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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**OF**

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**ADVOCATES FOR THE WEST, INC.**

**SECRETARY OF STATE  
STATE OF IDAHO**

The undersigned, acting as the incorporator of a nonprofit corporation ("Corporation") organized under and pursuant to the Idaho Nonprofit Corporation Act, Chapter 3, Title 30, Idaho Code ("Act"), adopts the following Articles of Incorporation ("Articles").

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME OF THE CORPORATION**

The name of the Corporation is Advocates for the West, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**STATUS**

The Corporation is a nonprofit corporation.

**ARTICLE III**

**PERIOD OF DURATION**

The period of duration of the Corporation is perpetual.

**ARTICLE IV**

**REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The location of the Corporation is in the City of Boise, County of Ada, and in the State of Idaho. The address of the initial registered office is 1320 W. Franklin Street, Boise, Idaho, and the name of the initial registered agent at this address is Laurence J.

Lucas, Esq. Mailing Address Po Box 1612 Boise ID 83701

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## **ARTICLE V**

### **PURPOSE**

The purposes for which the Corporation is organized and will be operated are as follows:

A. To act as nonprofit advocates for the protection of public lands and waters, natural resources and wildlife, and for the environment generally, and to enforce federal and state environmental and public land laws and regulations, in order to promote ecological health, biodiversity, clean water and air, and similar environmental values, with a particular geographic focus on the western United States;

B. To gather and disseminate information and to educate the public about environmental and natural resource conditions, trends, and issues, and to encourage public participation in the protection of public lands and resources and in the enforcement of national and state environmental and public lands laws, with a particular geographic focus on the western United States;

C. To provide legal and technical expertise, assistance, advice, counsel, and representation to other nonprofit organizations and individuals acting in the public interest with respect to environmental and natural resource matters;

D. To undertake charitable and educational activities within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt under such Section 501(c)(3); and

E. To exercise all powers granted by law necessary and proper to carry out the foregoing purposes, including, but not limited to, the power to accept donations of money, property, whether real or personal, or any other things of value. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize or permit the Corporation to carry on any business for profit, to exercise any power, or to do any act that a corporation formed under the Act, or any amendment thereto or substitute therefor, may not at that time lawfully carry on or do.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **LIMITATIONS**

No part of the net earnings or the assets of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article V hereof. No substantial part of the

activities of the Corporation shall be for the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time.

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **NO MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall not have any members.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of Directors serving on the Board of Directors shall be no fewer than three (3) and no more than fifteen (15). Other than the Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors, who are designated in these Articles, the Directors shall be elected by the existing Directors of the Corporation in the manner and for the term provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

The names and street addresses of the persons constituting the initial Board of Directors are:

Grant Barbour, Esq., 24 Valley Circle, Mill Valley CA 94941, President;

David Z. Nevin, Esq., PO Box 2772, Boise ID 83701, Vice-President;

Amy Haak, 910 Main Street, Suite 200, Boise ID 83702, Secretary and Treasurer.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **DISTRIBUTION ON DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all liabilities of the Corporation, distribute all the assets of the Corporation consistent with the purposes of the Corporation to such organization or organizations as shall at that time qualify as exempt organizations under

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine. Any such assets not so distributed shall be distributed by the district court of the county in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for the purposes or to such organization, as such court shall determine to be consistent with the purposes of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **INCORPORATOR**


The name and street address of the incorporator is Laurence J. Lucas, 1320 W. Franklin Street, Boise, Idaho 83702.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **BYLAWS**

Provisions for the regulation of the internal affairs of the Corporation shall be set forth in the Bylaws. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall be authorized to amend the Corporation's Bylaws at a properly noticed special or regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2000.

  
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Laurence J. Lucas