

November Special Offering
Maidu Summit Consortium-- Restore Native Americans' Lands.
<https://www.maidusummit.org>

November is Native American Heritage Month and our special offering will go to the **Maidu Summit Consortium**. The Mountain Maidu in the upper Feather River watershed, like so many other indigenous peoples, lost nearly all their traditional lands through coercion and theft. Now they are slowly reclaiming their homeland and restoring it to ecological and spiritual health.

Twenty years ago, the various Mountain Maidu groups joined together to form the Maidu Summit Consortium with the mission to preserve, protect, and promote the Mountain Maidu Homeland with a united voice. Since then, they have acquired nearly 3000 acres of ancestral lands for the Mountain Maidu and surrounding communities.. They diligently worked to restore meadows and construct wooden boundary fencing --and then the Dixie Fire swept through, burning much of their forestland and all of their restoration efforts.

Undaunted, they have resumed their restoration and preservation efforts. Lacking their own resources, they have formed partnerships to achieve their goals, but these partnerships are not sufficient. The Maidu Consortium desperately needs undesignated funds for office expenses, administrative staff, and project expenses not covered by the partnership grants. They continue to dream of building an education and culture center and reclaiming more of their ancestral homeland.

The Mountain Maidu people have been incredibly resilient in the face of genocide, government betrayal, and loss of land. Please be generous in helping these brave and resilient people as they work to reclaim their land and heritage.

