

EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 15, 2019

Form **990****Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

OMB No. 1545-0047

2018Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

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

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Inspection**A** For the 2018 calendar year, or tax year beginning

and ending

B Check if applicable:

- ☐ Address change
☐ Name change
☐ Initial return
☐ Final return/terminated
☐ Amended return
☐ Application pending

C Name of organization

REDWOOD FOREST FOUNDATION, INC

Doing business as

Number and street (or P.O. box if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite

90 W. REDWOOD AVE

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code

FORT BRAGG, CA 95437

F Name and address of principal officer: MARK WELTHER

SAME AS C ABOVE

D Employer identification number

-*4767

E Telephone number

707-409-5144

G Gross receipts \$

4,797,812.

H(a) Is this a group returnfor subordinates? ☐ Yes ☒ No**H(b)** Are all subordinates included? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No," attach a list. (see instructions)

H(c) Group exemption number ▶**I** Tax-exempt status: ☒ 501(c)(3) ☐ 501(c)() (insert no.) ☐ 4947(a)(1) or ☐ 527**J** Website: WWW.RFFI.ORG**K** Form of organization: ☒ Corporation ☐ Trust ☐ Association ☐ Other ▶**L** Year of formation: 1998 **M** State of legal domicile: CA**Part I Summary**

Activities & Governance	1	Briefly describe the organization's mission or most significant activities: THE MISSION OF THIS ORGANIZATION IS TO ACQUIRE, PROTECT, RESTORE, AND MANAGE FORESTLANDS AND OTHER
	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 11
	4	Number of independent voting members of the governing body (Part VI, line 1b) 4 11
	5	Total number of individuals employed in calendar year 2018 (Part V, line 2a) 5 10
	6	Total number of volunteers (estimate if necessary) 6 100
		7a
7b		Net unrelated business taxable income from Form 990-T, line 38 7b 0.
Revenue	8	Contributions and grants (Part VIII, line 1h) 262,772. 270,778.
	9	Program service revenue (Part VIII, line 2g) 12,935. 8,375.
	10	Investment income (Part VIII, column (A), lines 3, 4, and 7d) 292,976. 156,084.
	11	Other revenue (Part VIII, column (A), lines 5, 6d, 8c, 9c, 10c, and 11e) 4,191,195. 3,039,744.
	12	Total revenue - add lines 8 through 11 (must equal Part VIII, column (A), line 12) 4,759,878. 3,474,981.
	Expenses	13
14		Benefits paid to or for members (Part IX, column (A), line 4) 0. 0.
15		Salaries, other compensation, employee benefits (Part IX, column (A), lines 5-10) 496,086. 674,000.
16a		Professional fundraising fees (Part IX, column (A), line 11e) 12,625. 0.
b		Total fundraising expenses (Part IX, column (D), line 25) 36,169.
17		Other expenses (Part IX, column (A), lines 11a-11d, 11f-24e) 4,377,148. 4,221,956.
18		Total expenses. Add lines 13-17 (must equal Part IX, column (A), line 25) 4,885,859. 4,895,956.
Net Assets or Fund Balances	19	Revenue less expenses. Subtract line 18 from line 12 -125,981. -1,420,975.
	20	Total assets (Part X, line 16) 89,064,192. 87,932,604.
	21	Total liabilities (Part X, line 26) 71,612,081. 71,901,468.
	22	Net assets or fund balances. Subtract line 21 from line 20 17,452,111. 16,031,136.

Part II Signature Block

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

Sign Here	Signature of officer	Date			
	MARK WELTHER, PRESIDENT & CEO				
Paid Preparer Use Only	Print/Type preparer's name	Preparer's signature	Date	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN
	JON KRABBENSCHMIDT	<i>[Signature]</i>	11/15/19		P00043491
	Firm's name ▶ NOVOGRADAC & COMPANY LLP	Firm's EIN ▶ ** - ***8253			
	Firm's address ▶ PO BOX 7833 SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94120-7833	Phone no. (415) 356-8000			

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? (see instructions)

☒ Yes ☐ No

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