

Dear Friend,

2023 has been a banner year for Lomakatsi, marked by substantial growth of our organization and our central role in multiple partnerships restoring thousands of acres of forests and high desert habitats, and miles of streams across Oregon and northern California. From growing our team, to advancing ecological restoration projects, to forging new partnerships, we've been hard at work on **our mission of restoring ecosystems and the sustainability of communities, cultures, and economies.**

**This holiday season, I'm writing to ask for your tax-deductible donation to support Lomakatsi's continued work on behalf of the ecosystems we call home**

It's impossible to sum up Lomakatsi's impact over the past year in one letter, or even in the enclosed Lomakatsi 2023 Highlights. If there is one takeaway message, it's that **above all, Lomakatsi brings people together to restore and maintain the ecological balance of the forests and streams where we all live, work, and recreate.** We work closely with tribes, agencies, nonprofits, and communities to restore forest health and build fire-adapted communities. People are the center of all we do—with training programs for youth and young adults integrated into long-term, collaborative projects, so we can help support the next generation of nature stewards and build the capacity needed to address the growing impacts of wildfire and climate change.

**Your gift helps support projects including post-fire restoration to restore streamside habitat and enhance water quality along Bear Creek and its tributaries**

Thanks to generous support from people like you, Lomakatsi and our partners continue to make substantial progress restoring areas impacted by the 2020 Almeda Fire, at Ashland Pond and the confluence of Bear Creek and Ashland Creek. We're re-establishing **critical streamside habitat upon which Coho salmon, Steelhead, birds, and other wildlife rely**—and are grateful for over 100 community volunteers who came out this year to support this effort! This project incorporates culturally significant plant species in partnership with tribal communities and creates service-learning opportunities for people of all ages. Lomakatsi is partnered with state agencies, watershed nonprofits, tribal communities, cities, and others for the long-term as we help these ecosystems rebound. **Thank you for your support!**



**Advancing landscape-scale restoration and resilience in the Rogue Basin and beyond**

With increases in state and federal funding to reduce wildfire risk and advance habitat conservation, Lomakatsi is building our capacity as we continue to provide leadership in collaborative forest and watershed restoration. With our team of 85 multicultural employees—from restoration workforce members, foresters, fire professionals, and ecologists to indigenous ecocultural experts, environmental educators, administrators, and program planning experts—Lomakatsi is involved in all aspects of restoration initiatives, from strategy, policy, and fundraising to

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technical planning, implementation, and community engagement. **Private donations are more important than ever**, as they demonstrate the public support needed to secure more state and federal investments, and allow us to respond quickly to community needs and build projects where they will have the most impact.

### Bringing an ecological, equitable model to partnerships

Through all of Lomakatsi's work, we are committed to putting ecosystem health first by designing restoration treatments that reduce the risk of severe wildfire while enhancing habitat, building forest resilience, and setting the stage for the return of beneficial fire. We leverage our nationally recognized ecological workforce training and development model to build local capacity and elevate the essential role of the hands that touch the land.

For over 28 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 and communities.**



### Leading landscape-scale restoration initiatives across thousands of acres

Lomakatsi is a key partner in the Ashland Forest Resiliency and Rogue Forest Partners initiatives in the Rogue Basin, working across state, federal, and private lands toward healthier forests and safer communities. **This month we received a US Forest Service Partners and Partnerships of the Year Honor Award** from Region 6 (Oregon and Washington) for bringing capacity to our partners, and for our most recent collaboration to keep popular recreation sites open through a tribal workforce training program. Beyond the Rogue Valley, our initiatives range from the oak woodlands of the Willamette Valley, to the sage steppe and ponderosa pine forests of southeastern Oregon and northeastern California, to the mixed-conifer forests along the Klamath River.

Working with Tribal Nations and communities has been central to Lomakatsi's mission since its inception, and we are honored to continue these partnerships and forge new ones throughout Oregon and northern California, supporting tribes in building workforce capacity to steward ancestral lands and enhance ecocultural resources.

**Lomakatsi is in it for the long haul as we work together to restore habitats, reduce community wildfire risk, and protect wildlife, water, ecosystem services, and the natural places we treasure.**

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



Sincerely,



Marko Bey  
Executive Director

*Please consider making your gift right now at [www.lomakatsi.org/donate](http://www.lomakatsi.org/donate).*

**Thank you!**