

November 2021



Dear Friend,

This past year was full of challenges, opportunities, and accomplishments for Lomakatsi. As I reflect on it, perhaps one thing stands out most: **I am incredibly heartened by the resilience demonstrated by people and nature throughout the communities we serve.**

Rebuilt homes are beginning to light up, and native trees and shrubs are sprouting from the ground where just over a year ago there was only charred soil and ash.

We know there is much work ahead to heal from recent wildfires, and to prepare our natural places, important habitats, and communities for the new realities of fire season. **These displays of resilience make it clear that when we work together, big things can happen, and ecosystems and communities can heal.**

This holiday season, I'm writing to ask for your tax-deductible donation to support Lomakatsi's continued post-fire restoration work.

Thanks to generous support from people like you, Lomakatsi and our partners are making meaningful progress in restoring landscapes impacted by the Almeda Fire. Our goal is to work with the power of nature, support natural regeneration, and selectively plant native trees and shrubs to re-establish the critical streamside habitat that Coho salmon, Steelhead, birds, and other wildlife rely on.

Your year-end gift will be used to restore vital streamside habitat and enhance water quality along Bear Creek and its tributaries, including around Ashland Ponds. Lomakatsi is committed to working with Jackson County, local watershed non-profits, tribal communities, cities, and other partners for the long haul as we help these ecosystems rebound.



Your gift will help restore Ashland Ponds and other beloved community sites around the Rogue Valley.

For over 26 years, communities and organizations across Oregon and Northern California have trusted Lomakatsi to lead collaborative forest and watershed restoration efforts, both large and small. **You can trust that your donation to Lomakatsi will be used effectively to benefit ecosystems, cultures, and communities.**

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An inter-tribal crew employed by Lomakatsi restores an important cultural site in Chiloquin, Oregon

While we continue our work on the front lines of collaborative post-fire restoration, we are also looking forward to build more resilient forests and communities.

From re-planting along Bear Creek, to seeding native grasses to protect fragile soils in the Obenchain Fire area, Lomakatsi continues to restore places impacted by severe wildfire. We are also planning ahead—including writing management plans to increase fire resiliency along Bear Creek for the City of Medford, and to restore riparian habitat with tribal partners around Ashland Ponds for the City of Ashland.

Lomakatsi is a leader in landscape-scale restoration initiatives, working across thousands of acres in Oregon and Northern California, including with the Ashland Forest Resiliency and Rogue Forest Partners initiatives. With a coalition of agency, tribal, non-profit, and municipal partners, we have begun the West Bear All-Lands Restoration Project, strategically targeting 6,000 acres of ecological fuels reduction in the wildland urban interface of Talent, Phoenix, west Medford and Jacksonville.

Through Lomakatsi's Tribal Partnerships Program, we have also launched the Taktokeewa Pine Springs Habitat Restoration Project with the Kosealekte Band of the Ajumawi-Atsuge Nation and the US Forest Service. This effort will restore an initial 3,000 acres of culturally important habitat on the Modoc National Forest over the next several years, creating tribal jobs and supporting local mills.

In all of these collaborations, Lomakatsi continues to elevate the role of forest workers and promote occupational health and safety through our Promotora/Northwest Forest Worker Program.

We know the time, effort, and money we invest now will go a long way to restoring the healthy forests and watersheds we need to protect fish, wildlife, and the ecosystem services we all rely on.

Thank you for empowering communities and bringing balance back to these beautiful landscapes we are fortunate to call home.

Sincerely,

Marko Bey,
Executive Director



P.S. Please consider making your gift right now using the enclosed envelope or online at www.lomakatsi.org. Thank you!

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