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## Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge and honor the aboriginal people on whose ancestral homelands we work – as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today. We honor the first stewards in the Rogue Valley and the lands we love and depend on. *The people whose ancestral lands in and around the Ashland Watershed include the original past, present and future indigenous inhabitants of the Shasta, Takelma, and Athabaskan people.*



Ashland and the source of the city's drinking water: The Ashland Creek Watershed

## What is Ashland Forest Resiliency?

The Ashland Forest Resiliency Stewardship Project (AFR) is a collaborative forestry project designed to reduce the risk of severe wildfire in the City of Ashland's watershed and adjacent lands with a strategy developed by the community and the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest. AFR engages the entire community in work that enhances and protects ecological values, reduces the risk of catastrophic fire and improves wildfire safety. We work to protect old trees, wildlife habitat, homes, trails and our drinking water source by thinning overcrowded forests and reintroducing the long-absent role of mild fire through controlled burns.

In 2010, the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest formalized a partnership under a 10-year stewardship agreement with the the City of Ashland, Lomakatsi Restoration Project, and The Nature Conservancy. Each partner contributed funding led by the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest drawing on several federal sources. The partnership has grown to include an all-lands strategy with additional funding partners Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS), Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF), National Forest Foundation and Jackson Soil and Water Conservation District. Participating core partners have completed over 12,500 acres of work with all hands on all lands!



Organizations in the Ashland Forest All-lands Restoration Project

## Partnership

Through collaboration among a large and diverse group of governmental bodies, environmental organizations, citizens, private businesses and community groups and with a commitment to achieving shared goals on a larger cohesive landscape, AFR addresses the risk from high severity wildfire in a changing climate, secures drinking water, and sustains forests that provide for wildlife critical habitat and a high quality of life for residents.

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