how the organization meets the facts-and-circumstances test. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization. <input type="checkbox"/>		
18 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 13, 16a, 16b, 17a, or 17b, check this box and see instructions <input type="checkbox"/>		

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)
(Complete only if you checked the box on line 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

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received; 2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed; 3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business; 4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit; 5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit; 6 Total; 7a-b Disqualified persons; 8 Public support.

Section B. Total Support

Table with 7 columns: (a) 2018, (b) 2019, (c) 2020, (d) 2021, (e) 2022, (f) Total. Rows include: 9 Amounts from line 6; 10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties, and income from similar sources; 10b Unrelated business taxable income; 10c Add lines 10a and 10b; 11 Net income from unrelated business activities; 12 Other income; 13 Total support.

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.

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Public support percentage for 2022 (line 8, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) and Public support percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 15.

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

Table with 2 columns: Investment income percentage for 2022 (line 10c, column (f), divided by line 13, column (f)) and Investment income percentage from 2021 Schedule A, Part III, line 17.

19a 33 1/3% support tests - 2022. 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.

19b 33 1/3% support tests - 2021. 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.

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 of 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 Check the box next to the method that the organization used to satisfy the Integral Part Test during the year (see instructions).			
a <input type="checkbox"/> The organization satisfied the Activities Test. Complete line 2 below.			
b <input type="checkbox"/> The organization is the parent of each of its supported organizations. Complete line 3 below.			
c <input type="checkbox"/> The organization supported a governmental entity. Describe in Part VI how you supported a governmental entity (see instructions).			
2 Activities Test. Answer lines 2a and 2b below.		Yes	No
a Did substantially all of the organization's activities during the tax year directly further the exempt purposes of the supported organization(s) to which the organization was responsive? <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>			
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>			
3 Parent of Supported Organizations. Answer lines 3a and 3b below.			
a Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? <i>If "Yes" or "No," provide details in Part VI.</i>			
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>			

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 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-2022	(iii) Distributable Amount for 2022
1	Distributable amount for 2022 from Section C, line 6			
2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2022 (reasonable cause required - explain in Part VI). See instructions.			
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2022			
a	From 2017			
b	From 2018			
c	From 2019			
d	From 2020			
e	From 2021			
f	Total of lines 3a through 3e			
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
h	Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
i	Carryover from 2017 not applied (see instructions)			
j	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from line 3f.			
4	Distributions for 2022 from Section D, line 7: \$			
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years			
b	Applied to 2022 distributable amount			
c	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from line 4.			
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2022, 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 2022. Subtract lines 3h and 4b from line 1. For result greater than zero, explain in Part VI. See instructions.			
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2023. Add lines 3j and 4c.			
8	Breakdown of line 7:			
a	Excess from 2018			
b	Excess from 2019			
c	Excess from 2020			
d	Excess from 2021			
e	Excess from 2022			

Schedule B (Form 990)

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Schedule of Contributors

Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-PF. Go to www.irs.gov/Form990 for the latest information.

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

Name of the organization

Employer identification number

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

84-0611876

Organization type (check one):

Filers of:

Section:

Form 990 or 990-EZ

[X] 501(c)(3) (enter number) organization

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust not treated as a private foundation

[] 527 political organization

Form 990-PF

[] 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation

[] 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust treated as a private foundation

[] 501(c)(3) taxable private foundation

Check if your organization is covered by the General Rule or a Special Rule.

Note: Only a section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) organization can check boxes for both the General Rule and a Special Rule. See instructions.

General Rule

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

Special Rules

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

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

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

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

Name of organization <p style="text-align: center;">NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.</p>	Employer identification number <p style="text-align: center;">84-0611876</p>
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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	N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 600,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
2	N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 525,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
3	N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 1,200,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
4	N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 4,000,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
5	N/A <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$ 1,650,000.	Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)
	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/>	\$	Person <input type="checkbox"/> Payroll <input type="checkbox"/> Noncash <input type="checkbox"/> (Complete Part II for noncash contributions.)

Name of organization

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Employer identification number

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Part II **Noncash Property** (see instructions). Use duplicate copies of Part II if additional space is needed.

(a) No. from Part I	(b) Description of noncash property given	(c) FMV (or estimate) (See instructions.)	(d) Date received
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____ _____ _____	\$ _____	_____

Name of organization <p style="text-align:center;">NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.</p>	Employer identification number <p style="text-align:center;">84-0611876</p>
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Part III **Exclusively religious, charitable, etc., contributions to organizations described in section 501(c)(7), (8), or (10) that total more than \$1,000 for the year from any one contributor.** Complete columns (a) through (e) and the following line entry. For organizations completing Part III, enter the total of *exclusively* religious, charitable, etc., contributions of **\$1,000 or less** for the year. (Enter this information once. See instructions.) \$ _____
 Use duplicate copies of Part III if additional space is needed.

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

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

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

(e) Transfer of gift	
Transferee's name, address, and ZIP + 4	Relationship of transferor to transferee
_____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____

**SCHEDULE C
(Form 990)**

Political Campaign and Lobbying Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

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

Complete if the organization is described below. Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

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

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

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

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

Name of organization NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.	Employer identification number 84-0611876
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Part I-A Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c) or is a section 527 organization.

- 1 Provide a description of the organization's direct and indirect political campaign activities in Part IV. See instructions for definition of "political campaign activities."
- 2 Political campaign activity expenditures. See instructions \$ _____
- 3 Volunteer hours for political campaign activities. See instructions _____

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

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

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

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

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

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

Schedule C (Form 990) 2022

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

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

Limits on Lobbying Expenditures (The term "expenditures" means amounts paid or incurred.)		(a) Filing organization's totals	(b) Affiliated group totals												
1a Total lobbying expenditures to influence public opinion (grassroots lobbying)		2,287.													
b Total lobbying expenditures to influence a legislative body (direct lobbying)		54,253.													
c Total lobbying expenditures (add lines 1a and 1b)		56,540.													
d Other exempt purpose expenditures		18,683,600.													
e Total exempt purpose expenditures (add lines 1c and 1d)		18,740,140.													
f Lobbying nontaxable amount. Enter the amount from the following table in both columns.		1,000,000.													
<table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 30%;">If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:</th> <th>The lobbying nontaxable amount is:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Not over \$500,000</td> <td>20% of the amount on line 1e.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000</td> <td>\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000</td> <td>\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over \$17,000,000</td> <td>\$1,000,000.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:	Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.	Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.	Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.	Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.	Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.		
If the amount on line 1e, column (a) or (b) is:	The lobbying nontaxable amount is:														
Not over \$500,000	20% of the amount on line 1e.														
Over \$500,000 but not over \$1,000,000	\$100,000 plus 15% of the excess over \$500,000.														
Over \$1,000,000 but not over \$1,500,000	\$175,000 plus 10% of the excess over \$1,000,000.														
Over \$1,500,000 but not over \$17,000,000	\$225,000 plus 5% of the excess over \$1,500,000.														
Over \$17,000,000	\$1,000,000.														
g Grassroots nontaxable amount (enter 25% of line 1f)		250,000.													
h Subtract line 1g from line 1a. If zero or less, enter -0-															
i Subtract line 1f from line 1c. If zero or less, enter -0-															
j If there is an amount other than zero on either line 1h or line 1i, did the organization file Form 4720 reporting section 4911 tax for this year?			<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No												

4-Year Averaging Period Under Section 501(h)

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

Lobbying Expenditures During 4-Year Averaging Period					
Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2019	(b) 2020	(c) 2021	(d) 2022	(e) Total
2a Lobbying nontaxable amount	528,261.	855,853.	877,081.	1,000,000.	3,261,195.
b Lobbying ceiling amount (150% of line 2a, column (e))					4,891,793.
c Total lobbying expenditures	18,816.	110,581.	139,660.	56,540.	325,597.
d Grassroots nontaxable amount	132,065.	213,963.	219,270.	250,000.	815,298.
e Grassroots ceiling amount (150% of line 2d, column (e))					1,222,947.
f Grassroots lobbying expenditures		1,026.	3,662.	2,287.	6,975.

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

Table with 3 main columns: (a) Yes/No, (b) Amount. Rows include: 1 During the year, did the filing organization attempt to influence foreign, national, state, or local legislation...; 2a Did the activities in line 1 cause the organization to be not described in section 501(c)(3)?; 2b If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred under section 4912; 2c If "Yes," enter the amount of any tax incurred by organization managers under section 4912; 2d If the filing organization incurred a section 4912 tax, did it file Form 4720 for this year?

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

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

Part III-B Complete if the organization is exempt under section 501(c)(4), section 501(c)(5), or section 501(c)(6) and if either (a) BOTH Part III-A, lines 1 and 2, are answered "No" OR (b) Part III-A, line 3, is answered "Yes."

Table with 2 columns: Question, Amount. Rows include: 1 Dues, assessments and similar amounts from members; 2 Section 162(e) nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures (do not include amounts of political expenses for which the section 527(f) tax was paid); 3 Aggregate amount reported in section 6033(e)(1)(A) notices of nondeductible section 162(e) dues; 4 If notices were sent and the amount on line 2c exceeds the amount on line 3, what portion of the excess does the organization agree to carryover to the reasonable estimate of nondeductible lobbying and political expenditures next year?; 5 Taxable amount of lobbying and political expenditures. See instructions.

Part IV Supplemental Information

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

Blank lines for providing supplemental information as required by the instructions.

SCHEDULE D (Form 990)

Supplemental Financial Statements

OMB No. 1545-0047

2022

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

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 3 columns: Line number, (a) Donor advised funds, (b) Funds and other accounts. Rows 1-4 for values, 5-6 for Yes/No questions.

Part II Conservation Easements.

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

Table with 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Held at the End of the Tax Year. Rows 1-8 for various questions and data points.

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 3 columns: Line number, Description, and Amount. Rows 1a-1b for art collection questions, 2 for financial gain questions.

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Schedule D (Form 990) 2022

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 ASSIST IN RESEARCH - CLIENT CASES
- 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	31,061,234.	26,053,835.	26,041,891.	26,034,947.	26,027,503.
b Contributions	6,824.	5,007,399.	11,944.	6,944.	7,444.
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	31,068,058.	31,061,234.	26,053,835.	26,041,891.	26,034,947.

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

- a Board designated or quasi-endowment 96.5600 %
- b Permanent endowment 3.4400 %
- 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:

- (i) Unrelated organizations
- (ii) Related organizations

	Yes	No
3a(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3a(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3b	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

b If "Yes" on line 3a(ii), are the related organizations listed as required on Schedule R?

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		3,570,000.		3,570,000.
b Buildings		7,954,141.	412,818.	7,541,323.
c Leasehold improvements				
d Equipment		1,440,745.	488,847.	951,898.
e Other		88,981.	83,297.	5,684.
Total. Add lines 1a through 1e. (Column (d) must equal Form 990, Part X, column (B), line 10c.)				12,068,905.

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) PRIVATE EQUITY	5,536,904.	FMV
(B)		
(C)		
(D)		
(E)		
(F)		
(G)		
(H)		
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 12.) . . .	5,536,904.	

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, col. (B) line 13.) . . .		

Part IX Other Assets.

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

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

Part X Other Liabilities.

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

1. (a) Description of liability	(b) Book value
(1) Federal income taxes	
(2) OPERATING LEASE LIABILITY	1,685,204.
(3) RETIREMENT OBLIGATION	362,837.
(4)	
(5)	
(6)	
(7)	
(8)	
(9)	
Total. (Column (b) must equal Form 990, Part X, col. (B) line 25.)	2,048,041.

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 XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 1A

IF ELECTED UNDER SFAS 116 PROVIDE FOOTNOTE FROM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:
COLLECTIONS OF WORKS OF ART, HISTORICAL TREASURES, AND SIMILAR ASSETS
ARE NOT CAPITALIZED IN AS MUCH AS THE ITEMS ARE PRESERVED AND CARED
FOR CONTINUOUSLY. PURCHASES OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED IN THE
YEAR OF ACQUISITION AS DECREASES IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS, OR IN
TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY RESTRICTED NET ASSETS IF THE ASSETS USED
TO PURCHASE THE ITEMS WERE RESTRICTED TO THAT USE BY DONOR
STIPULATION. CONTRIBUTIONS OF COLLECTION ITEMS ARE NOT REPORTED IN
THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PROCEEDS FROM DISPOSAL OF AND INSURANCE
RECOVERIES RELATED TO COLLECTION ITEMS ARE REPORTED AS INCREASES IN
THE APPROPRIATE NET ASSET CLASSES. NARF'S COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE
BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND
RESEARCH PURPOSES. THEY ARE SUBJECT TO A POLICY THAT REQUIRES
PROCEEDS FROM THE DISPOSITION OF COLLECTION ITEMS TO BE USED TO
ACQUIRE OTHER COLLECTION ITEMS. NO COLLECTION ITEMS WERE SOLD OR
REMOVED IN 2023 AND 2022.

SCHEDULE D, PART III, LINE 4

DESCRIPTION OF COLLECTIONS AND HOW THEY FURTHER THE EXEMPT PURPOSE:
COLLECTIONS CONSIST OF RARE BOOKS AND MAPS. THESE COLLECTIONS ARE
HELD FOR EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH PURPOSES, WHICH ARE USED IN
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS,
LAWS, AND ISSUES.

Part XIII Supplemental Information (continued)

SCHEDULE D, PART V, LINE 4

DESCRIBE THE INTENDED USES OF THE ORGANIZATION'S ENDOWMENT FUNDS:

THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS INCLUDE DONOR-RESTRICTED ENDOWMENT FUNDS HELD IN PERPETUITY OR FOR DONOR-SPECIFIED PERIODS AND A BOARD-DESIGNATED ENDOWMENT, TITLED FUTURE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND, FOR FUTURE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH REPRESENTATION OF TRIBES AND NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS WHO DO NOT HAVE THE RESOURCES TO PAY FOR THE COSTS OF PREPARING FOR PROTRACTED LITIGATION. RETURNS GENERATED BY THE ENDOWMENT ASSETS ARE UNRESTRICTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH DONOR STIPULATIONS AND ARE USED TO SUPPORT PROGRAMS AND SUPPORTING OPERATIONS.

**SCHEDULE G
(Form 990)**

Supplemental Information Regarding Fundraising or Gaming Activities

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

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Name of the organization: **NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.** Employer identification number: **84-0611876**

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

- 1 Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.
- a Mail solicitations
 - b Internet and email solicitations
 - c Phone solicitations
 - d In-person solicitations
 - e Solicitation of non-government grants
 - f Solicitation of government grants
 - g Special fundraising events
- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees, or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? **Yes** **No**
- b If "Yes," list the 10 highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization.

(i) Name and address of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fundraiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
SEE SUPPLEMENT INFORMATION 1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						
9						
10						
Total				3,353,896.	36,000.	3,317,896.

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

ALL STATES

Part II Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 of fundraising event contributions and gross income on Form 990-EZ, lines 1 and 6b. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other events	(d) Total events
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1	Gross receipts			
	2	Less: Contributions			
	3	Gross income (line 1 minus line 2)			
Direct Expenses	4	Cash prizes			
	5	Noncash prizes			
	6	Rent/facility costs			
	7	Food and beverages			
	8	Entertainment			
	9	Other direct expenses			
	10	Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)			
11	Net income summary. Subtract line 10 from line 3, column (d)				

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

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (add col. (a) through col. (c))	
		Revenue	1	Gross revenue		
Direct Expenses	2	Cash prizes				
	3	Noncash prizes				
	4	Rent/facility costs				
	5	Other direct expenses				
	6	Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes _____ % <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7	Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8	Net gaming income summary. Subtract line 7 from line 1, column (d)				

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

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

b If "No," explain: _____

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

b If "Yes," explain: _____

- 11 Does the organization conduct gaming activities with nonmembers? Yes No
- 12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming? Yes No
- 13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity conducted in:

a The organization's facility	13a	%
b An outside facility	13b	%
- 14 Enter the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

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

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

Director/officer Employee Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

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

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

SCHEDULE G, PART I

PAYMENTS FOR PRODUCTION EXPENSES (SUCH AS PRINTING AND POSTAGE) TO INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS WERE MADE SEPARATELY FROM FUNDRAISING FEES. TOTAL PRODUCTION EXPENSES AMOUNTED TO \$2,572,294 FOR THE YEAR.

FORM 990, SCHEDULE G, LINE 2B - HIGHEST PAID INDIVIDUALS/ENTITIES
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NAME:

INNOVAIRRE STUDIOS INC

ADDRESS:

2 EXECUTIVE CAMPUS SUITE 200
CHERRY HILL, NJ 08002

ACTIVITY :

DIRECT MAIL

CUSTODY OR CONTROL OF CONTRIBUTION?

NO

GROSS RECEIPTS FROM ACTIVITY :	3,353,896.
AMOUNT PAID TO (OR RETAINED BY) FUNDRAISER :	36,000.
AMOUNT PAID TO (OR RETAINED BY) ORGANIZATION :	3,317,896.

**SCHEDULE I
(Form 990)**

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

OMB No. 1545-0047

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

Attach to Form 990.

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Name of the organization

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

Employer identification number

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Part I General Information on Grants and Assistance

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

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

1 (a) Name and address of organization or government	(b) EIN	(c) IRC section (if applicable)	(d) Amount of cash grant	(e) Amount of noncash assistance	(f) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(g) Description of noncash assistance	(h) Purpose of grant or assistance
(1) INDIGENOUS CEREMONIAL AND RELIGIOUS SERVICE 826 NORTH FM 649 HEBBRONVILLE, TX 78361	87-0840774	501(C)(3)	53,096.	882,129.	BOOK	LAND	PROGRAM SUPPORT
(2) BERING SEA ELDERS GROUP VIA BERING SEA FISH 821 N STREET, SUITE 103 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	92-0074000	501(C)(3)	89,042.	NONE	BOOK	NONE	PROGRAM SUPPORT
(3)							
(4)							
(5)							
(6)							
(7)							
(8)							
(9)							
(10)							
(11)							
(12)							

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

3 Enter total number of other organizations listed in the line 1 table NONE

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Part III Grants and Other Assistance to Domestic Individuals. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" on Form 990, Part IV, line 22.
Part III can be duplicated if additional space is needed.

(a) Type of grant or assistance	(b) Number of recipients	(c) Amount of cash grant	(d) Amount of non-cash assistance	(e) Method of valuation (book, FMV, appraisal, other)	(f) Description of non-cash assistance
1					
2					
3					
4					
5					
6					
7					

Part IV Supplemental Information. Provide the information required in Part I, line 2, Part III, column (b); and any other additional information.

SCHEDULE I, PART I, LINE 2

PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING THE USE OF GRANT FUNDS:

NARF COMPLETES A THOROUGH REVIEW OF PERFORMANCE AND EXPENDITURES OF EACH RECIPIENT ORGANIZATION WHO ARE SUBJECT TO STRICT TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS.

**SCHEDULE J
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

Compensation Information

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

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

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Part I Questions Regarding Compensation

1a Check the appropriate box(es) if the organization provided any of the following to or for a person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a. Complete Part III to provide any relevant information regarding these items.

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> First-class or charter travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Housing allowance or residence for personal use |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Travel for companions | <input type="checkbox"/> Payments for business use of personal residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tax indemnification and gross-up payments | <input type="checkbox"/> Health or social club dues or initiation fees |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discretionary spending account | <input type="checkbox"/> Personal services (such as maid, chauffeur, chef) |

b If any of the boxes on line 1a are checked, did the organization follow a written policy regarding payment or reimbursement or provision of all of the expenses described above? If "No," complete Part III to explain

2 Did the organization require substantiation prior to reimbursing or allowing expenses incurred by all directors, trustees, and officers, including the CEO/Executive Director, regarding the items checked on line 1a?

3 Indicate which, if any, of the following the organization used to establish the compensation of the organization's CEO/Executive Director. Check all that apply. Do not check any boxes for methods used by a related organization to establish compensation of the CEO/Executive Director, but explain in Part III.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Compensation committee | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Written employment contract |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Independent compensation consultant | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Compensation survey or study |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Form 990 of other organizations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approval by the board or compensation committee |

4 During the year, did any person listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, with respect to the filing organization or a related organization:

- a** Receive a severance payment or change-of-control payment? **4a** **4c**
- b** Participate in or receive payment from a supplemental nonqualified retirement plan? **4b**
- c** Participate in or receive payment from an equity-based compensation arrangement? **4c**
- If "Yes" to any of lines 4a-c, list the persons and provide the applicable amounts for each item in Part III.

Only section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations must complete lines 5-9.

5 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the revenues of:

- a** The organization? **5a** **5b**
- b** Any related organization? **5b**
- If "Yes" on line 5a or 5b, describe in Part III.

6 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization pay or accrue any compensation contingent on the net earnings of:

- a** The organization? **6a** **6b**
- b** Any related organization? **6b**
- If "Yes" on line 6a or 6b, describe in Part III.

7 For persons listed on Form 990, Part VII, Section A, line 1a, did the organization provide any nonfixed payments not described on lines 5 and 6? If "Yes," describe in Part III **7**

8 Were any amounts reported on Form 990, Part VII, paid or accrued pursuant to a contract that was subject to the initial contract exception described in Regulations section 53.4958-4(a)(3)? If "Yes," describe in Part III **8**

9 If "Yes" on line 8, did the organization also follow the rebuttable presumption procedure described in Regulations section 53.4958-6(c)? **9**

	Yes	No
1a		
1b		
2		
3		
4a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
4b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
4c		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6a		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6b	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9		

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Schedule J (Form 990) 2022

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

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

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

(A) Name and Title		(B) Breakdown of W-2 and/or 1099-MISC and/or 1099-NEC compensation			(C) Retirement and other deferred compensation	(D) Nontaxable benefits	(E) Total of columns (B)(i)-(D)	(F) Compensation in column (B) reported as deferred on prior Form 990
		(i) Base compensation	(ii) Bonus & incentive compensation	(iii) Other reportable compensation				
SARAH TRUJILLO PALACIO 1 CORPORATE SECRETARY	(i)	129,325.	NONE	NONE	319.	22,123.	151,767.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
DONALD RAGONA 2 DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR	(i)	158,756.	NONE	1,584.	15,365.	33,793.	209,498.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
MICHAEL KENNEDY 3 CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER	(i)	167,506.	NONE	1,032.	12,183.	27,194.	207,915.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
MATTHEW CAMPBELL 4 DEPUTY DIRECTOR	(i)	200,314.	NONE	240.	11,717.	21,100.	233,371.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
JOHN ECHOHAWK 5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	(i)	254,780.	NONE	1,854.	16,173.	12,396.	285,203.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
KIM GOTTSCHALK 6 ATTORNEY	(i)	214,739.	NONE	1,854.	14,154.	26,307.	257,054.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
SAMANTHA KELTY 7 ATTORNEY	(i)	197,944.	NONE	240.	10,830.	12,696.	221,710.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
MELODY MCCOY 8 ATTORNEY	(i)	204,754.	NONE	1,584.	14,154.	40,531.	261,023.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
BRETT SHELTON 9 ATTORNEY	(i)	211,405.	NONE	1,032.	12,747.	15,546.	240,730.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
SUSAN NOE 10 ATTORNEY	(i)	218,026.	NONE	1,032.	13,007.	13,296.	245,361.	
	(ii)	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE	
11	(i)							
	(ii)							
12	(i)							
	(ii)							
13	(i)							
	(ii)							
14	(i)							
	(ii)							
15	(i)							
	(ii)							
16	(i)							
	(ii)							

Part III Supplemental Information

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

SCHEDULE J, PART I, LINE 4B

THE AMOUNT OF AWARD UNDER THE ORGANIZATIONS NONQUALIFIED PLAN IS DETERMINED BY INCORPORATING YEARS OF SERVICE, AGE AND AVERAGE THREE-YEAR BASE SALARY. THE ONE-TIME CASH AWARD IS PAYABLE AT THE DATE OF RETIREMENT FOR ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES.

THE FOLLOWING EMPLOYEES ACCRUED DEFERRED RETIREMENT COMPENSATION UNDER THE PLAN:

*JOHN ECHOHAWK - \$1,147
*MELODY MCCOY - \$1,147
*KIM GOTTSCHALK - \$1,147
*MICHAEL KENNEDY - \$2,019
*DONALD RAGONA - \$5,561

**SCHEDULE M
(Form 990)**

Department of the Treasury
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Noncash Contributions

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

	(a) Check if applicable	(b) Number of contributions or items contributed	(c) Noncash contribution amounts reported on Form 990, Part VIII, line 1g	(d) Method of determining noncash contribution amounts
1 Art - Works of art				
2 Art - Historical treasures				
3 Art - Fractional interests				
4 Books and publications				
5 Clothing and household goods				
6 Cars and other vehicles				
7 Boats and planes				
8 Intellectual property				
9 Securities - Publicly traded	X	9	88,624.	FMV
10 Securities - Closely held stock				
11 Securities - Partnership, LLC, or trust interests				
12 Securities - Miscellaneous				
13 Qualified conservation contribution - Historic structures				
14 Qualified conservation contribution - Other				
15 Real estate - Residential				
16 Real estate - Commercial				
17 Real estate - Other				
18 Collectibles				
19 Food inventory				
20 Drugs and medical supplies				
21 Taxidermy				
22 Historical artifacts				
23 Scientific specimens				
24 Archeological artifacts				
25 Other ▶ ()				
26 Other ▶ ()				
27 Other ▶ ()				
28 Other ▶ ()				

29 Number of Forms 8283 received by the organization during the tax year for contributions for which the organization completed Form 8283, Part V, Donee Acknowledgement **29**

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

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

SCHEDULE M, PART II, COLUMN B

NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS

THE NUMBER SHOWN ON COLUMN B REPRESENTS THE NUMBER OF CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED.

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Name of the organization

NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on
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FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 11B

PROCESS TO REVIEW THE FORM 990:

THE FORM 990 IS PREPARED BY THIRD PARTY PREPARERS. THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER THOROUGHLY REVIEWS THE FORM 990 AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ARE PROVIDED WITH COPIES OF THE FORM 990 PRIOR TO FILING WITH THE IRS.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 12C

PROCESS FOR MONITORING COMPLIANCE WITH CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OFFICERS, SUPERVISORS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL STAFF ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE A CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE STATEMENT ANUALLY (BY JANUARY 15 OF EACH YEAR). DISCLOSURE AND DETERMINATION OF THE POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST (PCI) AT THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS LEVEL IS DISCLOSED TO THE BOARD CHAIR (IF THE BOARD CHAIR IS THE ONE WITH PCI, THEN TO THE VICE-CHAIR), WHICH IS THEN BROUGHT TO THE FULL BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION. BOARD MEMBERS WITH PCI SHALL BE ABSENT FROM THE BOARD'S DISCUSSION AND DECISION. EMPLOYEES WITH PCI SHALL GO TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (ED) (IF ED HAS A PCI, THEN TO THE BOARD CHAIR). THE MATTER WILL THEN GO TO CORPORATE OFFICERS FOR CONSIDERATION AND DETERMINATION.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION B, LINE 15A & 15B

REVIEW OF CEO AND TOP MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL COMPENSATION:

AN EXTENSIVE SALARY SURVEY IS PERFORMED FOR ALL POSITIONS IN THE SUMMER OF EVERY EVEN YEAR IN WHICH CURRENT SALARIES ARE COMPARED TO MARKET SURVEY DATA OBTAINED FROM A VARIETY OF PROFESSIONAL SURVEY SOURCES. THIS INFORMATION IS THEN SUBMITTED TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR REVIEW AND THEN DISCUSSED AND APPROVED DURING AN EXECUTIVE

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

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND, INC.

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COMMITTEE MEETING. MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE TAKEN FOR SUBSTANTIATION OF
THE DELIBERATION AND DECISION. THIS PROCEDURE WAS LAST PERFORMED IN 2022.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 18

EXPLAIN WHY 1023/1024, 990, OR 990-T IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC:

FORM 1023 WAS FILED BEFORE JULY 15, 1987 AND A COPY WAS NOT AVAILABLE AT
THAT TIME.

FORM 990, PART VI, SECTION C, LINE 19

DESCRIBE HOW DOCUMENTS ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC:

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE AND UPON REQUEST.
REQUESTS (WITH A VALID BUSINESS PURPOSE) FOR THE MANAGING DOCUMENTS AND
CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY WILL BE CONSIDERED.

FORM 990, PART VIII, LINE 1(E)

GOVERNMENT GRANTS:

THE AMOUNT SHOWN AS GOVERNMENT GRANTS ON LINE 1(E) INCLUDES \$1,747,850 OF
CONTRIBUTIONS REVENUE FROM APPROXIMATELY 22 TRIBAL GOVERNMENTS.

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FORM 990, PART III, LINE 1 - ORGANIZATION'S MISSION

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THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND HOLDS GOVERNMENTS ACCOUNTABLE. WE FIGHT TO PROTECT NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS, RESOURCES, AND LIFEWAYS THROUGH LITIGATION, LEGAL ADVOCACY, AND LEGAL EXPERTISE. AS ESTABLISHED BY NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND'S (NARF) FIRST BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE PRIORITIES THAT GUIDE NARF IN ITS MISSIONS STILL CONTINUE TO LEAD NARF TODAY:

- (1) THE PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE;
- (2) THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES;
- (3) THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;
- (4) THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO NATIVE AMERICANS; AND
- (5) THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW AND EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS AND ISSUES.

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FORM 990, PART III - PROGRAM SERVICE

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LINE 4A, PROGRAM SERVICE

CURRENTLY IN OUR 54TH YEAR OF LEGAL ADVOCACY TO TRIBAL NATIONS AND THEIR COMMUNITIES, THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND (NARF) IS THE OLDEST AND LARGEST NONPROFIT LAW FIRM DEDICATED TO THE LEGAL NEEDS OF TRIBAL NATIONS, TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS, AND TRIBAL INDIVIDUALS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. WHAT BEGAN AS PART OF THE CALIFORNIA INDIAN LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, THE ADVOCACY NEEDS OF TRIBAL NATIONS REQUIRED IMMEDIATE GROWTH AND NARF QUICKLY BECAME KNOWN AS THE PREMIERE LEGAL ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION IN THE COUNTRY. NARF PLAYS A CRITICAL ROLE IN THE DEFENSE, ASSERTION, AND PROTECTION OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY AND INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS, AS WELL AS FUNCTIONING AS THE PREMIER THOUGHT LEADER IN FEDERAL, STATE, AND TRIBAL LAW AND POLICY.

NARF IS GUIDED BY FIVE MISSION PRIORITIES WHICH INCLUDE THE PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE, THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES, THE PROMOTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENTS TO NATIVE AMERICANS, THE DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW AND BY EXTENSION, THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT CONTEMPORARY INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS, AND ISSUES. A BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONSISTING OF TRIBAL AND INDIGENOUS LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY GUIDE THE DIRECTION OF NARF TO THE FULFILLMENT OF OUR MISSION IN PROTECTING TRIBAL INTERESTS, AND OUR LITIGATION MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ALONGSIDE OUR CORPORATE OFFICERS ENSURE THAT THE PROGRAMS AND CASES NARF ENGAGES IN ENSURE THAT NARF WILL CONTINUE TO EFFECTIVELY ADVOCATE UNDER THE UMBRELLA OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRIBAL NATIONS.

THIS UMBRELLA INVOLVES MANY DIFFERENT PRACTICE AREAS BUT ALLOWS US TO PRACTICE IN THE FOLLOWING WORK AREAS. NARF WORKS TO CONTINUE ASSISTING TRIBES IN CONSTRUCTING THE FOUNDATIONS OF LAW AND POLICY THAT ARE NECESSARY TO EMPOWER THEM SO THAT THEY MAY LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR NATIVE TRADITIONS. NARF WORKS TO ENFORCE TRIBAL TREATY RIGHTS, TO ENSURE INDEPENDENCE ON RESERVATIONS, TO PROTECT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND TO ASSIST TRIBES IN PROVIDING FOR AN ADEQUATE LAND BASE AND CONTROL OVER NATURAL RESOURCES THAT ARE CENTRAL COMPONENTS OF ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND SELF-DETERMINATION. THESE ISSUES ARE VITAL TO THE VERY EXISTENCE OF TRIBES. NARF ENFORCES AND STRENGTHENS LAWS WHICH ARE DESIGNED TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES TO PRACTICE THEIR TRADITIONAL RELIGION, TO USE THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, ENJOY THEIR CULTURE, AND

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ENSURE THE WELFARE OF THEIR CHILDREN. NARF ENFORCES THE INHERENT DUTY FOR ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPONSIBLY ENFORCE THE MANY LAWS AND REGULATIONS APPLICABLE TO INDIAN PEOPLES AND THE TRUST DUTIES TO WHICH THOSE GIVE RISE, AND OUR WORK ESTABLISHES FAVORABLE COURT PRECEDENTS FOR INDIAN COUNTRY. NARF DISTRIBUTES INFORMATION AND LAW MATERIALS, ENCOURAGES AND FOSTERS INDIAN LEGAL EDUCATION, AND FORMS ALLIANCES WITH INDIAN LAW PRACTITIONERS, AND INDIAN AND NON-NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS TO ADVANCE OUR WORK. ONGOING THREATS TO HUMAN RIGHTS, THE ENVIRONMENT, RACE RELATIONS AND THE PROMOTION OF CORPORATE INTERESTS OVER NATIVE NATIONS CONFIRMS THE CRITICAL NEED FOR THE LEGAL, POLICY, AND PROGRAMMING WORK OF NARF.

THIS UPDATE REPORT WILL PROVIDE A FEW EXAMPLES OF OUR WORK AND PROGRAMMING ORGANIZED BY OUR MISSION PRIORITIES.

1. PRESERVATION OF TRIBAL EXISTENCE:

SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE FREE EXERCISE OF INHERENT TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY WILL ENSURE THAT TRIBAL NATIONS WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST AND THRIVE WELL INTO THE FUTURE. A SECURE AND PERMANENT LAND BASE, AND THE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES' ABILITY TO LIVE ACCORDING TO THEIR CULTURE, CUSTOMS, TRADITIONS, AND LIFEWAYS, IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF NARF'S WORK.

A) JUDICIAL SELECTION PROJECT

THE JUDICIAL SELECTION PROJECT IS ABOUT INCREASING THE REPRESENTATION OF NATIVE AMERICANS IN THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY, RESEARCH, AND EDUCATION. THE EDUCATION OBJECTIVE FOCUSES ON EDUCATING THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY ABOUT TRIBAL ISSUES, EDUCATING TRIBAL LEADERS ABOUT THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND THE JUDICIAL NOMINATION PROCESS, AND REACHING OUT TO ELECTED OFFICIALS AND THE PUBLIC AT LARGE ABOUT THE NEED FOR NATIVE AMERICAN FEDERAL JUDGES AND JUDGES WHO UNDERSTAND THE UNIQUE LEGAL STATUS OF INDIAN TRIBES. THE RESEARCH OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT EVALUATES THE RECORDS OF JUDICIAL NOMINEES ON THEIR KNOWLEDGE OF INDIAN ISSUES. THE ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS ARE SHARED WITH TRIBAL LEADERS AND FEDERAL DECISION-MAKERS IN RELATION TO THEIR DECISION WHETHER TO SUPPORT OR OPPOSE A PARTICULAR NOMINATION. THE PROJECT WORKS WITH THE WHITE HOUSE TO PROMOTE BETTER NATIVE AMERICAN REPRESENTATION IN THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND THE U.S. SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT NOMINEES ARE ASKED ABOUT THEIR EXPERIENCE WITH INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF FEDERAL INDIAN LAW DURING

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CONFIRMATION PROCEEDINGS.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 100 VACANCIES IN THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION HAS TAKEN THE POSITION THAT RACIAL, ETHNIC, AND PROFESSIONAL DIVERSITY IS IMPORTANT IN SELECTING JUDICIAL NOMINEES. ON NOVEMBER 20, 2023, THE SENATE CONFIRMED SHANLYN PARK, WHO IS NATIVE HAWAIIAN, FOR A SEAT ON THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF HAWAII. ON DECEMBER 19, 2023, THE SENATE CONFIRMED SARA HILL, A CITIZEN OF THE CHEROKEE NATION, FOR A SEAT ON THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA. SHE IS THE FIRST NATIVE AMERICAN WOMAN TO SERVE AS A FEDERAL JUDGE IN OKLAHOMA, AND ONLY THE EIGHTH NATIVE AMERICAN TO SERVE AS AN ARTICLE III JUDGE. NARF, NATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN (NCAI), AND THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NNABA) CONTINUE TO WORK WITH THE WHITE HOUSE COUNSEL'S OFFICE TO ENSURE THAT QUALIFIED NATIVE CANDIDATES ARE CONSIDERED AND NOMINATED TO FILL VACANCIES ON THE FEDERAL BENCH.

IN FURTHERING ITS EDUCATION OBJECTIVE, THE PROJECT HAS PRODUCED MEMORANDA ON ALL OF THE U.S. SUPREME COURT NOMINEES SINCE 2005, WHICH ARE AVAILABLE AT [HTTPS://SCT.NARF.ORG/ARTICLESUPDATES.HTML](https://sct.narf.org/articlesupdates.html). ADDITIONALLY, THE PROJECT INTENDS TO REPLICATE THE SUCCESS OF THE HISTORIC VISIT BY SUPREME COURT JUSTICES O'CONNOR AND BREYER TO INDIAN RESERVATION COMMUNITIES DURING THE SUMMER OF 2001. SINCE THEN, JUDGES FROM THE U.S. COURTS OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, TENTH CIRCUIT, AND EIGHTH CIRCUIT HAVE ATTENDED THE NCAI CONFERENCES HELD IN SACRAMENTO, DENVER, AND RAPID CITY. INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN EXTENDED TO VARIOUS JUDGES FROM FEDERAL DISTRICT AND APPELLATE COURTS.

B) TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT

THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT (PROJECT) IS PART OF THE TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY PROTECTION INITIATIVE AND IS STAFFED BY THE NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS FUND (NCAI FUND) AND THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND (NARF). THE PROJECT WAS FORMED IN 2001 IN RESPONSE TO A SERIES OF U.S. SUPREME COURT CASES THAT NEGATIVELY AFFECTED TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT IS TO PROMOTE GREATER COORDINATION AND TO IMPROVE STRATEGY ON LITIGATION THAT MAY AFFECT THE RIGHTS OF ALL INDIAN TRIBES. THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE THAT A COORDINATED AND STRUCTURED APPROACH TO TRIBAL ADVOCACY IS NECESSARY TO

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PRESERVE TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY. THE PROJECT PERFORMS THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS IN AN EFFORT TO MAKE BETTER TOOLS AVAILABLE TO ENHANCE THE OVERALL QUALITY OF TRIBAL ADVOCACY BEFORE THE SUPREME COURT:

- IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NATIONAL INDIAN LAW LIBRARY, MONITORS INDIAN LAW CASES IN THE STATE AND FEDERAL APPELLATE COURTS THAT HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO REACH THE SUPREME COURT (NILL INDIAN LAW BULLETINS)
- MAINTAINS AN ON-LINE DEPOSITORY OF BRIEFS AND OPINIONS IN ALL INDIAN LAW CASES FILED WITH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT AND CASES BEING MONITORED IN THE U.S. COURT OF APPEAL AND STATE SUPREME COURTS (COURT DOCUMENTS)
- PREPARES AN UPDATE MEMORANDUM OF CASES WHICH PROVIDES AN OVERVIEW OF INDIAN LAW CASES PENDING BEFORE THE U.S. SUPREME COURT, CASES BEING MONITORED AND THE CURRENT WORK BEING PERFORMED BY THE PROJECT
- OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO TRIBAL LEADERS AND THEIR ATTORNEYS TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO FILE A PETITION FOR A WRIT OF CERTIORARI (SEE DEFINITION) TO THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN CASES WHERE THEY LOST IN THE COURT BELOW
- OFFERS ASSISTANCE TO ATTORNEYS REPRESENTING INDIAN TRIBES TO PREPARE THEIR BRIEF IN OPPOSITION (SEE DEFINITION) AT THE PETITION STAGE (SEE DEFINITION) IN CASES WHERE THEY WON IN THE COURT BELOW
- COORDINATES AN AMICUS BRIEF (SEE DEFINITION) WRITING NETWORK AND HELPS TO DEVELOP LITIGATION STRATEGIES AT BOTH THE PETITION STAGE AND THE MERITS STAGE (SEE DEFINITION) TO ENSURE THAT THE BRIEFS RECEIVE THE MAXIMUM ATTENTION OF THE JUSTICES
- WHEN APPROPRIATE, PREPARES AND SUBMITS AMICUS BRIEFS ON BEHALF OF INDIAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS
- PROVIDES OTHER BRIEF WRITING ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING REVIEWING AND EDITING OF THE PRINCIPAL BRIEFS, AND THE PERFORMANCE OF ADDITIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH
- COORDINATES AND CONDUCTS MOOT COURT (SEE DEFINITION) AND ROUNDTABLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR ATTORNEYS WHO ARE PRESENTING ORAL ARGUMENTS (SEE DEFINITION) BEFORE THE COURT
- CONDUCTS CONFERENCE CALLS AND FOSTERS PANEL DISCUSSIONS AMONG ATTORNEYS NATION-WIDE ABOUT PENDING INDIAN LAW CASES AND, WHEN NECESSARY, FORMS SMALL WORKING GROUPS TO FORMULATE STRATEGY ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

WE ENCOURAGE INDIAN TRIBES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS TO CONTACT THE PROJECT IN OUR EFFORT TO COORDINATE RESOURCES, DEVELOP STRATEGY, AND PREPARE BRIEFS, ESPECIALLY WHEN CONSIDERING A PETITION FOR A

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WRIT OF CERTIORARI, PRIOR TO THE SUPREME COURT ACCEPTING A CASE FOR REVIEW. YOU CAN FIND COPIES OF BRIEFS AND OPINIONS ON THE MAJOR CASES WE TRACK ON THE NARF WEBSITE (HTTP://SCT.NARF.ORG).

IN ITS OCTOBER 2023 TERM, THE COURT HAS TAKEN TWO INDIAN LAW CASES, BECERRA V. SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE, 23-250 AND BECERRA V. NORTHERN ARAPAHO TRIBE, 23-253. AS THESE CASES RAISE THE IDENTICAL QUESTION OF WHETHER THE INDIAN SELF DETERMINATION ACT REQUIRES THE INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE TO REIMBURSE TRIBES WITH '638 HEALTH CARE CONTRACTS FOR CONTRACT SUPPORT COSTS INCURRED BY TRIBES WHEN THEY COLLECT REVENUE FROM THIRD PARTY PAYORS OR PROVIDERS LIKE MEDICARE, MEDICAID AND PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES, THE COURT HAS CONSOLIDATED THE CASES. THE LOWER COURTS IN BOTH CASES RULED FOR THE TRIBES, BUT THERE IS AN EARLIER DECISION ON THE SAME ISSUE FROM A DIFFERENT LOWER COURT THAT RULED FOR THE GOVERNMENT, SO THE COURT HAS DETERMINED THAT IT WILL DECIDE THE ISSUE. BRIEFING IN THE CONSOLIDATED CASES IS STILL OCCURRING, AND THE RESPONDENT TRIBES HAVE WORKED VERY CLOSELY WITH THE TSCP TO COORDINATE FIVE SEPARATE AMICUS CURIAE BRIEFS IN SUPPORT OF THE TRIBES IN THESE CASES, WHICH ARE DUE FEBRUARY 12, 2024. THE COURT LIKELY WILL HEAR THE ORAL ARGUMENT IN THESE CASES MARCH 25, 26, OR 27, 2024.

AT THIS TIME, THERE ARE NO INDIAN LAW PETITIONS PENDING BEFORE THE COURT AND IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE COURT WILL HEAR AND DECIDE ANY OTHER INDIAN LAW CASES THIS TERM, BUT OF COURSE THERE ARE STILL FIVE MONTHS LEFT IN THE TERM, SO THE TSCP CONTINUES TO WATCH FOR CASES THAT THE COURT MIGHT TAKE EITHER FOR DECISION THIS TERM OR FOR NEXT TERM.

THE COURT HAS DENIED MANY INDIAN LAW CASES, THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF WHICH LEAVE IN PLACE LOWER COURT DECISIONS FAVORABLE TO TRIBES. THE TSCP WAS INVOLVED IN TWO OF THESE CASES: KLAMATH IRRIGATION DISTRICT V. U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION, 22-1116 (FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RULE 19, REQUIRED JOINDER OF PARTIES), AND MARTIN V. SANDOVAL COUNTY, NEW MEXICO, 22-1133 (NEW MEXICO RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE RULE 19, REQUIRED JOINDER OF PARTIES). WE ARE PLEASED THAT THE COURT DECLINED TO REVIEW THESE CASES WHERE THE LOWER COURTS HELD THAT WHEN TRIBES ASSERT THEIR SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY FROM SUIT, THEY CANNOT BE JOINED AS REQUIRED PARTIES TO LITIGATION.

2. PROTECTION OF TRIBAL NATURAL RESOURCES: THE NATURAL RESOURCES

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FOUND ON INDIAN LANDS VARY GREATLY. NARF CONCENTRATES ITS EFFORTS IN ASSERTING TRIBAL RESOURCE RIGHTS AND PROTECTING THEM FROM LOSS AND EXPLOITATION. MAJOR RESOURCE PROTECTION INCLUDES LAND RIGHTS; WATER RIGHTS; HUNTING, FISHING, AND GATHERING RIGHTS; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION; TIMBER RIGHTS; AND PRUDENT DEVELOPMENT OF MINERAL RESOURCES.

A) TRIBAL WATER INSTITUTE

ONE OF THE PILLARS OF OUR ENVIRONMENTAL WORK ON BEHALF OF TRIBAL NATIONS IS THE PROTECTION OF TRIBAL WATER RESOURCES. MANY TRIBES CONSIDER WATER SACRED, THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE NATURAL WORLD AROUND THEM. MANY OF THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITIES ARE INTEGRALLY TIED TO THEIR WATERWAYS AND THAT NATURAL WORLD. TRIBAL NATIONS ARE OFTEN SEVERELY UNDER-REPRESENTED IN THE LEGAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES NEEDED TO ADDRESS WATER ISSUES HOWEVER, WITH CONSTANT THREAT REQUIRING THE NEED FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE TO MOVE TRIBAL COMMUNITIES FROM REACTIONARY POSITIONS THAT DISADVANTAGE THEIR SOVEREIGN INTERESTS.

AS TRIBAL NATIONS LOOK FOR SUPPORT AND RESOURCES TO ADDRESS WATER ISSUES, PARTICULARLY AS CLIMATE CHANGE THREATENS BOTH TRIBAL HOMELANDS AND THE VIABILITY OF CURRENT MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORKS, NARF HAS RECOGNIZED THIS NEED AND IS ESTABLISHING THE TRIBAL WATER INSTITUTE (TWI) TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS. THESE CAPACITY ISSUES AND UNDER-REPRESENTATION IN MANAGEMENT DISCUSSIONS AND AGREEMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THIS INNOVATIVE APPROACH TO TRIBAL WATER ISSUES. THE TWI WILL ADDRESS THE SHORTAGE OF WATER LAW EXPERTISE ACROSS INDIAN COUNTRY, BOLSTER EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS, AND PROVIDE THOUGHTFUL LEADERSHIP IN ADVOCATING FOR TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS.

THE TWI WILL ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING WITH SIGNIFICANT DIRECT IMPACT ON TRIBAL WATER POLICY AND ADVOCACY:

- DEVELOP A LEGAL FELLOW PROGRAM THAT COLLABORATES WITH LAW SCHOOLS TO HELP BUILD WATER LAW CAPACITY FOR INDIAN COUNTRY.
- WORK TO IMPROVE FEDERAL AND STATE WATER POLICY (E.G. TRUST OBLIGATIONS, LAW REFORMATION, RECOGNITION AND PROTECTION OF FEDERAL RESERVED INDIAN WATER RIGHTS, RECLAMATION FUND DEVELOPMENT, SETTLEMENT CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES, WATER MARKETING, TRIBAL WATER CODE DEVELOPMENT, ETC.).
- PUBLISH A SEMI-ANNUAL TRIBAL WATER REPORT.
- PARTICIPATE IN THE AD HOC WATER GROUP.
- ASSIST IN IMPACT LITIGATION AND LEGISLATION.

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- HOST NARF'S BIENNIAL WATER SYMPOSIUM.

TRAINING YOUNG ATTORNEYS TO REPRESENT AND ADVOCATE FOR TRIBAL WATER LAW SOLUTIONS IS CRITICAL TO DEVELOPING TRIBAL NATION WATER CAPACITY AND FURTHERING THE ABILITY OF TRIBAL NATIONS TO BE STRONG SOVEREIGN GOVERNMENTS. CURRENTLY, THERE ARE NO TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS OR ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS THAT FOCUS ON TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS OR POLICY DEVELOPMENT. AS PART OF OUR FOCUS, TWI WOULD FILL THIS MUCH NEEDED GAP AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS AND OTHER LEGAL RESOURCES TO GUIDE TRIBAL WATER POLICY. THE TWI WOULD ALSO WORK WITH TRIBAL NATIONS TO DEVELOP AND ADVOCATE FOR TRIBAL WATER ISSUES AND EDUCATE TRIBAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LEADERSHIP ON THE IMPORTANCE OF THE POLICY PROPOSALS. AS AN EXTENSION OF THIS EFFORT, THE TWI WOULD CREATE A SEMI-ANNUAL TRIBAL WATER REPORT WHICH WOULD, AMONG OTHER THINGS:

- PROVIDE TRIBAL NATIONS AND TRIBAL WATER PRACTITIONERS, MANAGERS, AND ATTORNEYS REGULAR UPDATES ON RELEVANT WATER INFORMATION (E.G., CASE SUMMARIES, PENDING LEGISLATION, SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS, FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCY ACTIONS AND PROGRAMS, FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES).
- HIGHLIGHT SUCCESSFUL SETTLEMENTS AND SETTLEMENT APPROACHES.
- HIGHLIGHT SETTLEMENT IMPLEMENTATION.
- DISCUSS CURRENT FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCY INITIATIVES RELEVANT TO TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS AND PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THOSE EFFORTS.
- PROVIDE COMMENTARY DISCUSSING KEY WATER ISSUES, CASES, ETC., AND THEIR IMPORTANCE.
- MONITOR AND COMMENT ON FEDERAL AND STATE WATER RELATED AGENCY DECISIONS, RULE MAKINGS, AND OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITIES.

NARF HAS HIRED AN ADDITIONAL WATER LAW ATTORNEY AND IS MOVING FORWARD IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THIS CRITICAL LEGAL ADVOCACY PROGRAM UNDER OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PRIORITY.

B) PEBBLE MINE: BRISTOL BAY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP., ET AL V. HLADICK

IN 2013, NARF ASSISTED IN THE CREATION OF THE UNITED TRIBES OF BRISTOL BAY (UTBB), A CONSORTIUM OF TRIBES IN THE AREA THAT DEPEND ON SUSTAINABLE SALMON RUNS FOR THEIR SUBSISTENCE. THE PROPOSED PEBBLE MINE WOULD SIT AT THE HEADWATERS OF THE LARGEST SALMON-PRODUCING RIVER IN BRISTOL BAY AND THEY FILED FOR THEIR FEDERAL PERMIT IN 2017.

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NARF HAS CONDUCTED EFFORTS FOR CONSULTATION ON THE IMPACT OF THE MINE, BUT IN JULY 2019, THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED IT WOULD WITHDRAW THE PROPOSED CLEAN WATER ACT PROCESS, AND THE EPA SUBSEQUENTLY REMOVED THE PROTECTIONS FROM BRISTOL BAY. THIS ILLEGAL ACT LED TO THE CREATION OF THE BRISTOL BAY DEFENSE ALLIANCE, CONSISTING OF THE UTBB AND A VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND CORPORATIONS WHO RELY ON THE BAY FOR ITS NATURAL RESOURCES. IN NOVEMBER 2020, THE ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL DENY THE FEDERAL PERMIT. THEY HOWEVER RESUMED THE PROCESS FOR REVIEWING POTENTIAL CLEAN WATER ACT PROTECTIONS FOR BRISTOL BAY IN MAY OF 2022. THAT MONTH THE EPA PUBLISHED A REVISED PROPOSED DETERMINATION THAT STATED THEY WERE GOING TO BEGIN TO EXPLORE PERMANENT PROTECTIONS FOR THE BRISTOL BAY WATERSHED. THESE PROTECTIONS WILL PROHIBIT AND RESTRICT DISCHARGES OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH MINING AT THE PEBBLE MINE DEPOSIT.

AFTER THE REVISED PROPOSED DETERMINATION, THE EPA TOOK PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSAL AND RECEIVED MORE THAN HALF A MILLION PUBLIC COMMENTS URGING THE AGENCY TO STOP THE PEBBLE MINE AND ENACT WATERSHED PROTECTIONS SUPPORTED BY BRISTOL BAY REGIONAL TRIBES, COMMERCIAL AND SPORT FISHERY GROUPS, CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS, AND MILLIONS OF AMERICANS. ON DECEMBER 1, 2022, THE EPA ISSUED A "RECOMMENDED DETERMINATION" DETAILING POTENTIAL CLEAN WATER ACT PROTECTIONS FOR BRISTOL BAY THAT COULD ADDRESS THE THREAT OF THE PEBBLE MINE. THE RELEASE OF THE RECOMMENDED DETERMINATION MARKS THE CLOSEST THE EPA HAS EVER BEEN TO FINALIZING CLEAN WATER ACT 404(C) PROTECTIONS FOR BRISTOL BAY. THE NEXT (AND FINAL) STEP IN THAT PROCESS IS FOR THE AGENCY TO DETERMINE WHETHER TO ISSUE A "FINAL DETERMINATION" FORMALIZING PROTECTIONS.

ON JAN. 31, 2023, THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) FINALIZED 404(C) CLEAN WATER ACT PROTECTIONS THAT WILL STOP THE PROPOSED PEBBLE MINE FROM BEING BUILT AT THE HEADWATERS OF BRISTOL BAY. THE EPA FINAL DETERMINATION OUTLINED PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL PREVENT A LARGE-SCALE MINE FROM BEING DEVELOPED AT THE PEBBLE DEPOSIT DUE TO THE ADVERSE IMPACTS SUCH A MINE WOULD HAVE ON BRISTOL BAY'S PEOPLE, WATERS, AND SALMON FISHERY. THE PROTECTIONS WILL PROHIBIT AND RESTRICT THE USE OF CERTAIN WATERS-IN THE SOUTH FORK KOKTULI, NORTH FORK KOKTULI, AND UPPER TALARIK CREEK WATERSHEDS-IN BRISTOL BAY AS A DISPOSAL SITE FOR THE DISCHARGE OF DREDGED OR FILL MATERIAL ASSOCIATED WITH

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MINING AT THE PEBBLE DEPOSIT. ADDITIONALLY, THE FINAL DETERMINATION PROHIBITS FUTURE PROPOSALS TO DEVELOP AT THE PEBBLE DEPOSIT A MINE THAT HAS IMPACTS SIMILAR OR GREATER THAN THE MINE PLAN DENIED BY THE ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS IN 2020.

NARF WILL CONTINUE TO APPEAR ON BEHALF OF THE TRIBES AND IS CURRENTLY MONITORING THIS VICTORY IN ANTICIPATION OF LITIGATION BY THE PEBBLE MINE TO DISPUTE THIS DETERMINATION. IT IS A SIGNIFICANT VICTORY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE RESULT THUS FAR.

C) BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY: CHALLENGE TO ENBRIDGE'S LINE 5 PIPELINE TUNNELING PROJECT

THE ANISHINAABE PEOPLE OF BAY MILLS SAY LIFE AS THEY KNOW IT TODAY, BEGAN IN THE STRAIGHTS OF MACKINAC. THEY CONSIDER THE WATERS WHERE LAKE HURON AND LAKE ERIE MEET A SACRED SPACE. THE AREA REMAINS INTEGRAL TO DAILY PRACTICE OF CULTURAL LIFEWAYS AND IS FULL OF HISTORIC AND ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES. FROM TIME IMMEMORIAL TO TODAY, COMMUNITIES, LOCAL BUSINESSES, AND TRIBAL MEMBERS DEPEND ON THE ABUNDANT FISH AND WILDLIFE IN THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC. THE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY RELIES HEAVILY ON FISHING IN THE AREA AND THE TRIBE AS A TREATY PROTECTED RIGHT AND RESPONSIBILITY TO KEEP THE REGION'S FISHERIES HEALTHY AND AVAILABLE TO THEIR TRIBAL CITIZENS. COMMERCIAL AND SUBSISTENCE FISHING AND HUNTING CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC SURVIVAL FOR THE MAJORITY OF TRIBAL MEMBERS.

IN MAY 2020, AND ON BEHALF OF THE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY, NARF AND EARTHJUSTICE ATTORNEYS FILED A PETITION TO INTERVENE TO PARTICIPATE AS A PARTY IN THE ENBRIDGE LINE 5 TUNNEL PROJECT PROCEEDINGS BEFORE THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. THE PROPOSED TUNNEL WOULD ENCAPSULATE OIL GIANT ENBRIDGE'S LINE 5 PIPELINE UNDER THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC. BAY MILLS HAS A LONG-STANDING AND CRITICAL INTEREST IN THE WATERS OF THE GREAT LAKES, THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC, AND THE SURROUNDING REGION. AS ONE OF THE SIGNATORIES TO THE 1836 TREATY OF WASHINGTON, WHICH CEDED NEARLY 14 MILLION ACRES TO THE UNITED STATES FOR THE CREATION OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, BAY MILLS RESERVED THE RIGHT TO FISH, HUNT, AND GATHER THROUGHOUT THE TERRITORY - INCLUDING IN THE GREAT LAKES AND THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC. THEY ALSO SUBMITTED COMMENTS, ON BEHALF OF BAY MILLS, OPPOSING ENBRIDGE'S REQUEST TO ISSUE A DECLARATORY RULING. THE OIL GIANT CLAIMED THAT, DUE TO THE ORIGINAL 1953 EASEMENT UNDER THE GREAT LAKES, THE PROJECT CAN NOW SKIRT ANY ADDITIONAL REVIEW BY THE COMMISSION-INCLUDING ANY REVIEW

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OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.

THE EPA MOVED TO DISMISS THE TRIBAL CLAIMS, AND IN APRIL 2020, THE COURT GRANTED THE MOTION. IN AN ACT OF TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY IN MAY 2021, THE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PASSED A RESOLUTION BANISHING ENBRIDGE ENERGY, INC.'S LINE 5 PIPELINES FROM ALL TRIBAL LANDS, INCLUDING THE TREATY PROTECTED STRAITS OF MACKINAC. THE REASONS FOR BANISHMENT INCLUDED:

- ENBRIDGE'S EXISTING SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES LINE 5 HAS ALREADY LEAKED AT LEAST 33 TIMES SPILLING MORE THAN 1,100,000 GALLONS OF OIL.
- ENBRIDGE HAS INCURRED \$6.5 MILLION IN FINES FOR FAILING TO PROPERLY MAINTAIN AND REPAIR THE EXISTING SYSTEM THAT INCLUDES THE LINE 5 DUAL PIPELINE.
- ENBRIDGE CONTINUES OPERATING EXISTING LINE 5 PIPELINE STRUCTURES UNDER AN EXPIRED EASEMENT AND IN SPITE OF YEARS OF TRIBAL AND PUBLIC OPPOSITION.

THIS HISTORICAL AND CUSTOMARY FORM OF TRIBAL LAW HAS EXISTED SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. TRIBES EXERCISE BANISHMENT ONLY TO ADDRESS ESPECIALLY EGREGIOUS ACTS OF HARM TO THE COMMUNITY. THE BANISHMENT RESOLUTION REQUESTS THAT ANY REGULATORY BODY WITH OVERSIGHT AUTHORITY ENFORCE THE BANISHMENT. THIS INCLUDES THE CHIPPEWA OTTAWA RESOURCE AUTHORITY, GRAND TRAVERSE BAND OF OTTAWA AND CHIPPEWA INDIANS, LITTLE RIVER BAND OF OTTAWA INDIANS, LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS, SAULT STE. MARIE TRIBE OF CHIPPEWA INDIANS, THE STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND THE UNITED STATES.

ON JUNE 23, 2021, THE U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS ANNOUNCED IT WOULD CONDUCT AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY (EIS) ON THE ENBRIDGE ENERGY INC.'S PLAN TO BUILD AN UNDERGROUND OIL AND GAS PIPELINE TUNNEL UNDER THE GREAT LAKES TO HOUSE THE LINE 5 PIPELINE. IN SEPTEMBER OF 2021, BAY MILLS, TRIBAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS, CLIMATE SCIENTISTS, AND OTHER ACADEMIC EXPERTS SUBMITTED WRITTEN TESTIMONY TO THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION. IN JANUARY OF 2022, THE ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGE EXCLUDED PORTIONS OF TESTIMONY FROM THE RECORD THAT OUTLINED THE ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ON THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY. THE CULTURAL AND SPIRITUAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE STRAITS TO THE ANISHNAABE PEOPLE IS AN IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THEIR TREATY PROTECTED RIGHTS TO PROTECT THEIR NATURAL RESOURCES AND BY EXTENSION- THEIR IDENTITY. IN FEBRUARY OF 2022, TRIBAL NATIONS, ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS, AND PUBLIC SAFETY EXPERTS PRESENTED TO THE

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MPSC THEIR POSITION ADVOCATING FOR THE DENIAL OF THE PERMIT.

IN JULY 2022, THE MPSC HAS REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE POTENTIAL SAFETY RISKS TO THE WATER SUPPLY, WILDLIFE, AND AIR QUALITY. IT WAS A SMALL VICTORY THAT MAKES A STEP FORWARD IN ENSURING THE COMMISSION IS ACCURATELY CONSIDERING AND ASSESSING ALL THE POTENTIAL IMPACTS. NEXT STEPS INCLUDE THE PARTIES ONCE AGAIN APPEARING BEFORE THE ALJ TO PRESENT ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE SAFETY RISKS POSED BY THE TUNNEL PROJECT. CROSS EXAMINATION WAS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL, WITH POST-HEARING BRIEFING SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION BY MAY 2023. ON FEB. 3, 2023, THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (MPSC) RECEIVED TESTIMONY THAT THE ENBRIDGE PLAN TO DIG A PIPELINE TUNNEL BENEATH THE STRAITS OF MACKINAC COULD LEAD TO AN EXPLOSION. GEOLOGIST AND ENGINEER BRIAN O'MARA AND PIPELINE SAFETY EXPERT RICHARD KUPREWICZ TESTIFIED THAT THE RELEASE OF OIL FROM SUCH AN EXPLOSION WOULD DEVASTATE THE FRESHWATER, WILDLIFE, AND SHORELINES OF GREAT LAKES.

IN A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD IN THE MOVEMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS PERMANENT FORUM ON INDIGENOUS ISSUES (UNPFII) RELEASED THE DRAFT REPORT FROM ITS APRIL 2023 SESSION, WHERE BAY MILLS INDIAN COMMUNITY AND THE ANISHINABEK NATION REBUKED THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT FOR PROTECTING THE ENBRIDGE LINE 5 PIPELINE. THE REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES DECOMMISSION THE LINE 5 PIPELINE BECAUSE OF ITS IMPACT ON THE REGION'S INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES. ON DECEMBER 1, 2023, THE MPSC ISSUED AN ORDER APPROVING ENBRIDGE'S PERMIT APPLICATION. BAY MILLS, ALONG WITH OTHER TRIBAL INTERVENORS, HAS APPEALED THE DECISION TO THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS AND BRIEFING IS SCHEDULED FOR THE SPRING OF 2024.

D) APACHE STRONGHOLD V. UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ET AL.

ON JANUARY 9, 2023, NARF AND CO-COUNSEL AT MUNGER, TOLLES, & OLSON, LLP FILED AN AMICUS BRIEF ON BEHALF OF TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION, TONTO APACHE TRIBE, SAN JUAN SOUTHERN PAIUTE, 36 THE ASSOCIATION ON AMERICAN INDIAN AFFAIRS, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICERS IN APACHE STRONGHOLD V. UNITED STATES.

THE BRIEF URGES THE U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT TO RECOGNIZE THE PROTECTIONS OF THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RESTORATION ACT (RFRA) TO PREVENT A FOREIGN MINING COMPANY, RESOLUTION COPPER,

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FROM DESTROYING A SACRED PLACE THE APACHE CALL CHÍ'CHIL BILDAGOTEEL, WHICH TRANSLATES INTO ENGLISH AS "OAK FLAT." MANY TRIBAL NATIONS IN THE SOUTHWEST HAVE HELD OAK FLAT AS SACRED CEREMONIAL GROUND SINCE TIME IMMEMORIAL. IN JUNE 2022, A THREE-JUDGE PANEL FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT HELD THAT A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION WAS UNWARRANTED, IN PART, BECAUSE APACHE STRONGHOLD WAS NOT LIKELY TO SUCCEED ON THE MERITS IN SHOWING THAT THE LAND TRANSFER TO RESOLUTION COPPER WOULD "SUBSTANTIALLY BURDEN" NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS EXERCISE FOR PURPOSES OF RFRA.

IN NOVEMBER 2022, THE NINTH CIRCUIT SUA SPONTE REFERRED THE CASE FOR REHEARING EN BANC, INITIATING A NEW ROUND OF BRIEFING FROM THE PARTIES AND AMICI. IT WAS AT THIS STAGE NARF AND CO-COUNSEL FILED THE TRIBAL NATIONS AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS AMICUS BRIEF. IN AN UNUSUAL TURN OF EVENTS, ON JANUARY 19, 2023, THE NINTH CIRCUIT ISSUED A TEXT ORDER STRIKING THE TRIBAL NATIONS AND TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS BRIEF FROM THE RECORD, "PURSUANT TO FRAP 29(A)(2)." THE NINTH CIRCUIT DID NOT ELABORATE AS TO WHY THE BRIEF WAS STRUCK, BUT COUNSEL BELIEVE, BASED ON THE FEDERAL RULE OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE CITED IN THE ORDER, THAT ONE OF THE JUDGES APPOINTED TO THE PANEL PERCEIVED A CONFLICT OF INTEREST AND ORDERED THAT THE BRIEF BE STRUCK INSTEAD OF RECUSING THEMSELVES.

AS AN ALTERNATIVE ADVOCACY STRATEGY, NARF ASSISTED AMICI TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION'S ATTORNEY GENERAL HOWARD SHANKER IN THE DRAFTING AND PUBLICATION OF AN OP-ED IN THE ARIZONA CAPITOL TIMES. THE OP-ED FOCUSED ON THE NEED TO CORRECT HARMFUL RFRA PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED BY A PRIOR NINTH CIRCUIT EN BANC CASE, NAVAJO NATION V. U.S. FOREST SERVICE AND THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING PLACE-BASED RELIGIONS. THE OP-ED WAS PLACED WITH THE GOAL OF HIGHLIGHTING IMPORTANT ARGUMENTS MADE IN THE STRICKEN TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF.

ORAL ARGUMENT WAS HEARD ON MARCH 21ST, 2023. ATTORNEY LUKE GOODRICH FROM THE BECKET LAW FIRM ARGUED FOR APACHE STRONGHOLD. A DECISION MAY BE ISSUED IN 2024.

E) INDIAN RESERVED WATER RIGHTS CLAIMS SYMPOSIUM

NARF WORKS WITH THE WESTERN STATES WATER COUNCIL (WSWC) AS PART OF AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS. FOR 30 YEARS OUR GROUPS HAVE WORKED TOGETHER WITH TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVES AND OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EXPERTS TO SUPPORT THE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS DISPUTES. OUR ORGS REALIZED THAT

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QUANTIFYING INDIAN WATER RIGHTS AND ENGAGING IN NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENTS WAS PREFERABLE TO LITIGATION. OVER THE YEARS, A PROCESS HAS EVOLVED WITH THE HELP OF THE AD HOC GROUP THAT HAS CONTRIBUTED TO THE APPROVAL OF 32 INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS. OUR GROUPS HAVE TAKEN THIS EXPERIENCE AND OFFERED TRIBES AS WELL AS STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THESE MODELS AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND ADVICE THROUGH OUR BIENNIAL WATER SYMPOSIUM. THE SYMPOSIUM IS HELD FOR EXPERTS AND TRIBAL ADVOCATES TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND ADVICE REGARDING SUCCESSFUL INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS.

THESE BIENNIAL SYMPOSIA HAVE BROUGHT TOGETHER TRIBAL, STATE, FEDERAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES, INDIAN LAW ADVOCATES AND ATTORNEYS AS WELL AS OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES TO PROMOTE, STRATEGIZE, UNDERSTAND, AND DISSEMINATE UPDATES IN REGARDS TO THE MANY VARIED LEGAL ASPECTS OF INDIAN WATER RIGHTS SETTLEMENTS. THESE SYMPOSIUMS WERE WELL ATTENDED, WITH A VARIETY OF PARTICIPANTS REPRESENTING TRIBAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS, TRIBES, AND AGENCIES. ADDITIONALLY, WE HAVE SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE STAFFERS WHO HAVE ATTENDED OVER THE YEARS TO LEND THEIR EXPERTISE AND PROSPECTS FOR GETTING WATER SETTLEMENT LEGISLATION THROUGH CONGRESS. UPDATES ON CURRENT LITIGATION AND ONGOING CASES PROVIDED INSIGHT, EDUCATION AND AWARENESS TO THE STRATEGIES AND NECESSARY STEPS TOWARD SUCCESSFUL REPRESENTATION AND ADVOCACY IN TRIBAL WATER RIGHTS. AS THE LEGAL FIELD OF WATER RIGHTS EVOLVES, SO TOO MUST THE EDUCATION AND PREPAREDNESS OF TRIBES AND TRIBAL LEGAL ADVOCATES.

ARCHIVED MATERIALS FROM PAST SYMPOSIA CAN BE FOUND AT [HTTPS://NARF.ORG/NILL/DOCUMENTS/WATER/INDEX.HTML](https://narf.org/nill/documents/water/index.html).

THE IMPACT OF THESE CONVENINGS IS IMMEASURABLE. THERE ARE A VARIETY OF CASES THAT ARE ONGOING, OFTEN FOR YEARS, AND REQUIRE SPECIALIZED LEGAL KNOWLEDGE AND STRATEGY. BY DISSEMINATING INFORMATION ON PAST AND CURRENT CASEWORK, NARF AND THE WSWC HOPES THAT PRACTITIONERS ARE AFFORDED THE BEST AND MOST RECENT INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR SUCCESSFUL ADVOCACY AND ULTIMATELY APPROVED NEGOTIATION SETTLEMENTS.

F) KLAMATH BASIN WATER RIGHTS CASE

NARF SUCCESSFULLY REPRESENTED THE KLAMATH TRIBES IN THE UNITED STATES V. ADAIR LITIGATION IN 1983. THE FEDERAL COURTS IN ADAIR

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RECOGNIZED THE KLAMATH TRIBES' WATER RIGHTS BUT LEFT QUANTIFICATION OF THE RIGHTS TO THE STATE OF OREGON'S GENERAL STREAM ADJUDICATION, THE KLAMATH BASIN ADJUDICATION (KBA). FOLLOWING CONCLUSION OF THE 38-YEAR-LONG ADMINISTRATIVE PHASE OF THE KBA, THE TRIBES WERE ABLE TO BEGIN ENFORCING THEIR WATER RIGHTS DURING THE 2013 IRRIGATION SEASON FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER. THE OREGON WATER RESOURCES DEPARTMENT'S (OWRD'S) FINDINGS OF FACT AND ORDER OF DETERMINATION (FFOD), ISSUED IN THE KBA, IS NOW UNDER JUDICIAL REVIEW IN THE KLAMATH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT IN KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON. THE COURT HAS ADOPTED A PHASED APPROACH FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THE FFOD.

THE FORMER KBA JUDGE, KLAMATH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE CAMERON WOGAN, RETIRED ON APRIL 30, 2021, AND ASSUMED SENIOR STATUS. A NEW JUDGE WAS APPOINTED TO REPLACE JUDGE WOGAN ON DECEMBER 20, 2021. THE OREGON CHIEF JUSTICE ASSIGNED THE HON. STEPHEN K. BUSHONG TO PRESIDE OVER THE KBA, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022. THE CHIEF JUSTICE HAD TO BRING IN JUDGE BUSHONG FROM ANOTHER JUDICIAL DISTRICT, BECAUSE ALL OTHER CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES ON THE KLAMATH COUNTY BENCH HAD RECUSED THEMSELVES FROM THE KBA DUE TO CONFLICTS.

THE KBA IS CURRENTLY IN PHASE 3, WHICH IS ADDRESSING SUBSTANTIVE EXCEPTIONS FILED TO THE INDIVIDUAL WATER RIGHT CLAIM DETERMINATIONS IN THE FFOD. PART 1 OF PHASE 3 ADDRESSED CROSSCUTTING LEGAL ISSUES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE THE RESOLUTION OF DISPUTED ISSUES OF FACT AND ARE APPLICABLE TO MULTIPLE CLAIMS WITHIN THREE CLAIM GROUPS: GROUP A - PRE-1909 AND NON-TRIBAL FEDERAL RESERVED WATER RIGHT CLAIMS; GROUP B - WALTON RIGHT AND KLAMATH TERMINATION ACT CLAIMS; AND GROUP C - TRIBAL CLAIMS. PHASE 3, PART 1 HAS BEEN COMPLETED FOR ALL THREE GROUPS. PART 2 OF PHASE 3 OF THE CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS WILL NOW DETERMINE EXCEPTIONS TO LEGAL ISSUES AFFECTING INDIVIDUAL CLAIMS OR CONCERNING DISPUTED FACTUAL ISSUES. BRIEFING ON MOTIONS TO PRESENT NON-RECORD EVIDENCE FOR GROUP A AND B CLAIMS IS COMPLETE AND ORAL ARGUMENTS WERE HEARD IN JULY OF 2022, AND JUDGE BUSHONG ISSUED HIS OPINION IN AUGUST OF 2022.

MOTIONS TO PRESENT NON-RECORD EVIDENCE FOR GROUP C TRIBAL CLAIMS WERE FILED BY OPPOSING PARTIES ON OCTOBER 14, 2022, THE TRIBES' RESPONSE BRIEFS WERE FILED DECEMBER 15, 2022, AND THE OPPOSING PARTIES' REPLIES ARE DUE FEBRUARY 16, 2023. IN THE GROUP C OPINION, JUDGE BUSHONG RULED THAT NONE OF THE TRIBAL CLAIMS WERE VACATED BY ANY PREVIOUS ORDER OF THE COURT. HOWEVER, HE REMANDED

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THE TRIBAL CLAIMS TO THE OWRD DIRECTOR TO RECEIVE EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT BY OUR OPPONENTS IN TWO AREAS. FIRST, THE KLAMATH PROJECT WATER USERS (KPWU) WERE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT IN SUPPORT OF THEIR EXCEPTIONS IN THE LAKE CASE. SECOND, KPWU, THE UPPER BASIN IRRIGATORS AND MOSBY FAMILY TRUST WERE PERMITTED TO SUBMIT EVIDENCE AND ARGUMENT IN APPLYING THE MODERATE LIVING STANDARD TO THE TRIBAL CLAIMS. AT A STATUS HEARING ON FEBRUARY 7, 2024, NARF WILL PARTICIPATE WITH THE CASE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COURT ON SCHEDULING ISSUES FOR BOTH THE REMANDED TRIBAL CLAIMS IN THE OREGON OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS AND FOR THE NON-TRIBAL CLAIMS IN THE KLAMATH COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT. THE COURT WILL DECIDE WHETHER TO ADJUDICATE THE TWO SETS OF CLAIMS SIMULTANEOUSLY OR TO STAY THE NON-TRIBAL CLAIMS UNTIL THE REMAND PROCESS FOR THE TRIBAL CLAIMS IS COMPLETE.

G) AGUA CALIENTE V. COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, ET AL.

NARF, TOGETHER WITH THE KILPATRICK TOWNSEND LAW FIRM OF WASHINGTON, D.C., REPRESENTS THE AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHUILLA INDIANS IN A LAWSUIT FILED IN MAY 2013, IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT IN CALIFORNIA, ASKING THE COURT TO DECLARE THE EXISTENCE OF THE TRIBE'S WATER RIGHTS AS THE SENIOR RIGHTS IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY UNDER FEDERAL LAW, TO QUANTIFY THESE RIGHTS, AND TO PREVENT COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT AND DESERT WATER AGENCY FROM FURTHER INJURING THE TRIBE, ITS MEMBERS AND RESIDENTS IN SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE VALLEY BY IMPAIRING THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF WATER IN THE COACHELLA VALLEY AQUIFER.

THE WATER DISTRICTS IMPORT, AND THEN FAIL TO ADEQUATELY TREAT, SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER QUALITY WATER FROM THE COLORADO RIVER BEFORE INJECTING THAT WATER INTO THE AQUIFER. THE RECHARGE WATER, WHICH CONTAINS HIGHER TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS, NITRATES, PESTICIDES, AND OTHER CONTAMINANTS, IS REINJECTED INTO THE COACHELLA VALLEY AQUIFER AT A FACILITY CLOSE TO THE TRIBE'S LANDS. THUS, THE GROUNDWATER IN THE WESTERN COACHELLA VALLEY, INCLUDING THE WATER BELOW THE AGUA CALIENTE RESERVATION, WHICH INCLUDES THE CITIES OF PALM SPRINGS, CATHEDRAL CITY, RANCHO MIRAGE, AND THOUSAND PALMS, IS BEING POLLUTED AT A FASTER RATE THAN THE AQUIFER DOWN-VALLEY. IN FEBRUARY 2014, THE COURT SET A DISCOVERY AND PRE-TRIAL MOTION PRACTICE SCHEDULE IN THE CASE. THE PARTIES COMPLETED DISCOVERY IN PHASE I OF THE CASE IN SUMMER, 2014. THE UNITED STATES MOVED TO INTERVENE IN THE CASE IN MAY 2014, AND THE COURT GRANTED THE INTERVENTION, A SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENT FOR THE TRIBE AND ITS

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ATTORNEYS. SUMMARY JUDGMENT MOTIONS WERE FILED IN PHASE I OF THE CASE IN OCTOBER, 2014. IN MARCH 2015, THE COURT RULED LARGELY IN THE TRIBE'S FAVOR, HOLDING THAT THE TRIBE HAS A RESERVED RIGHT TO WATER, AND THAT GROUNDWATER IS A WATER SOURCE AVAILABLE TO FULFILL THAT RIGHT.

THE TRIBE FILED A MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE COMPLAINT FILED IN 2013, TO ADD FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO THE INJURIES FACED BY THE TRIBE DUE TO THE WATER DISTRICTS' MISMANAGEMENT, TO ADD ALLEGATIONS RELATING TO THE TRIBE'S PUMPING OF GROUNDWATER ON THE RESERVATION, AND TO MORE ACCURATELY FRAME THE ISSUE OF THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PORE SPACE UNDER THE RESERVATION FOR FINAL DISPOSITION BY THE COURT. ON JULY 8, 2020, THE COURT GRANTED THE TRIBE'S MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND AND SUPPLEMENT THE COMPLAINT. THE AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED COMPLAINT WAS FILED ON JULY 17, 2020.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE WATER DISTRICTS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING SETTLEMENT, THE TRIBE AGREED, AND THE PARTIES STIPULATED TO A STAY AND THE JUDGE ENTERED AN ORDER STAYING THE LITIGATION UNTIL APRIL 1, 2021. RAMSEY KROPF, A WELL-KNOWN WATER ATTORNEY FROM BOULDER, WAS SELECTED BY THE PARTIES TO LEAD THE MEDIATION EFFORT. SHE IS EXPERIENCED AND WELL REGARDED BY BOTH TRIBAL AND STATE WATER INTERESTS. THE PARTIES HAD THEIR FIRST MEETING WITH HER ON NOVEMBER 5, 2020. INDIAN WATER LITIGATION USUALLY SETTLES AT SOME POINT AFTER A COMPLEX PERIOD OF LITIGATION. TIME WILL TELL IF THIS DISPUTE IS RIPE FOR SETTLEMENT AND WHETHER REAL SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS CAN BE MADE. SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS CONTINUE. THE PARTIES SOUGHT AND THE FEDERAL COURT JUDGE GRANTED AN ADDITIONAL 6-MONTH EXTENSION OF THE STAY OF LITIGATION UNTIL 2022. THE WATER DISTRICTS EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING SETTLEMENT, THE TRIBE AGREED, AND THE PARTIES AGAIN STIPULATED TO A STAY AND THE JUDGE ENTERED AN ORDER STAYING THE LITIGATION AND ORDER OF THE COURT UNTIL MARCH 2023. THE PARTIES CONTINUE TO MEET WEEKLY, WITH MANY TECHNICAL ISSUES ON WHICH TO REACH AGREEMENT.

3. PROMOTION OF NATIVE AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS: THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND IS CONCERNED WITH SECURING BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS FOR NATIVE AMERICANS IN SUCH AREAS AS VOTING RIGHTS, EDUCATION, HEALTH, HOUSING, AND RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RIGHTS.

A) BOARDING SCHOOL/REPATRIATION

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FROM THE EARLY 1800S THROUGH THE 1970S, FEDERAL, STATE, AND CHURCH ASSIMILATION POLICIES AND PRACTICES LED TO THE FORCIBLE REMOVAL OF NATIVE AMERICAN, ALASKA NATIVE, AND NATIVE HAWAIIAN CHILDREN FROM THEIR HOMES, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITIES. THROUGH THESE PRACTICES, INDIAN CHILDREN WERE PLACED IN ONE OF AT LEAST 408 KNOWN FEDERAL INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

DISGUISED AS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS FURTHERED THE GOVERNMENT'S GOALS TO DISPOSSESS INDIGENOUS PEOPLE FROM THEIR LAND, ASSIMILATE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIAN CHILDREN INTO NON-NATIVE CULTURE, AND ERASE THEIR INDIGENOUS IDENTITIES. THE BOARDING SCHOOLS OFTEN PROHIBITED INDIAN CHILDREN FROM SPEAKING THEIR LANGUAGES AND BANNED THEM FROM PRACTICING THEIR CULTURES AND TRADITIONS. SADLY, MANY CHILDREN DID NOT SURVIVE THIS ERA, NOR WERE RETURNED TO THEIR COMMUNITIES AFTER SIGNIFICANT TRAUMA, ABUSE, AND DEATH- AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED ON THE BOARDING SCHOOL GROUNDS.

NARF HAS SUCCEEDED IN ASSISTING SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE ("SWO") AND SPIRIT LAKE NATION ("SLN") TO BRING THE REMAINS OF TWO OF THEIR CHILDREN, AMOS LAFROMBOISE AND EDWARD UPRIGHT, BACK TO THEIR TRIBAL HOMELANDS FROM THE CARLISLE BARRACKS POST CEMETERY ("CARLISLE CEMETERY"). THIS WAS ACCOMPLISHED PURSUANT TO A FIRST-OF-ITS-KIND, WRITTEN AND SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH THE ARMY, WHICH NARF NEGOTIATED BETWEEN THE TRIBES AND THE ARMY IN ARMS-LENGTH, GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE THE TRIBES INITIALLY SOUGHT TO HAVE THE BOYS REPATRIATED PURSUANT TO THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT ("NAGPRA")-AND NARF WAS PREPARING TO SUE THE ARMY ON THE TRIBES' BEHALF TO DO SO-VARIOUS DEVELOPMENTS MADE IT LIKELY THAT A LAWSUIT WOULD BE DISMISSED ON TECHNICAL GROUNDS. FURTHERMORE, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT THE ARMY WAS WILLING TO NEGOTIATE A PLAN FOR THE DISINTERMENT AND RETURN OF THE BOYS THAT WOULD ENGAGE THE TRIBES AND THE ARMY IN A GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONSHIP AND FACILITATE MEANINGFUL NEGOTIATION OF TERMS. FOR INSTANCE, THE AGREEMENT FEATURED TERMS PROVIDING THAT THE TRIBES WOULD BE ABLE TO ENGAGE IN TRADITIONAL PRACTICES AND PROTOCOLS TO CARRY OUT CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE DISINTERMENT AND TRANSFER OF THE REMAINS. THIS INCLUDED THE PERFORMANCE OF A SWEAT LODGE CEREMONY IN THE EVENING FOLLOWING FORENSIC ANALYSIS OF THE REMAINS. THE ARMY HAS NEVER FACILITATED A SWEAT LODGE FOR A TRIBE. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF THE PRESSURE THE TRIBES PLACED ON THE ARMY, IT ULTIMATELY AGREED TO OBTAIN A FIRE PERMIT AND CERTAIN MATERIALS TO ALLOW THE TRIBES

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TO CARRY OUT THE CEREMONY. THE REMAINS WERE DISINTERRED, ANALYZED, AND ULTIMATELY FOUND CONSISTENT WITH LAFROMBOISE AND UPRIGHT. THE TRIBES WERE LARGELY SATISFIED WITH HOW THE PROCESS UNFOLDED, AND GRATEFUL TO BE ABLE TO FINALLY BRING THEIR CHILDREN HOME.

IN LATE MAY, EARLY JUNE OF 2023, STAFF ATTORNEYS BETH WRIGHT AND JASON SEARLE TRAVELED TO WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA, TO GIVE A PRESENTATION TO LEADERSHIP AND MEMBERS OF THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGARDING APPLICATION OF NAGPRA TO REPATRIATE TWO OF THE TRIBE'S RELATIVES-SAMUEL GILBERT AND EDWARD HENSLEY-FROM THE CARLISLE CEMETERY. PRIOR TO THE PRESENTATION, WRIGHT AND SEARLE MET WITH THE WINNEBAGO COUNCIL TO DISCUSS THE SAME AND TO DISCUSS WORKING WITH THE TRIBE TO REPATRIATE THE BOYS. THE COUNCIL IMMEDIATELY ENTERED INTO AN ATTORNEY-CLIENT AGREEMENT WITH NARF TO PURSUE THE REPATRIATION OF THE BOYS.

AT THE PRESENTATION, WRIGHT AND SEARLE GAVE A PRESENTATION COVERING THE HISTORY OF GILBERT AND HENSLEY, THE HANDLING OF REMAINS BURIED AT THE CARLISLE CEMETERY, AND THE RIGHT THE TRIBE HAS UNDER NAGPRA TO REQUEST REPATRIATION OF THE BOYS. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION, LEADERS AND MEMBERS WERE INVITED TO ASK QUESTIONS AND MAKE REMARKS. MEMBERS SHARED STORIES ABOUT THEMSELVES, OR THEIR RELATIVES ATTENDING BOARDING SCHOOL AND EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION AT HOW THE ARMY HAS HANDLED THE REMAINS OF THEIR RELATIVES WHO DIED UNDER SUCH TERRIBLE CIRCUMSTANCES. A SPIRITUAL LEADER ALSO SPOKE ABOUT THE TRIBE'S BELIEFS ABOUT HANDLING OF THEIR DEAD AND HOW LEAVING THE REMAINS OF A RELATIVE IN A PLACE THEY WERE NOT MEANT TO BE LAID TO REST LEAVES THEIR SPIRIT IN LIMBO. IT WAS CLEAR BY THE END OF THE EVENT THAT THERE WERE MANY REASONS FOR THE TRIBE TO PURSUE REPATRIATION OF THE BOYS. AS A RESULT, NARF HAS CONTINUED TO WORK WITH THE TRIBE ON THIS MATTER.

B) WINNEBAGO REPATRIATION EFFORT 2024

AFTER LAST YEAR'S SUCCESS IN RETURNING SOME ANCESTORS OF THE SISSETON WAHPETON OYATE AND THE SPIRIT LAKE NATION TRIBES, NARF AGAIN BEGAN WORKING WITH THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE IN CONTINUED ASSISTANCE ON NAGPRA REQUESTS TO THE U.S. ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS. THE CARLISLE INDIAN INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL HAS A "(H)AUNTING LEGACY OF INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS THAT WERE WEAPONIZED AGAINST TRIBAL NATIONS AND OUR CHILDREN IN THE LATE 19TH AND EARLY 20TH CENTURIES.

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CARLISLE, AS OTHER INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS, AIMED TO STRIP NATIVE CHILDREN OF THEIR CULTURAL IDENTITY ALTOGETHER AND ASSIMILATE THEM INTO EURO-AMERICAN CULTURE. TESTAMENT TO THE IDEA THAT THE WELL-BEING OF NATIVE CHILDREN WAS NOT A PRIORITY OF CARLISLE, MANY STUDENTS SUFFERED UNTIMELY DEATHS AT CARLISLE DURING ITS OPERATION, FROM 1879-1918. THE ARMY AND CARLISLE OFFICIALS OFTEN IMMEDIATELY BURIED STUDENTS WITHOUT NOTIFYING, LET ALONE SEEKING CONSENT, OF THEIR TRIBAL NATIONS AND FAMILIES. THE CONSEQUENCES OF CARLISLE'S MISDEEDS ARE FELT TODAY AS TRIBAL NATIONS CONTINUE TO ADDRESS THE SORDID AND COMPLEX HISTORY OF CARLISLE AND ITS INTERGENERATIONAL IMPACTS.

ONE APPROACH BY WHICH TRIBAL NATIONS HAVE SOUGHT TO ADDRESS THE HISTORICAL AND PRESENT-DAY IMPACTS OF BOARDING SCHOOLS IS BY REPATRIATING THE REMAINS OF THEIR RELATIVES FROM THE CARLISLE CEMETERY, UTILIZING THE NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT (NAGPRA). THIS WAS THE APPROACH THE WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PURSUED WHEN IT MADE A REQUEST IN NOVEMBER OF 2023 TO THE ARMY TO REPATRIATE TWO OF ITS CHILDREN-SAMUEL GILBERT AND EDWARD HENSLEY-FROM CARLISLE, PURSUANT TO NAGPRA. DISAPPOINTINGLY, THE ARMY RESPONDED TO WINNEBAGO'S REQUEST WITH A DENIAL IN DECEMBER OF 2023, MAINTAINING THAT NAGPRA COULD NOT BE APPLIED TO CARRY OUT REPATRIATION. THUS, ON JANUARY 17, 2024, WINNEBAGO INITIATED A LAWSUIT AGAINST THE U.S. ARMY AND OTHER RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES AND OFFICIALS. THROUGH ITS LAWSUIT, WINNEBAGO SEEKS TO ENFORCE NAGPRA TO REPATRIATE SAMUEL AND EDWARD, WHO WERE TAKEN FROM THEIR HOME MORE THAN 100 YEARS AGO AND NEVER RETURNED.

THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT ERRORS IN THE U.S. ARMY'S INTERPRETATION OF NAGPRA AND THEIR MISGUIDED BELIEF THAT IT WAS NOT INTENDED TO APPLY TO THEM. THE ARMY HAS IMPOSED A 'DISINTERMENT AND RETURN' PROCESS THAT REQUIRES THE IDENTIFICATION OF A "CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE," FOR REMAINS FROM CARLISLE CEMETERY TO BE DISINTERRED, A BLUEPRINT OFTEN ADOPTED BY MUSEUMS AND ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE ARMY ONLY ALLOWS CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVES TO INITIATE AND DRIVE THE PROCESS, NOT TRIBAL NATIONS. BECAUSE THE CARLISLE STUDENTS OFTEN DIED AS CHILDREN THEMSELVES OR DIED WITHOUT CHILDREN, THEY HAVE NO DIRECT DESCENDANTS AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF A "CLOSEST LIVING RELATIVE" IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE. BY CONTRAST, NAGPRA SHOULD AND HAS PROVIDED A PROCESS FOR THE TRIBAL NATIONS, IN THEIR SOVEREIGN CAPACITIES, TO REQUEST THE REPATRIATION OF THEIR RELATIVES' REMAINS. THE ARMY'S PROCESS

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IMPOSES SEVERAL OTHER UNREASONABLE OR IMPOSSIBLE BURDENS ON TRIBAL NATIONS SEEKING THE RETURN OF THEIR RELATIVES' REMAINS. BY IMPOSING THIS PROCESS, THE ARMY SEEKS TO CIRCUMVENT ITS LEGAL OBLIGATIONS AND UNDERMINES THE PURPOSE OF NAGPRA.

THROUGH ITS LAWSUIT, WINNEBAGO SEEKS TO ENFORCE ITS PLAINLY APPARENT RIGHTS UNDER NAGPRA. HOWEVER, THE BATTLE TO ENFORCE NAGPRA REPATRIATION AT CARLISLE ALSO SYMBOLIZES A BROADER EFFORT TO OBTAIN JUSTICE AND HEALING FOR ALL TRIBAL NATIONS IMPACTED BY THE CULTURAL AND LITERAL GENOCIDE CARRIED OUT BY FEDERAL INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS. NAGPRA IS A VITAL LAW AND MUST BE UPHELD TO ADDRESS ONE OF THE GREATEST HISTORICAL TRAUMAS INFLICTED ON NATIVE AMERICANS.

C) NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS COALITION

NARF CONTINUES TO SPEARHEAD THE NATIVE AMERICAN VOTING RIGHTS COALITION (NAVRC). NAVRC IS COMPRISED OF NARF, NATIONAL CONGRESS OF AMERICAN INDIANS, THE ACLU: VOTING RIGHTS PROJECT, FAIR ELECTIONS CENTER, WESTERN NATIVE VOICE AND A VARIETY OF OTHER VOTING RIGHTS ADVOCATES, LAWYERS, CIVIL RIGHTS EXPERTS AND TRIBAL VOTING RIGHTS ORGANIZATIONS AND ADVOCATES. THE FOCUS OF THE COALITION IS TO EXAMINE CURRENT PROBLEMS WITH VOTING IN INDIAN COUNTRY AND DEVELOP STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS TO THESE ISSUES SO TRIBAL COMMUNITIES HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO THE POLITICAL PROCESS, AND GREATER REPRESENTATION. AS THE RESULT OF EXTENSIVE SURVEYS AND A RESULTING REPORT AND CONGRESSIONAL TESTIMONY, NAVRC HAS DEVELOPED A MULTI-YEAR VOTING RIGHTS STRATEGY TO FURTHER VOTING RIGHTS IN INDIAN COUNTRY. THE PROJECT CONSISTS GENERALLY OF FIVE AREAS OF WORK: LITIGATION, COALITION PROJECTS, ADVOCACY, REDISTRICTING AND CENSUS WORK.

AS PART OF THIS STRATEGY, NAVRC HAS USED THE LAST CENSUS COUNT AND IS ANALYZING OTHER REGIONAL AND STATE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA TO ASSESS WHERE DISTRICT MAPS HAVE BEEN HEAVILY REDRAWN AND GERRYMANDERED IN FAVOR OF ONE PARTICULAR PARTY, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS THAT INCLUDE NATIVE POPULATIONS. THE REDISTRICTING PROJECT IS COMPRISED OF FOUR PRIMARY COMPONENTS: TRIBAL EDUCATION, ATTORNEY/EXPERT EDUCATION AND TRAINING (INDIAN COUNTRY REDISTRICTING FOCUS), WORKING DIRECTLY WITH TRIBES AND NAVRC PARTNERS ON REDISTRICTING PLANS USING CONSULTANTS (MAPPING, REDISTRICTING, GERRYMANDERING, ETC.), AND ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT. WE HAVE IDENTIFIED NINE KEY STATES TO TARGET FOR OUR STATEWIDE REDISTRICTING EFFORTS: ALASKA, ARIZONA,

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MONTANA, NEW MEXICO, NORTH DAKOTA, AND SOUTH DAKOTA AMONG OTHERS. EACH OF THESE STATES HAS A SUBSTANTIAL ALASKA NATIVE OR AMERICAN INDIAN (AIAN) POPULATION THAT IS SUFFICIENTLY LARGE TO FORM A MAJORITY IN MULTIPLE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS.

D) BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT

FOR SEVERAL YEARS, THE BEARS EARS INTER TRIBAL COALITION, A CONSORTIUM OF FIVE SOVEREIGN INDIAN NATIONS (HOPI, NAVAJO, UINTAH & OURAY UTE, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE, AND ZUNI) HAS WORKED TO PROTECT BEARS EARS IN UTAH, AMERICA'S MOST SIGNIFICANT UNPROTECTED CULTURAL LANDSCAPE. THE BEARS EARS REGION CONTAINS AT LEAST 100,000 ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES, SOME DATED BACK TO 12,000 BCE, AND IS STILL CRITICAL TO MANY TRIBES TODAY FOR SPIRITUAL AND HUNTING AND GATHERING PURPOSES. ON DECEMBER 28, 2016, PRESIDENT OBAMA ISSUED A PROCLAMATION DESIGNATING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT. THE PROCLAMATION ESTABLISHED THE BEARS EARS COMMISSION "TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MANAGEMENT PLANS AND ON MANAGEMENT OF THE MONUMENT."

A DECISION FROM THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WAS WIDELY EXPECTED TO REVOKE THE BEARS EARS MONUMENT OR SIGNIFICANTLY DIMINISH IT, AND IN FACT ON DECEMBER 4, 2017, THE ADMINISTRATION DID REVOKE THE EXISTING MONUMENT AND REPLACE IT WITH TWO SMALLER MONUMENTS UNDER DIFFERENT NAMES. ON BEHALF OF THE HOPI, PUEBLO OF ZUNI AND UTE MOUNTAIN UTE, NARF WAS ABLE TO FILE SUIT THE VERY SAME DAY, ALLEGING VIOLATIONS OF THE ANTIQUITIES ACT, THE SEPARATION OF POWERS, THE PROPERTY CLAUSE AND THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT. THE ADMINISTRATION MOVED TO TRANSFER THE CASE TO THE DISTRICT OF UTAH, AND WE OPPOSED. ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2018, THE DC DISTRICT COURT DENIED THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO TRANSFER TO UTAH SO THE CASE WILL BE LITIGATED IN DC. THE GOVERNMENT IMMEDIATELY FILED A MOTION TO DISMISS, AND THE TRIBAL OPPOSITIONS WERE DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2018. ON OCTOBER 7, THE COURT DENIED THE GOVERNMENT'S MOTION TO DISMISS BUT INSTRUCTED THE PLAINTIFF TRIBES TO FILE AMENDED COMPLAINTS AND SAID IT WILL ALLOW THE GOVERNMENT TO FILE NEW MOTIONS TO DISMISS AFTER THAT. THE TRIBES FILED THEIR FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT ON NOVEMBER 7, 2019, FOLLOWED BY A MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT ON JANUARY 9, 2020. WITH THE ELECTION OF JOE BIDEN AS PRESIDENT, HE DIRECTED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO SEEK A STAY IN THE LAWSUIT PENDING THE OUTCOME OF A NEW 60-DAY MONUMENTS REVIEW. SECRETARY OF INTERIOR DEB HAALAND HAS COMPLETED HER REVIEW OF THE MONUMENT AND

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SUBMITTED RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE PRESIDENT.

ON OCTOBER 8, 2021, PRESIDENT BIDEN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION RESTORING THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT TO ITS ORIGINAL SIZE, PLUS SOME ADDITIONAL ACREAGE. TRIBAL LEADERS FROM THE BEARS EARS COALITION HAILED THE DECISION AND WERE IN ATTENDANCE AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR THE SIGNING. IN A POSITIVE STEP FORWARD FOR GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 2022, THE UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION, UTE INDIAN TRIBE OF THE UINTAH OURAY, HOPI NATION, AND PUEBLO OF ZUNI SIGNED A HISTORIC, ONE-OF-A-KIND AGREEMENT TO SHARE MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE BEARS EARS NATIONAL MONUMENT. THE TRIBAL COALITION WILL WORK WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ADDRESS LAND PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, AND CONSERVATION, AND TO PROTECT TRADITIONS "THAT ARE PART OF THE TRIBAL NATIONS' WAY OF LIFE ON THESE LANDS." THE FIGHT HASN'T ENDED HOWEVER. DURING THE FOUR YEARS BETWEEN THE TRUMP DIMINISHMENT AND THE BIDEN RESTORATION, PRIVATE INTEREST LINED UP TO EXPLOIT THE BEARS EARS REGION THAT HAS DRAWN PEOPLE TO IT FOR MORE THAN 13,000 YEARS. HARD ROCK MINERS STAKED CLAIMS THAT THREATEN THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES, PERPETUATING THE TRAGIC LEGACY OF URANIUM MINING IN THE REGION. THE OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY ALSO FLOODED THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT WITH REQUESTS TO EXPLOIT 60,000 ACRES WITHIN THE ORIGINAL MONUMENT BOUNDARIES. RECENTLY HOWEVER, THE STATE OF UTAH FILED LITIGATION IN FEDERAL COURT OPPOSING THE RESTORATION OF THE MONUMENT AND IN NOVEMBER 2022, NARF FILED A MOTION TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF THE HOPI TRIBE, NAVAJO NATION, UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE, AND THE PUEBLO OF ZUNI.

IN DECEMBER OF 2022, SEVERAL SIMILAR LAWSUITS WERE CONSOLIDATED INTO ONE AND THE MAGISTRATE JUDGE GRANTED THE TRIBES MOTIONS TO INTERVENE. IN THE LATEST UPDATE, AN AMENDED COMPLAINT WAS FILED IN JANUARY 2023 AND THE UNITED STATES AND TRIBAL NATIONS HAVE FILED MOTIONS TO DISMISS THE AMENDED COMPLAINTS. THE MOTIONS HAVE BEEN FULLY BRIEFED AND IN A STUNNING MOVE IN EARLY AUGUST 2023, THE JUDGE DISMISSED THE CASES FILED BY THE STATE OF UTAH. THIS DISMISSAL ENSURES THAT OUR TRIBAL CLIENTS CAN CONTINUE TO ASSIST IN SUSTAINABLE STEWARDSHIP WHILE RESPECTING THEIR GENERATIONAL USE AND CONTINUED ENJOYMENT BY ALL VISITORS. THE STATE AND MINING COMPANIES HAVE APPEALED THAT DECISION TO THE 10TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, WHICH HAS SET A BRIEFING SCHEDULE THAT RUNS THROUGH THE WINTER OF 2023 AND INTO 2024- NARF WILL RESPOND ACCORDINGLY.

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E) TRIBAL CONSERVATION TOOLKIT

THE CONCEPT OF WORKING COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE (FNDI) TO DEVELOP A TRIBAL CONSERVATION TOOLBOX BEGAN IN JANUARY OF 2023. PLANNING BEGAN IN EARNEST TO INITIATE THE EFFORT IN MAY OF 2023 WITH STAFF ASSIGNED FROM BOTH FNDI AND NARF TO LEAD THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IN PARTICIPATION. A SERIES OF SIX MONTHLY MEETINGS WERE HELD BY THE ORGANIZATIONS FROM MAY 31 - DECEMBER 21 OF 2023. DURING THESE MEETINGS, EXPERTS IN CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION, CO-MANAGEMENT, LAND RETURN, FOOD SOVEREIGNTY, CONSERVATION PHILANTHROPY, CLIMATE CHANGE, SACRED PLACES PROTECTIONS, TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE (TEK), AND LAND USE MANAGEMENT WERE BROUGHT TOGETHER TO DEVELOP A TOOLBOX OF APPROACHES FOR INDIGENOUS-LED CONSERVATION.

AS OUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS MET, SIGNIFICANT CHANGES OCCURRED IN THE WAY THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS CONCEPTUALIZED LAND STEWARDSHIP AND CONSERVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIP WITH TRIBES. THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS WENT FROM SEEING THE TRIBAL CONSERVATION TOOLBOX AS A DISCRETE SET OF STRATEGIES TO BE PRESENTED TO USERS IN SOME FORMAT - SAY A WEBSITE OR REPORT DESCRIBING VARIOUS APPROACHES LIKE CO-MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS - TO THE RECOGNITION THAT EACH TRIBE WILL APPROACH LAND STEWARDSHIP DIFFERENTLY, AND SO IT IS THE TRIBES WHO SHOULD LEAD THE DISCUSSION AND IDENTIFY THE TOOLS NEEDED FOR HOW BEST TO CARE FOR AND STEWARD THE LAND. IN DOING SO, NARF AND FNDI IDENTIFIED VARIOUS APPROACHES, INFORMATION, AND RESOURCES THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO INTERESTED TRIBES. THROUGH THESE EFFORTS TO CONCEPTUALIZE A PLATFORM FROM WHICH TO OFFER SUPPORT TO TRIBES SEEKING TO CONSERVE LAND RELATIONSHIP GOALS, THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IDENTIFIED WAYS THEY ARE UNIQUELY POSITIONED TO PROVIDE FUNDING, EXPERTISE, COALITION BUILDING SUPPORT, AND POLICY DIRECTION TO SUPPORT A GIVEN TRIBE'S EFFORT RELATED TO LAND CONSERVATION. AS SUCH, THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS DEVELOPED THE CONCEPT OF A "WOVEN LANDS INITIATIVE," WHICH WILL SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE OF THE INFORMATION, STRATEGIES, FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT, AND FUNDING NEEDED BY TRIBES TO PURSUE THEIR CONSERVATION GOALS.

THE TRIBAL CONSERVATION TOOLBOX GOAL IS MEANT TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES FOR TRIBALLY LED CONSERVATION EFFORTS. THROUGH THE PROCESS OF EXPLORING THE VARIOUS TOOLS AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL, THE PARTIES DETERMINED THAT THERE ARE MANY WAYS TRIBES ARE ALREADY ACHIEVING AMAZING THINGS FOR THEIR CONSERVATION GOALS

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THAT ARE BENEFITTING THEIR GREATER OUTSIDE COMMUNITIES AS WELL. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING NARF AND FNFI COULD DO IS TO PROVIDE A CONSOLIDATED ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR INFORMATION, LEGAL ADVICE, AND FUNDING TO ACCOMPLISH THESE GOALS. IN ADDITION, THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE POLICY ADVICE AND GUIDANCE TO DECISION MAKERS INTERESTED IN RELATED TOPICS. THE PROJECT'S OBJECTIVE WAS ACHIEVED IN THAT ALL THE TOOLS KNOWN TO THE GROUP WERE DOCUMENTED AND A "TOOLBOX" WAS COMPILED. IN ADDITION, THE TWO ORGANIZATIONS IDENTIFIED A FRAMEWORK FOR THEM TO FURTHER COLLABORATE IN MEETING THE NEEDS OF INDIAN COUNTRY IN GENERAL WHEN IT COMES TO CONSERVATION GOALS.

A SECOND OBJECTIVE OF THE TRIBAL CONSERVATION TOOLBOX WAS TO DEEPEN THE CONNECTION BETWEEN FNFI AND NARF. OVER THE COURSE OF THE EIGHT-MONTH PROCESS, STAFF DEVELOPED WORKING RELATIONSHIPS AND IDENTIFIED AREAS OF OVERLAP IN THEIR EXPERTISE AND RELATED WORK. AS A RESULT OF THE PARTNERSHIP, NARF AND FNFI HAVE NOW ENTERED INTO A CONSULTING AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO TRIBES SEEKING TO ADDRESS ANY NUMBER OF CONSERVATION-ORIENTED PROJECTS, IN PARTICULAR LAND RETURN AND CO-MANAGEMENT. IN ADDITION, WE HAVE DEVELOPED THE TOOLBOX ALSO WHICH FURTHERS NARF RESEARCH RELATED TO LAND RETURN AND TITLE HISTORY FOR TWO TRIBES IN THE NORTHERN ROCKIES AND SECURE A TRIBAL FOREST PROTECTION ACT (TFPA) PROPOSAL FOR A TRIBE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THESE TWO PROJECTS, WHILE INDEPENDENT OF THE TOOLBOX SPECIFICALLY, PROVIDED IMPORTANT CONTEXT, EXAMPLES AND EXPERIENCE IN THE LEGAL MECHANISMS ASSOCIATED WITH LAND RETURN AND CO-MANAGEMENT CONSERVATION TOOLS. FROM NARF'S STAFF EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPING THESE TWO OPTIONS FOR THE TRIBES INVOLVED, THEY WERE ABLE TO ADD VALUE TO THE TOOLBOX EFFORT BY PROVIDING REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE AND KNOW-HOW THAT IMPROVED INFORMATION GATHERING AND SHARING AROUND CONSERVATION TOOLS FOR TRIBES GENERALLY DURING THE TOOLBOX WORKING MEETINGS.

ADDITIONALLY, NARF AND FNFI HAVE SET UP A COLLABORATIVE THINK TANK/COALITION OF PRACTITIONERS WHO WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT TRIBES IN PURSUING WHATEVER CONSERVATION OBJECTIVES THEY MAY HAVE USING THE WIDE VARIETY OF TOOLS, RESOURCES, AND MODELS IDENTIFIED AND STUDIED OVER THE COURSE OF THE EIGHT-MONTH PROJECT PERIOD. THOSE TOOLS AND MODELS INCLUDE CONSERVATION EASEMENTS, HISTORIC PRESERVATION PROTECTIONS, CONSULTATION WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCIES FOR LAND STEWARDSHIP, NEGOTIATING AND CREATING CO-MANAGEMENT OR SOVEREIGN-TO-SOVEREIGN AGREEMENTS (S2S AGREEMENTS), LAND RETURN AND LAND REMATRIATION TECHNIQUES,

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CREATING LAND USE PLANS AND DESIGNING TRIBAL CODES TO PROTECT ECOSYSTEMS AND BETTER CULTIVATE AND IMPLEMENT TRADITIONAL ECOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE AND TRADITIONAL CULTURAL PRACTICES, CULTIVATING AND HIGHLIGHTING THE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES PROVIDED BY TRIBES THROUGH IMPLEMENTATION OF EITHER TEK/TCP OR THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF GREEN ENERGY-RELATED PROJECTS, INCLUDING CARBON SEQUESTRATION, AND IDENTIFYING AND CULTIVATING NEW WAYS TO INCLUDE TRIBES IN CONSERVATION FINANCE. THROUGH THE COALITION BUILDING PROCESS, CAPACITY AND FUNDING CAN BE MARSHALLED TO BEST ASSIST THE UNIQUE AND HIGHLY INDIVIDUAL CONSERVATION GOALS AND REALITIES OF TRIBES GENERALLY. THE FUNDING PROPOSAL IS STILL BEING DEVELOPED AND NARF AND FNDI ANTICIPATE IT BEING FINALIZED BY MARCH OF 2024.

F) INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (HAALAND V. BRACKEEN)

FOR DECADES, THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY CHILD WELFARE EXPERTS AS THE GOLD STANDARD IN CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE. ANTI-TRIBAL INTERESTS HAVE LAUNCHED A SERIES OF LEGAL CHALLENGES AGAINST ICWA. HAALAND V. BRACKEEN IS THE LAWSUIT BROUGHT BY TEXAS (AND PREVIOUSLY INDIANA AND LOUISIANA) AND SEVERAL INDIVIDUAL PLAINTIFFS, WHO ALLEGE ICWA IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL. THIS CASE HAS WORKED ITS WAY THROUGH THE LOWER COURTS (FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT, FIFTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS, FIFTH CIRCUIT EN BANC) AND IS BEING REVIEWED BY THE U.S. SUPREME COURT IN THE FALL OF 2022.

THE INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT (ICWA) IS A 43-YEAR-OLD FEDERAL LAW THAT PROTECTS THE WELL-BEING AND BEST INTERESTS OF INDIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. ICWA DOES THIS BY UPHOLDING FAMILY INTEGRITY AND STABILITY AND BY KEEPING INDIAN CHILDREN CONNECTED TO THEIR COMMUNITY AND CULTURE. ICWA ALSO REAFFIRMS THE INHERENT RIGHTS OF TRIBAL NATIONS TO BE INVOLVED IN CHILD WELFARE MATTERS INVOLVING THEIR CITIZENS. FOR DECADES, ICWA HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY CHILD WELFARE EXPERTS AS THE GOLD STANDARD IN CHILD WELFARE PRACTICE, AND THE LAW HAS HELPED TENS OF THOUSANDS OF INDIAN CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FIND FAIRNESS AND HEALING IN STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEMS. IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, ANTI-TRIBAL INTERESTS HAVE LAUNCHED A SERIES OF LEGAL CHALLENGES AGAINST ICWA, WITH THE GOAL OF BROADLY UNDERMINING TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY.

NARF WAS INVOLVED WITH THE BRACKEEN CASE IN TWO WAYS:
- FIRST, NARF, WITH OUR CO-COUNSEL AT DENTONS, LLP, HAVE FILED THE TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF AT EVERY STAGE OF THE CASE. THE TRIBAL AMICUS

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BRIEF FOR THE FIFTH CIRCUIT EN BANC REPRESENTED 486 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES AND 59 NATIONAL AND REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SUPPORT OF ICWA. AS IN EARLIER STAGES OF THIS CASE, THE TRIBAL AMICUS BRIEF THAT WAS SUBMITTED TO THE SUPREME COURT IN AUGUST 2022 WILL ENSURE THAT THE COURT HEARS A UNITED MESSAGE FROM TRIBES IN SUPPORT OF THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT LAW. - SECOND, NARF FACILITATES THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT, WHICH WORKS TO COORDINATE THE BROADER PRO-ICWA AMICUS STRATEGY FOR THE CASE.

BRIEFING IN THE CASE CAN BE FOUND AT THE TRIBAL SUPREME COURT PROJECT WEBSITE. ICWA IS WIDELY SUPPORTED BY AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF STAKEHOLDERS WITHIN AND OUTSIDE OF INDIAN COUNTRY. AT THE LOWER COURT IN BRACKEEN V. HAALAND, 486 TRIBAL NATIONS, 59 NATIVE ORGANIZATIONS, 31 CHILD WELFARE ORGS, 26 STATES + DC, AND 77 MEMBERS OF CONGRESS OFFERED SUPPORT FOR ICWA. THESE SUPPORTERS RECOGNIZE THAT ICWA IS FIRMLY IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF NATIVE CHILDREN. ON NOVEMBER 8, 2022, THE SUPREME COURT HEARD ORAL ARGUMENTS. RECENTLY, THE COURT UPHELD THE CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ICWA.

WRITING FOR A 7-2 COURT, JUSTICE BARRETT (JOINED BY CHIEF JUSTICE ROBERTS AND JUSTICES SOTOMAYOR, KAGAN, GORSUCH, KAVANAUGH, AND JACKSON) REJECTED ALL OF PETITIONERS' CHALLENGES TO THE LAW-SOME ON THE MERITS AND OTHERS FOR LACK OF STANDING. JUSTICE GORSUCH JOINED THE MAJORITY OPINION IN FULL BUT WROTE SEPARATELY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR ICWA. HIS CONCURRENCE WAS JOINED IN PART BY JUSTICES SOTOMAYOR AND JACKSON. JUSTICE KAVANAUGH WROTE A SEPARATE CONCURRENCE TO NOTE THAT HE VIEWED THE EQUAL PROTECTION CHALLENGES TO THE LAW AS "SERIOUS." JUSTICES THOMAS AND ALITO EACH FILED A DISSIDENTING OPINION. THE COURT REJECTED THE ASSERTION THAT CONGRESS DID NOT HAVE AUTHORITY TO ENACT ICWA UNDER 4 ARTICLE I OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION, AND INSTEAD REAFFIRMED THAT CONGRESS HAS "PLENARY AND EXCLUSIVE" POWER IN THE INDIAN AFFAIRS CONTEXT. IT ALSO HELD THAT NONE OF THE CHALLENGED PROVISIONS OF ICWA-ACTIVE EFFORTS, REPORTING AND EXPERT TESTIMONY REQUIREMENTS, OR PLACEMENT PREFERENCES-VIOLATED TENTH AMENDMENT ANTI-COMMANDEERING PRINCIPLES. THE COURT HELD THAT BECAUSE ICWA'S ACTIVE EFFORTS AND EXPERT TESTIMONY REQUIREMENTS APPLY "EVENHANDEDLY" TO STATES AND PRIVATE PARTIES, THEY POSE NO ANTI-COMMANDEERING PROBLEMS. THE COURT ALSO HELD THAT ICWA PROPERLY PREEMPTS CERTAIN STATE LAWS.

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4. DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN LAW AND THE EDUCATION OF THE PUBLIC ABOUT INDIAN RIGHTS, LAWS, AND ISSUES: AS A THOUGHT LEADER WITH GREAT EXPERIENCE IN GROWING FEDERAL INDIAN LAW FOR THE BENEFIT OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES, NARF SEEKS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FAVORABLE COURT PRECEDENTS IN INDIAN LAW AS WELL AS COMPILING, DISTRIBUTING, AND MAKING ACCESSIBLE INDIAN LAW RESOURCES FOR ALL LEGAL ADVOCATES WORKING ON BEHALF OF INDIAN RIGHTS.

A) SACRED PLACES PROJECT

TO STRENGTHEN PROTECTIONS FOR NATIVE PEOPLES' SACRED PLACES IN THE UNITED STATES, THE NATIVE AMERICAN RIGHTS FUND (NARF) HAS LAUNCHED A NEW SACRED PLACES PROJECT, ENTITLED SACRED PLACES PROTECTION: FULFILLING U.S. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PROMISES TO NATIVE PEOPLES. THE THREE-YEAR PROJECT WILL IDENTIFY FAILINGS TO PROTECT NATIVE SACRED PLACES IN EXISTING LAW AND POLICY AND SUGGEST SOLUTIONS GROUNDED IN INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE AND DEVELOPED BY NATIVE CULTURE BEARERS. EXISTING LAWS, POLICIES, AND SACRED PLACES PROTECTIONS ALL USE LANGUAGE NOT CENTERED IN INDIGENOUS THINKING.

ADVANCING SACRED PLACES PROTECTION REQUIRES CREATIVE, STRATEGIC, AND COLLABORATIVE RETHINKING OF FUNDAMENTAL LANGUAGE AND PRACTICES. TO GUIDE AND LEAD THIS WORK, NARF FORMED A TEAM OF NATIVE TRADITIONAL KNOWLEDGE BEARERS AND INTELLECTUAL LEADERS WHOSE LIVES ARE DEVOTED TO THIS WORK. THAT TEAM INCLUDES SENIOR POLICY ADVISOR SUZAN HARJO (CHEYENNE & HODULGEE MUSCOGEE), AND PROJECT ADVISORY CIRCLE MEMBERS JOE MISTYLAKE GARCIA (OHKAY OWINGEH), TINA KUCKKAHN (LAC DU FLAMBEAU OJIBWE), HON. DELBERT SMUTCOOM MILLER (SKOKOMISH), AND LOIS RISLING (HOOPA). THE ADVISORY CIRCLE WILL DIRECT NARF'S SACRED PLACES PROJECT TOWARDS DEVELOPING A COMMON APPROACH TO THE DEFENSE OF NATIVE SACRED LANDS, WATERS, AND PLACE-BASED CEREMONIES. THE SACRED PLACES ADVISORY CIRCLE AND PROJECT STAFF WILL ALSO WORK TO ENCOURAGE NEW SCHOLARSHIP BY CONVENING NATIVE AND NON-NATIVE THOUGHT LEADERS ON THE TOPIC OF SACRED SITE PROTECTIONS. ADDITIONALLY, THE PROJECT WILL ALSO BEGIN CONDUCTING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND PRODUCING OUTREACH MATERIALS ON SACRED PLACES PROTECTION.

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SERVES BOTH NARF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. SINCE IT WAS STARTED AS A NARF PROJECT IN 1972, NILL HAS COLLECTED NEARLY 19,000 BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESOURCES THAT RELATE TO FEDERAL INDIAN AND TRIBAL LAW. THE LIBRARY'S HOLDINGS INCLUDE THE LARGEST COLLECTION OF TRIBAL CODES, ORDINANCES AND CONSTITUTIONS AVAILABLE; LEGAL PLEADINGS FROM MAJOR INDIAN LAW CASES; AND OFTEN HARD TO FIND REPORTS AND HISTORICAL LEGAL INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO MAKING ITS CATALOG AND EXTENSIVE COLLECTION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, NILL PROVIDES FREE WEEKLY INDIAN LAW UPDATES VIA EMAIL TO OVER 7,000 SUBSCRIBERS AND ANSWERS MORE THAN 100 RESEARCH QUESTIONS EACH MONTH. MOST IMPORTANTLY, NILL SUPPORTS THE RESEARCH NEEDS OF NARF SO THAT IT CAN MAKE THE BEST ARGUMENTS AND PROVIDE THE BEST REPRESENTATION TO ITS CLIENTS.

THE ACCESS TO TRIBAL LAW PROJECT CONTINUES TO BE AN INVALUABLE RESOURCE FOR RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS IN TRIBAL LAW. IN 2023, NILL EMPLOYEES MAINTAINED THE TRIBAL LAW RESEARCH PAGES FOR EACH OF THE 574 FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES, PROVIDING ACCESS TO HARD TO FIND TRIBAL LAW. THE LIBRARY HAS ESTABLISHED GOOD RELATIONSHIPS WITH A NUMBER OF TRIBES WHO REGULARLY SEND UPDATES TO THEIR LAWS AS CHANGES ARE MADE AND IS WORKING TO DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS WHO HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST.

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FORM 990, PART VII-COMPENSATION OF THE 5 HIGHEST PAID IND. CONTRACTORS

NAME AND ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION OF SERVICES	COMPENSATION
AP MOUNTAIN STATES, LLC 797 VENTURA STREET AURORA, CO 80011	CONSTRUCTION	1,739,492.
SALT, LLC 645 G STREET, SUITE #301 ANCHORAGE, AK 99501	PROJECT MANAGEMENT	188,379.
COLLINGWOOD RESEARCH, LLC 1 TIERRA MONTE STREET, NE ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87122	RESEARCH & ANALYSIS	171,021.
IES COMMUNICATIONS, LLC 2801 SOUTH FAIR LANE TEMPE, AZ 85282	IT & AV	167,799.
CREATIVE FINANCIAL STAFFING, LLC P.O. BOX 95111 CHICAGO, ID 60694	TEMPORARY STAFFING	138,192.