

LECH NAUMOVICH

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

2024 Wilderness First Responder

2002 Fulbright US Scholar Program: Researcher, 11 months, Poland

2001 Masters of Environmental Science, Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, New Haven, CT

1998 Bachelor of Science, Biology & Philosophy, University of Wisconsin-Madison, WI

1998 Student Conservation Association Associate, USFS, Kamas, UT

1998 Firefighter's Red Card, USFS

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Present-2025 Director and Lands Committee, Flathead Land Trust, Flathead, MT

Present-2024 Faculty and Instructor, Environmental Studies Master's Program, Prescott College, Prescott, Arizona

Present-2023 Commissioner & Monitoring and Coordination Committee Chair, Western Montana Conservation Commission, Governor appointed Commission

Present-2006 Independent Consultant: Conservation, Restoration, Media: Greater Than Image, LLC, Whitefish, MT and Alameda, CA.

2022-2019 Commissioner, Flathead Basin Commission, Education Committee Co-chair.

2022-2019 District Supervisor, Flathead Conservation District

2018-2015 Commissioner, Alameda County Fish and Game Commission, Alameda County, CA

2021-2007 Executive Director, Golden Hour Restoration Institute, Berkeley, CA

2015-2007 Staff Scientist, Creekside Center for Earth Observation, Menlo Park, CA

2011-2005 Conservation Analyst, California Native Plant Society (CNPS) - Walnut Creek, CA

2006-2005 Biological Technician and Restoration Coordinator, US Army Reserve - Fort Hunter Liggett, CA and Colorado State University

2005-2003 Biological Technician, Restoration Technician, Bureau of Land Mgmt. - Fort Ord, CA

SELECT PROJECT LEVEL EXPERIENCE AND PUBLICATIONS

Easement Documentation Reports and Lemhi River Restoration (The Nature Conservancy and Lemhi Regional Land Trust) – Completed baseline resource surveys and vegetation surveys to allow for a conservation easement to be approved on a working ranches in Lemhi, Blaine and Custer Counties Idaho. Easement documentation work included GIS mapping, spatial analysis, drone photography and establishing photopoints for the future river restoration work.

Bigfork Outdoor Recreation Association – A multi-agency effort to survey, map and report on recreation and conservation opportunities in the Bigfork Area for the purpose of helping raise awareness and funding to improve current assets and fund new projects that are supported by the local community. Partner: Montana Access Project – Diane Conradi and Flathead Land Trust.

Restoration of Mt. Umunhum (MidPeninsula Open Space District) – A multi-partner multiyear design and build project on a remote summit in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Designed restoration strategy with team of consultants, the native Amah Mutsun tribe, and MidPen. Wrote performance based specifications for contractors, subcontractors and regulatory agencies. Created bid documents. Designed planting and revegetation plan and currently leading a 7-year service-based learning install of restoration with community

volunteers. Working with Amah Mutsun tribe elders on proposals and design for a learning garden which will highlight plants used in an ethnobotanical manner.

Conservation Lands Network – A landscape scale conservation initiative spearheaded by the Open Space Council that utilizes the input of more than 125 regional experts and hundreds of GIS layers that prioritizes where to conserve the next million acres of land in the Bay Area. This project has now undergone an update (version 2.0). In both projects (2006 and 2017), I served on the Steering Committee and as a Vegetation Team Expert. www.bayarealands.org

Fire Recovery Guide – A 2019 California Native Plant Society publication with multiple authors, including L. Naumovich, on best practices for the natural recovery of native habitats in California after a fire. Document targets general public, but includes more advanced technologies and practices for restoration. Contributed both text, document review and imagery to project.