



Inter-Tribal Ecosystem Restoration Partnership

# PEER-TO-PEER LEARNING SUMMIT

▶ Elevating tribal partnerships in collaborative forest and watershed restoration.

## THE NEED

Oregon faces year after year of devastating wildfire impacts and record-breaking drought conditions. The frequency and severity of these issues are only projected to increase with climate change. Fortunately, significant efforts are underway at the state, federal, and tribal government levels to address these issues, including increased funding for forest and aquatic restoration.

- ▶ Collaboration among agencies, Tribal Nations, nonprofits, fire districts, and municipalities is strengthening community and ecosystem resilience, but there is still much work ahead.
- ▶ While some restoration and community resilience-building initiatives meaningfully include tribal partners, others do not. The state and region need more dialogue and understanding about tribal partnerships, social justice, racial equity, and the sovereignty of aboriginal tribes.
- ▶ Incorporating Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge (ITEK), ecocultural restoration, cultural fire practices, and cultural resource protection into collaborative landscape ecosystem resilience projects benefits all stakeholders and enhances project success.
- ▶ There is an opportunity for greater collaboration among Oregon's nine tribes, tribes from neighboring states with ancestral lands in Oregon, and other tribal communities and organizations.

## THE SOLUTION

The Tribal Summit provides a historic opportunity for addressing these needs and establishing a framework to support ongoing collaboration among tribes and other agencies and organizations working across Oregon and bordering ancestral lands to build ecosystem and community resilience to the mounting impacts of wildfire and climate change.

The forest and aquatic ecosystems of Oregon were shaped by traditional, time-tested, ecologically appropriate, and sustainable indigenous cultural practices. As such, the stewardship of these systems must be guided by ecocultural approaches and Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

*This guidance will ensure the survival of both indigenous ecosystems and cultures.*

The Tribal Summit is centered on Tribal Nations, tribal elders, and indigenous community leaders, with participation from elected officials, state and federal agencies, nonprofits, and educational institutions.

## PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

The event will commence the evening of November 14 from 5-8 p.m. with a Welcome Ceremony celebrating indigenous cultures and ITEK. November 15-16<sup>th</sup> will both be full days of keynote presentations, panels, breakout sessions, and networking opportunities.

Speakers and panelists will include a diverse array of tribal, agency, and nonprofit leaders will highlight best practices for collaboration and tribal partnerships, challenges and success stories, ecocultural restoration and ITEK, government-to-government relations, mechanisms and legal agreements that support Co-stewardship approaches, workforce, capacity development, and more.

Participants will have ample opportunities to join formal and informal discussions, network, learn about the many Tribal Nations and organizations represented, and share information about their own organizations and relevant programs.

 [www.lomakatsi.org/tribalsummit](http://www.lomakatsi.org/tribalsummit)

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## FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you have questions about invitations and registration, scholarships, sponsorships, logistics, or anything else, please reach out to:

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## REGISTRATION

**Cost:** \$395 per participant, which includes select meals.


Scholarships are available upon request—contact (541) 488-0208 or [tribalsummit@lomakatsi.org](mailto:tribalsummit@lomakatsi.org).


Summit participation fee may be waived for speakers.

*As venue space is limited, this event is by invitation only.*

## LOCATION

Sunriver Resort in Sunriver, Oregon

 17600 Center Drive  
Sunriver, Oregon, 97707

 [www.sunriverresort.com](http://www.sunriverresort.com)

Blocks of rooms at Sunriver Resort are reserved for participants for an additional cost. There are also a number of other lodging options in the area.