

Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2008

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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

Open to Public Inspection

For the 2008 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2008, and ending

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Termination <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See specific instructions.	Amazon Conservation Team 4211 North Fairfax Drive Arlington, VA 22203	D Employer Identification Number 54-1915987
			E Telephone number (703) 522-4684
F Name and address of principal officer: Same As C Above			G Gross receipts \$ 7,117,982.
I Tax-exempt status <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 501(c) (3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527			H(a) Is this a group return for affiliates? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No H(b) Are all affiliates included? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If 'No,' attach a list. (see instructions)
J Website: ▶ www.amazonteam.org			H(c) Group exemption number ▶
K Type of organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Trust <input type="checkbox"/> Association <input type="checkbox"/> Other ▶		L Year of Formation:	M State of legal domicile:

Part I Summary

Activities & Governance	1 Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: <u>The mission of the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) is to work in partnership with indigenous people in preserving biodiversity, health, and culture in tropical America. At present, ACT has programs in Colombia, Suriname, and Brazil.</u>		
	2 Check this box <input type="checkbox"/> if the organization discontinued its operations or disposed of more than 25% of its assets.		
	3 Number of voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1a)	3	15
	4 Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b)	4	15
	5 Total number of employees (Part V, line 2a)	5	12
	6 Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary)	6	4
	7a Total gross unrelated business revenue from Part VIII, line 12, column (C)	7a	0.
b Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 34.	7b	0.	
Revenue	8 Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h)	Prior Year	Current Year
	9 Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g)	4,526,691.	7,020,748.
	10 Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d)	47,150.	21,577.
	11 Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e)	6,789.	30,441.
	12 Total revenue — add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12)	4,580,630.	7,072,766.
Expenses	13 Grants and similar amounts paid (Part IX, column (A), lines 1-3)	3,326,987.	3,862,772.
	14 Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4)		
	15 Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10)	655,601.	878,693.
	16a Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e)		
	b Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) ▶ 227,731.		
	17 Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24f)	568,134.	577,178.
18 Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25)	4,550,722.	5,318,643.	
19 Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12	29,908.	1,754,123.	
Net Assets or Fund Balance	20 Total assets (Part X, line 16)	Beginning of Year	End of Year
	21 Total liabilities (Part X, line 26)	3,322,262.	5,094,573.
	22 Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20	49,841.	68,029.
		3,272,421.	5,026,544.

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 ▶ Mark J. Ploukin Signature of officer 11-11-09 Date
 ▶ MARK J. PLOUKIN PRESIDENT Type or print name and title

Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature ▶ <u>Yvonne A. Poo, CPA</u>	Date <u>11-10-09</u>	Check if self-employed <input type="checkbox"/>	Preparer's identifying number (see instructions) <u>P00637804</u>
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4 ▶ <u>Berry Group, CPA'S</u> <u>3131 Mount Vernon Avenue</u> <u>Alexandria, VA 22305</u>	EIN ▶ <u>20-3951012</u>	Phone no. ▶ <u>(703) 838-7611</u>	

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

Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (see instructions)

1 Briefly describe the organization's mission:

The mission of the Amazon Conservation Team (ACT) is to work in partnership with indigenous people in preserving biodiversity, health, and culture in tropical America. At present, ACT has programs in Colombia, Suriname, and Brazil.

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 exempt purpose achievements for each of the organization's three largest program services by expenses. Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) trusts 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 \$ 3,335,279. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

See Schedule O

4b (Code:) (Expenses \$ 523,218. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

See Schedule O

4c (Code:) (Expenses \$ 490,717. including grants of \$) (Revenue \$)

Health Improvement:

. In Suriname, in four rainforest villages, ACT continued to support traditional medicine clinics and a hospital facility for long-term care. Also, in the central village of Kwamalasamutu, ACT conducted sexual health workshops to help curb the incidence of sexually transmitted diseases among interior villagers.

. In Colombia, ACT provided support for 96 traditional healers and their apprentices of five tribes, allowing them to focus on the restoration of ancestral medicinal practices in their communities.

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

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

4e Total program service expenses ▶ \$ 4,349,214. (Must equal Part IX, Line 25, column (B).)

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?	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? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part II		X
5 Section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), and 501(c)(6) organizations. Is the organization subject to the section 6033(e) notice and reporting requirement and proxy tax? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule C, Part III		
6 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds or any accounts where 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; 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 hold assets in term, permanent, or quasi-endowments? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Part V		X
11 Did the organization report an amount in Part X, lines 10, 12, 13, 15, or 25? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts VI, VII, VIII, IX, or X as applicable	X	
12 Did the organization receive an audited financial statement for the year for which it is completing this return that was prepared in accordance with GAAP? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule D, Parts XI, XII, and XIII	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 U.S.?	X	
b Did the organization have aggregate revenues or expenses of more than \$10,000 from grantmaking, fundraising, business, and program service activities outside the U.S.? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part I	X	
15 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of grants or assistance to any organization or entity located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part II	X	
16 Did the organization report on Part IX, column (A), line 3, more than \$5,000 of aggregate grants or assistance to individuals located outside the United States? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule F, Part III		X
17 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 11e? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part I		X
18 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 total on Part VIII, lines 1c and 8a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part II	X	
19 Did the organization report more than \$15,000 on Part VIII, line 9a? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule G, Part III		X
20 Did the organization operate one or more hospitals? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule H		X
21 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 1? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and II		X
22 Did the organization report more than \$5,000 on Part IX, column (A), line 2? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule I, Parts I and III		X
23 Did the organization answer 'Yes' to Part VII, Section A, questions 3, 4, or 5? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule J		X
24a Did the organization have a tax-exempt bond issue with an outstanding principal amount of more than \$100,000 as of the last day of the year, and that was issued after December 31, 2002? If 'Yes,' answer questions 24b-24d and complete Schedule K. If 'No,' go to question 25		X
b Did the organization invest any proceeds of tax-exempt bonds beyond a temporary period exception?		
c Did the organization maintain an escrow account other than a refunding escrow at any time during the year to defease any tax-exempt bonds?		
d Did the organization act as an 'on behalf of' issuer for bonds outstanding at any time during the year?		
25a Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person during the year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
b Did the organization become aware that it had engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person from a prior year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part I		X
26 Was a loan to or by a current or former officer, director, trustee, key employee, highly compensated employee, or disqualified person outstanding as of the end of the organization's tax year? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part II		X
27 Did the organization provide a grant or other assistance to an officer, director, trustee, key employee, or substantial contributor, or to a person related to such an individual? If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part III		X

Part IV Checklist of Required Schedules (continued)

	Yes	No
28 During the tax year, did any person who is a current or former officer, director, trustee, or key employee:		
a Have a direct business relationship with the organization (other than as an officer, director, trustee, or employee), or an indirect business relationship through ownership of more than 35% in another entity (individually or collectively with other person(s) listed in Part VII, Section A)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
b Have a family member who had a direct or indirect business relationship with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
c Serve as an officer, director, trustee, key employee, partner, or member of an entity (or a shareholder of a professional corporation) doing business with the organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule L, Part IV.</i>		X
29 Did the organization receive more than \$25,000 in non-cash contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>		X
30 Did the organization receive contributions of art, historical treasures, or other similar assets, or qualified conservation contributions? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule M.</i>		X
31 Did the organization liquidate, terminate, or dissolve and cease operations? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part I.</i>		X
32 Did the organization sell, exchange, dispose of, or transfer more than 25% of its net assets? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule N, Part II.</i>		X
33 Did the organization own 100% of an entity disregarded as separate from the organization under Regulations sections 301.7701-2 and 301.7701-3? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part I.</i>		X
34 Was the organization related to any tax-exempt or taxable entity? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Parts II, III, IV, and V, line 1.</i>		X
35 Is any related organization a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		X
36 Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part V, line 2.</i>		X
37 Did the organization conduct more than 5% of its activities through an entity that is not a related organization and that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes? <i>If 'Yes,' complete Schedule R, Part VI.</i>		X

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Part V Statements Regarding Other IRS Filings and Tax Compliance

		Yes	No
1a	Enter the number reported in Box 3 of form 1096, Annual Summary and Transmittal of U.S. Information Returns. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1a 4		
1b	Enter the number of Forms W-2G included in line 1a. Enter -0- if not applicable. 1b 0		
1c	Did the organization comply with backup withholding rules for reportable payments to vendors and reportable gaming (gambling) winnings to prize winners? 1c		X
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 12		
2b	If at least one is reported on line 2a, did the organization file all required federal employment tax returns? Note. If the sum of lines 1a and 2a is greater than 250, you may be required to <i>e-file</i> this return. (see instructions) 2b X	X	
3a	Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year covered by this return? 3a		X
3b	If 'Yes' has it filed a Form 990-T for this year? If 'No,' provide an explanation in Schedule O. 3b		
4a	At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in, or a signature or other authority over, a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? 4a		X
	If 'Yes,' enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ _____ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1 , Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
5a	Was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction at any time during the tax year? 5a		X
5b	Did any taxable party notify the organization that it was or is a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? 5b		X
5c	If 'Yes,' to question 5a or 5b, did the organization file Form 8886-T, Disclosure by Tax-Exempt Entity Regarding Prohibited Tax Shelter Transaction? 5c		
6a	Did the organization solicit any contributions that were not tax deductible? 6a		X
6b	If 'Yes,' did the organization include with every solicitation an express statement that such contributions or gifts were not deductible? 6b		
7	Organizations that may receive deductible contributions under section 170(c).		
7a	Did the organization provide goods or services in exchange for any quid pro quo contribution of more than \$75? 7a		X
7b	If 'Yes,' did the organization notify the donor of the value of the goods or services provided? 7b		
7c	Did the organization sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of tangible personal property for which it was required to file Form 8282? 7c		X
7d	If 'Yes,' indicate the number of Forms 8282 filed during the year. 7d		
7e	Did the organization, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract? 7e		X
7f	Did the organization, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? 7f		X
7g	For all contributions of qualified intellectual property, did the organization file Form 8899 as required? 7g		X
7h	For all contributions of cars, boats, airplanes, and other vehicles, did the organization file a Form 1098-C as required? 7h		X
8	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds and section 509(a)(3) supporting organizations. Did the supporting organization, or a fund maintained by a sponsoring organization, have excess business holdings at any time during the year? 8		
9	Section 501(c)(3) and other sponsoring organizations maintaining donor advised funds.		
9a	Did the organization make any taxable distributions under section 4966? 9a		
9b	Did the organization make any distribution to a donor, donor advisor, or related person? 9b		
10	Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
10a	Initiation fees and capital contributions included on Part VIII, line 12. 10a		
10b	Gross Receipts, included on Form 990, Part VIII, line 12, for public use of club facilities. 10b		
11	Section 501(c)(12) organizations. Enter:		
11a	Gross income from other members or shareholders. 11a		
11b	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		
12b	If 'Yes,' enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year. 12b		

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Part VI Governance, Management and Disclosure (Sections A, B, and C request information about policies not required by the Internal Revenue Code.)

Section A. Governing Body and Management

For each 'Yes' response to lines 2-7b below, and for a 'No' response to lines 8 or 9b below, describe the circumstances, processes, or changes in Schedule O. See instructions.

	Yes	No
1 a Enter the number of voting members of the governing body		
1 b Enter the number of voting members that are independent		
2 Did any officer, director, trustee, or key employee have a family relationship or a business relationship with any other officer, director, trustee or key employee? <i>See Schedule O.</i>	X	
3 Did the organization delegate control over management duties customarily performed by or under the direct supervision of officers, directors or trustees, or key employees to a management company or other person?		X
4 Did the organization make any significant changes to its organizational documents since the prior Form 990 was filed?		X
5 Did the organization become aware during the year of a material diversion of the organization's assets?		X
6 Does the organization have members or stockholders?		X
7 a Does the organization have members, stockholders, or other persons who may elect one or more members of the governing body?		X
7 b Are any decisions of the governing body subject to approval by members, stockholders, or other persons?		X
8 Did the organization contemporaneously document the meetings held or written actions undertaken during the year by the following:		
a The governing body?	X	
b Each committee with authority to act on behalf of the governing body?	X	
9 a Does the organization have local chapters, branches, or affiliates?		X
b If 'Yes,' does the organization have written policies and procedures governing the activities of such chapters, affiliates, and branches to ensure their operations are consistent with those of the organization?		
10 Was a copy of the Form 990 provided to the organization's governing body before it was filed? All organizations must describe in Schedule O the process, if any, the organization uses to review the Form 990. <i>See Schedule O.</i>	X	
11 Is there any officer, director or trustee, or key employee listed in Part VII, Section A, who cannot be reached at the organization's mailing address? If 'Yes,' provide the names and addresses in Schedule O.		X

Section B. Policies

	Yes	No
12 a Does the organization have a written conflict of interest policy? If 'No,' go to line 13.	X	
b Are officers, directors or trustees, and key employees required to disclose annually interests that could give rise to conflicts?		X
c Does the organization regularly and consistently monitor and enforce compliance with the policy? If 'Yes,' describe in Schedule O how this is done.		X
13 Does the organization have a written whistleblower policy?	X	
14 Does the organization have a written document retention and destruction policy?	X	
15 Did the process for determining compensation of the following persons include a review and approval by independent persons, comparability data, and contemporaneous substantiation of the deliberation and decision:		
a The organization's CEO, Executive Director, or top management official?	X	
b Other officers of key employees of the organization? <i>See Schedule O.</i> Describe the process in Schedule O. (see instructions)	X	
16 a Did the organization invest in, contribute assets to, or participate in a joint venture or similar arrangement with a taxable entity during the year?		X
b If 'Yes,' has the organization adopted a written policy or procedure requiring the organization to evaluate its participation in joint venture arrangements under applicable federal tax law, and taken steps to safeguard the organization's exempt status with respect to such arrangements?		

Section C. Disclosures

- 17** List the states with which a copy of this Form 990 is required to be filed VA
- 18** Section 6104 requires an organization to make its Forms 1023 (or 1024 if applicable), 990, and 990-T (501(c)(3)s only) available for public inspection. Indicate how you make these available. Check all that apply.
 Own website Another's website Upon request
- 19** Describe in Schedule O whether (and if so, how) the organization makes its governing documents, conflict of interest policy, and financial statements available to the public. *See Schedule O*
- 20** State the name, physical address, and telephone number of the person who possesses the books and records of the organization:
Elizabeth Erdahl 4211 North Fairfax Drive Arlington VA 22203 (703) 522-4684

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

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

1a Complete this table for all persons required to be listed. Use Schedule J-2 if additional space is needed.

- List all of the organization's **current** officers, directors, trustees (whether individuals or organizations), regardless of amount of compensation, and **current** key employees. Enter -0- in columns (D), (E), and (F) if no compensation was paid.
- List the organization's five **current** highest compensated employees (other than an officer, director, trustee, or key employee) who received reportable compensation (Box 5 of Form W-2 and/or Box 7 of Form 1099-MISC) or more than \$100,000 from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former** officers, key employees, and highest compensated employees who received more than \$100,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.
- List all of the organization's **former directors or trustees** that received, in the capacity as a former director or trustee of the organization, more than \$10,000 of reportable compensation from the organization and any related organizations.

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

Check this box if the organization did not compensate any officer, director, trustee, or key employee.

(A) Name and Title	(B) Average hours per week	(C) Position (check all that apply)						(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			
Mark J. Plotkin President	40			X	X			143,574.	0.	0.
Liliana Madrigal VP of Programs	40				X			86,531.	0.	0.
Robert Boykin Chairman	3	X		X				0.	0.	0.
Rachel Albright Director	2	X						0.	0.	0.
Stephen Altschul, Ph.D. Secretary	2	X		X				0.	0.	0.
Adam Albright Director	3	X						0.	0.	0.
Ken Cook Director	2	X						0.	0.	0.
Margaret Baker Clark Director	5	X						0.	0.	0.
William M Cameron Director	6	X						0.	0.	0.
Thomas Lovejoy Director	1	X						0.	0.	0.
Melinda Maxfield Director	1	X						0.	0.	0.
Elizabeth Murrell Director	1	X						0.	0.	0.
Michel Nischan Director	2	X						0.	0.	0.
David Stoup Treasurer	5	X		X				0.	0.	0.
Nora Pouillon Director	1	X						0.	0.	0.
Susan Sarandon Director	0	X						0.	0.	0.
Karen Schaufeld Director	3	X						0.	0.	0.

